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**A Miscellany of Local  
Newspaper Reports for  
Llanelly and the  
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**Spanning the period  
1910 – 1919**

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**1910**

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42 prizes at 28 shows since  
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(Llanelly Star 1<sup>st</sup> January 1910)

**LLANELLY EXTENSION.**

**OPPOSITION BY THE  
COUNTY COUNCIL.**

At a meeting of the Llanelly Urban District Council the clerk (Mr. Spwart) reported that recently he wrote to the Llanelly and District Electric Lighting and Traction Company (Limited) reminding them that almost a year had expired since the agreement was made with regard to the electric lighting of the town, and that the council were waiting for the electric installation. The secretary to the company replied stating that the directors were keeping well in mind to have the installation

completed within the agreed period. With regard to the extension of the urban boundary so as to include Furnace and Pentrepoeth, Mr. J. W. Nicholas, clerk to the county council, wrote stating that the Local Government Act Committee were of opinion that a *prima facie* case had not been made out by the urban authority. A deputation was appointed to wait upon the county council with regard to the matter.

(Evening Express 5<sup>th</sup> January 1910)

### CAUGHT IN MACHINERY.

#### Llanelly Factory Act Case.

At Llanelly on Wednesday Glanmor Foundry Co. were proceeded against for an offence against the Factory Acts. Mr. T. R. Ludford, who appeared for the defendants, pleaded guilty. Mr. John Hilditch, H.M. Inspector, said that as a result of the cogwheels of a winch driven by electric power being unprotected the hand of an old man, who was uncoiling a rope for the barrel of the winch in accordance with instructions got caught, and the injury sustained was such that it was necessary to amputate the left arm. It appeared that the

company were carrying out extensive alterations, and the fixing of a guard to the winch had been overlooked. The Bench imposed a fine of £5 inclusive.

(The Cardiff Times 15<sup>th</sup> January 1910)

### OLD CASTLE WORKS.

#### LAST FRIDAY'S CEREMONY.

The ceremony of starting the new cold-roll plant and engine at the Old Castle Works was performed on Friday by Mr. J. Henry Thomas, one of the directors. Among those present were the directors, Mr. Edwin Morgan, consulting engineer, and the heads of the various departments. In the course of an interesting speech, Mr. Daniel Williams, referred to the history of the company since its formation in 1874, and the great interest taken in it by the late Mr. Hy. Thomas, in whose footsteps his sons were so worthily following. The bronze commemorative tablet was then fixed to the engine by Mr. J. Henry Thomas and his brothers, after which the first-named turned on steam, and set the complete plant in motion.

(Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
January 20, 1910)

### LOCAL WILL.

#### MR. JOHN HARRIES, LLANELLY.

Mr. John Harries, of 35 Stepney Street, Llanelly, boot manufacturer, who died on the 27th of April, 1908, left estate of the gross value of £6622, with net personalty £5961, and judgment having been pronounced for the force and validity of his will, which is dated the 22nd of April, 1908, probate thereof has been granted to his great nephew, Mr. John Francis, of the same address, boot manufacturer. The testator left his house at Market Street, Llanelly, to his nephew and niece, Henry Davies and Elizabeth Williams, £200 to Ann Francis, to his nephew, Thomas Francis, his houses at Seaside, Llanelly, Inkerman Street, and Stepney Street; £180 to the children of Ann Thomas. £150 to the children of Johanna Berry, £100 each to John and Hugh Davies, and the residue of his estate to the said John Francis.

(Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
January 20, 1910)

**WANTED,** Groom-Gardener at once. Apply, stating wages and experience to Mrs. John, Pantglas, Felinfoel, Llanelly

(Llanelly Star 1st January 1910)

### TREAT AT THE WORKHOUSE

On Friday last the inmates of the above institution had an excellent treat, provided by ladies from the town and district. Early in the afternoon a large number of ladies assembled and prepared a sumptuous repast. The inmates numbered about 150. The treat consisted of meat sandwiches, bread and butter, cakes of various kinds, tarts, etc. After tea, 2oz. of tea and 1lb of sugar were given to each woman, and 2oz. of tobacco to each man, and books and toys to the children. Fruit, sweets, and crackers were also distributed. Each inmate also had sixpence each, and non-smokers one shilling each. Under the presidency of Mr. Thomas Jones, J.P., an excellent entertainment was given in the evening by the best local talent. Songs, duets, and recitations, most of which were of a humorous nature, were very much appreciated by the inmates and the visitors who attended. The kind ladies who were interested in the treat went round the wards, and spoke words of kindness and cheer to the sick. The tea and entertainment were a great success, and much praise is due to the kind donors. On the proposition of the Chairman, a hearty vote of thanks was given

to the ladies for the treat, and to those who took part in the entertainment. A vote of thanks to the able Chairman, and the singing of the English and Welsh National Anthems brought one of the most pleasant entertainments to a close.

(Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
January 20, 1910)

### **LLANSAINT PENSIONER'S DEATH**

#### **SINGULAR DELUSION OF WELSH COUNTRY FOLK.**

An old age pensioner, aged 73, Evan Jones, of Llansaint, was found dead on the road near Kidwelly on Wednesday evening. He had been to Kidwelly for a load of coal, and was proceeding home.

Many country people still implicitly believe that dead bodies found under such circumstances must not be touched till seen by a policeman.

The body of the old man was therefore allowed to remain on the roadside from 6.30 o'clock, when it was found, till 8.30, when P.C. Davies, Kidwelly, arrived.

(The South Wales Daily Post 28<sup>th</sup> January  
1910)

### **TRADE AT LLANELLY DOCK. ENCOURAGING TONE LAST WEEK.**

#### **STEEL BAR DUMPING IN SOUTH WAIVES.**

Trade at Llanelly Docks last week was more encouraging than that of the previous week. The weather was not at all favourable for a good week's total, and many boats were prevented from reaching port, but the various coal tips and cranes were very busy at times.

Aggregate tonnage handled amounted to 8,323 tons -- increase on the preceding week of 3,066 tons, and compared with last year of 814 tons.

Exports were more satisfactory than usual. They amounted to 6,023 tons, and consisted of coal 4,583 tons, lime 675 tons, tinplates 765 tons.

Imports amounted to 2,300 tons, and were composed of pig iron 2,000 tons, and scrap iron 300 tons.

The coal trade continues to exhibit a firm tone. Some of the anthracite kinds received a check owing to the Paris floods.

Tin-plate trade prosperity shows no sign of diminishing. Prices are higher, but this is in consequence

of the higher prices paid for steel bars and coals.

Shipments are still good to the foreign markets.

The galvanising works are experiencing very busy times and a large number of orders are being continually refused.

Steel trade could be better.

About 4,000 tons of foreign steel bars were dumped into Welsh ports last week.

(The South Wales Daily Post 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
1910)

### **LLANSAINT INQUEST.—**

At Llansaint Council School on Friday last Mr. J. W. Nicholas, county coroner, held an inquest on the body of Mr. Evan Jones, retired farmer, of Llansaint, who died on the previous day. —Mrs Miriam Rogers (deceased's daughter) said that deceased lived with her at Canon House, Llansaint. About 3.30 on the Wednesday her father left home with a pony and cart to go to Kidwelly for some coal. She never saw him alive after that. His body was brought home about 9 p.m. that day. For about eleven weeks deceased had complained of pains in his back, and sometimes over

his heart. On the previous Sunday he had a bad attack of pain in his bowels and looked quite pale.—Henry Davies, farm labourer, "Look-out," St. Ishmaels, spoke to seeing deceased about 5.50 p.m. on the Wednesday, when he observed nothing out of the way in his appearance. Deceased was carrying a small bundle of hay towards his cart.—Thomas Griffiths, driver, 26, Ann-street, Llanelly, deposed to returning home from Ferryside along the lower road about 6.15 p.m. on the day in question, and when about 300 yards on the Kidwelly side of Tanylan, he saw a pony and cart without a light on the left side of the road. Witness pulled up, and the light of the brake he was driving flashed on to a man who was lying lengthways in the ditch on the right side of the road, his feet towards Ferryside. Witness shouted a couple of times, and a man who was with him went down to wake him up, as he thought he was asleep. Witness caught hold of deceased's wrist, and it was not cold. Witness then informed the Tanylan people, and they came to the spot and recognised deceased. There were no marks on him. Deceased's right hand was towards the road, and the other in line with the body,

his cap being under his head. Witness then drove on to Kidwelly and informed the police.—The jury returned a verdict of "Death through natural causes.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 4<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### **A BURRY PORT BRIDGE.**

A discussion arose at the last meeting of the Main Roads Committee over the fact that the Spyda bridge over the Burry Port and Gwendraeth Railway was only fit for ordinary traffic, and that the steam roller could not be brought over it. Dr. Thomas Is it not a fact that steam rollers are ordinary traffic? The Clerk said that ordinary in this connection meant ordinary at the time the bridge was built. Sir James Hills-Johnes said that it was very extraordinary that they should remain fixed forever and a day. It was decided to have a report from the Surveyor on the subject, and to ascertain if the Railway Company would be prepared to contribute towards the repair of the bridge.

(Llanelly Star 5<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### **TRIMSARAN DISASTER**

#### **Proceedings by the Home Office**

As a sequel to the disastrous explosion at the Caedean Colliery, Trimsaran, a Home Office prosecution was heard at the Llanelly Police Court today. The defendants were Thomas William Evans, Trimsaran Cottage, Albert Jones, the Plas, and Evan Davies, New Houses,—the manager, agent, and fireman respectively of the colliery.

Mr. Powell, Neath, appeared for the prosecution, Mr. Kenshole defended. Mr Evan Davies watched the proceedings on behalf of the Insurance Co. Mr. David Randell represented the Miners' Federation, and Mr. Lee Davies (from the office of Mr. W. Howell) appeared for the relatives of one of the workmen.

Prosecution said that the explosion occurred on October 22nd, eight men being injured, of whom four subsequently died. The cause of the explosion was sparks from the unenclosed motor firing the gas. It was the duty of the manager to see that a proper amount of ventilation was provided. The requisite precautions had not been taken. The manager was primarily responsible but they had also

summoned the agent. It would be proved that the Manager was in the colliery at 6 o'clock on the night of the accident, and although gas was present then, gave no directions at all. The agent in this case was really a head manager because he took an active part in the management. The fireman was being proceeded against for neglecting to suspend work when he must have known that gas was present in dangerous quantities.

The Bench decided that general rule 8 did not apply to the charges against the manager and agent, which would therefore be dismissed.

The Bench were not satisfied as to the agency of Albert Jones, and dismissed the charge against him. They found that the manager had not complied with general rule 1, and fined him £10 and costs. A fine of £2 was imposed on the fireman who had not complied with Special Rule 76.

(The Llanelly Star 5<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### **FIRE IN COUNCIL YARD**

Late last night a fire occurred at the yard of the Llanelly Urban District Council, which is situated at the lower end of Station-road.

The outbreak originated in the main room, but the flames quickly spread to the adjoining storerooms, and in a very short time the roofs and partitions collapsed. A number of street lamps and other material were destroyed. The fire brigade (under the direction of Inspector Jones) were immediately on the scene, and the fire was got under in the early hours of this morning. The damage is estimated at £200.

(Evening Express 10<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### **OPENING OF THE NEW BANK**

It will be seen from our advertising columns that the Llanelly branch of the London City and Midland Bank will be opened for business on Wednesday next under the management of Mr. Thomas.

(Llanelly Star 12<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### **COLLIER KILLED YESTERDAY**

A fatal accident occurred at the Cape Ifan Colliery, Ponthenry yesterday, the victim being Daid Morris a repairer living at Brynfeldin. The deceased leaves a widow and six children.

(Llanelly Star 12<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

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### FERRYSIDE PILOT DROWNED

Edwin Jones, second coxswain of the Ferryside lifeboat, and an experienced pilot, has met with his death under distressing circumstances. On Friday he piloted a vessel about half-way up the Laugharne River, and in returning, owing to the heavy seas, his boat was swamped. In the morning the pilot's boat was discovered on Laugharne Sands. Search parties went out, and the lifeless body was found on the rocks off Llanstephan. A brae struggle to reach the shore had evidently been made, as deceased

had divested himself of his overcoat, and jersey. The hands, shoulders, and head were badly cut by the rocks. Deceased was only married about five months ago.

(Evening Express 14<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### LLANELLY LINE FATALITY. INQUEST ON BODY OF G.W.R. INSPECTOR.

At Llanelly on Monday an inquest was held respecting the death of Inspector Winter, Railway-terrace, Llanelly, who died at Llanelly Hospital on Friday night, as the result of injuries sustained through being knocked down on the line by the Express, on Friday night, near the goods shed.

Frederick John Jones, 18, Glanmor-terrace, tinman at the Stamping Works, gave evidence of identification.

David W. Davies, Bigyn-road, head shunter, said deceased commenced work about 6.0 p.m., and witness arrived two hours later, and spoke to deceased at 9.30 o'clock, near Dafen crossing. Five minutes later witness heard that a man had been knocked down and found deceased in the

six-foot way. He was unconscious, and was taken to the Hospital.

James Griffiths, shunter, 11, Bryn-road, said he was walking along the six-foot way about 9.30 o'clock, and came across a man's hand. He made a search, and found deceased in a sitting position. On his way up the Cork Express passed. This was 200 yards from where he found deceased. Witness did not hear the train whistle at the crossing.

George Ward, 21, Lansdowne-road, Canton, Cardiff, engine-driver, in the employ of the G.W.R. Co., said he was the driver of the Cork Express on the night in question, and arrived at Llanelly Station at 9.41 p.m., being nine minutes' late. He did not notice anything unusual at Llandilo crossing, and did not strike anything, to his knowledge. There were no marks on the engine. He passed the crossing at 15 to 20 miles an hour, as they had to stop at Llanelly.

Dr. J. L. Davies gave evidence as to the injury. Deceased had a fractured skull, leg and pelvis. Death was due to shock.

Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death".

(The South Wales Daily Post 15<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### HARBOUR LIGHTS

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The storm, combined with the general set for some years past of the tide towards the north shore of the estuary, has also done damage to the sea wall of the Great Western Railway near Pwll, and there is a large gang of men at present making good the wall, and protecting its base with an apron of slag and stone.

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Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
24<sup>th</sup> February 1910)

### PWLL FAMILY DISPUTE.

Children and Father's Estate.

At Llanelly County Court on Wednesday, before Judge Bishop, George Thomas, Black Rock House, Pwll made an application against his son, Benjamin Thomas, for the cancellation of the voluntary conveyance of the house, Black Rock, to him. Mr T. R. Ludford appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr G. Clarke Williams (instructed by Mr Gwilym R. Price) defended.

Plaintiff's evidence was that he built Black Rock House, which was the only property he had, at a cost of £140, and some time ago his son Benjamin and one of his

daughters— Betsy—asked him to make a will. After having been worried by them he agreed to leave the house to his son upon his death, and he gave the loan of the lease to his daughter, Betsy, to make his will. Subsequently Mr Gwilym R. Price, solicitor, and Mr J. Bowen called to see him. He had not asked them to do so. Mr Price asked him to make a will with regard to his furniture, but he did not do so. Subsequently he saw Mr Price at his office, and signed two documents, which he thought were his will. They were not explained to him, and he could not read.

Mr Williams: I submit that you ordered the solicitor to prepare two documents—one assigning over the house to your son Benjamin and another giving you a lease on it for your life at 1s a year? —No nothing of the kind. That was an underhand trick of theirs, and I am asking his Honour to undo it.

Who do you say did this underhand trick? —My son and others.

Mr Gwilym R. Price said that on plaintiff's instructions he prepared a deed of assignment of the house from plaintiff to his

son Benjamin, and a lease from Benjamin to his fattier. These documents were signed by the plaintiff after they had been explained to him. Plaintiff did not sign the will dealing with the furniture, which he had also ordered him to prepare.

His Honour gave judgment in favour of the defendant with costs.

(The Cardiff Times 19<sup>th</sup> March 1910)

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**'Jack, y Bachgen**  
**Drwg,'**  
will be staged at  
**St. PETER'S HALL, Llanelly**  
by the  
**Llanelly Dramatic Society**  
under the direction of Mr Tom Griffiths, on  
**Saturday evening, April 2, 1910,**

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Chair to be taken by Miss Stepney.

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Proceeds in aid of West Wales Sanatorium  
Reserved seats, 2/-, Front, 1/-, Back, 6d.  
Hon Secretary—  
**T. MORGAN, Stafford street**

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> March 1910)

## VERY MUCH OVERDUE.

The s.s. "Odd," a well-known trader to the North Dock, was on Thursday reported by Lloyd's to be very much overdue. She left Newport for Portland, a 30 hours run, on February 20th, and has not since been I heard of.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> March 1910)

## EIGHT NEW LLANELLY MILLS.

Preliminary preparations for the erection of tinsplate works of eight mills by Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co., Ltd., at Llanelly, where the company already possess the South Wales Tinsplate and Steel Works and the Burry Tinsplate Works, are now well in hand.

(The Cambrian 25<sup>th</sup> March 1910)

## To the Electors of Pwll

Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the earnest request of numerous ratepayers, I have allowed myself to be nominated for a seat on the above Board.

I desire to point out that I am a heavy ratepayer in the whole district, and have been for many years. I have also a life-long experience as Builder and Contractor, and by speculation I have greatly improved the village of Pwll.

If elected to represent you, it will be my earnest and constant endeavour to administer Justice to the poor without fear, or favour in all cases of relief, etc.

## ELECTRIC CARS-WHEN ?

At a meeting of the Llanelly Finance Committee on Thursday, the clerk reported that the Llanelly and District Electric Light and Traction Company had given notice that within a period of nine months they proposed to supply electricity to the town for public lighting and street supply under the terms of their agreement.

Mr Walter Thomas: What about the electric cars ?

The clerk: They are under no liability to the council for it, but they will have traction side by side with this, otherwise it will not pay.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> March 1910)

Trusting to be favoured with your support and confidence at the coming election,

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Yours faithfully,  
**WILLIAM BASSETT.**  
Greenfield, Llanelly

### **THE ELECTION AT PWLL.**

Ratepayers Meeting last night.

There was a large and representative attendance at a meeting held in support of Mr. John Evans.

The Rev. R. Owen presided and referred to the excellent qualifications of the candidate for a seat on the Board of Guardians and District Council.

Mr. John Evans, who was well received, spoke in strong terms of the systematic neglect of the Pwll ward by the Council. He described it as the most neglected ward in the whole parish and pledged himself to do his utmost to alter this state of things if returned. A warm vote of confidence was passed in Mr. Evans, those present pledging themselves to do all in their power to secure his return.

(Llanelly Star 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1910)

### **LARGEST BRITISH STEAMER**

Trade has been brisk at the North Dock this week, both on the import and export side. The s.s. Isle of Hastings, which brought in a large cargo of scrap steel for the Llanelly Steel Co., is the largest British steamer which has entered the port. Of course, several foreign steamers of greater carrying capacity have discharged cargoes in the North Dock. The mate of the Isle of Hastings is Mr. T. Jones, a native of Llanelly.

(Llanelly Star 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1910)

### **Assize Judgment.**

Henry Bowen, butcher, Glanmor-road, Llanelly, estimated his gross liabilities at £ 586 9s. 10., and his deficiency at £226 4s. 9d. He alleged that his failure was due to a judgment given against him for £ 300 at last Carmarthenshire Assizes in respect of a mortgage to Mr. J. H. Evans, solicitor Newcastle Emlyn. The case was adjourned for a month.

(Llanelly Star 16<sup>th</sup> April 1910)

### **LLANELLY.**

The Scarlets did well on Saturday. They amply avenged the defeat sustained earlier in the season.

On the day's play Llanelly were the superior side.

The Scarlet pack held a decided advantage.

They were much cleverer than the opposing eight.

One of the features was their excellent scrummaging.

In the open they also proved much too good.

Every man in the pack appeared to do his best.

On the day's form the Scarlets would have beaten any pack in Wales.

Jack Auckland, the captain, was untiring in his efforts.

The smart following up seemed to upset the visiting backs.

Lloyd and Jones were in great form at half.

Lloyd is quite an expert at touch-finding.

Jones cut out some remarkably clever openings.

He has improved considerably during the past month.

The backs were not equal to the forwards.

It was one of the forwards who scored two of the tries.

This season the weakness has been behind the pack.

There appears to be an entire absence of combination.

Evan Davies a youngster from Tumble, showed promise.

He has plenty of dash, and is not afraid to go for his man.

With a little more experience he should prove an acquisition to the team.

Beynon, as usual, made a sound custodian.

He kicked a good length, and is a reliable touch-finder.

The Scarlets played their last home match on Saturday.

They have also retained their ground record.

This is what very few Welsh teams can boast of.

Ivor Lloyd, the ex-Llanelly custodian, is playing a fine game in South Africa.

He has been re-elected captain of the Johannesburg team.

Congratulations to the Seconds on their victory at Neyland.

Although the visitors were not represented by their regular fifteen, they defeated the champions of the West by one converted goal to a try.

This victory smudged a cherished five years ground record.

It will be remembered that the Llanelly-ites are the only team to defeat the Swansea Seconds this season.

They are a really fine side, and would give the premiers a good game.

Neyland led almost until the final with a try to nil, and the excitement was intense. Then Gwilym Evans, the clever Scarlet wing, got over with a try for the Seconds after a bout of passing, and Will Jones added the extra points with a beautiful kick, and the record was broken.

All the winners played well, the pack being W. Jones, Gitto Bowen, Marsh and G. Evans.

W. J. Walters and D. G. Hawkins were effective at half, and of the forwards the best were Harry Rees, Rhys Davies, Tom Williams, and Young Westcott, of St. Albans.

The game at Stradev between Bryncaerau and the Halfway Wallabies was a very interesting one.

The result, a try each, was a fair indication of the game.

Harry Lloyd scored for Bryncaerau, and Idris Griffiths for the Wallabies. If the Wallabies had relied more upon an open game they would have won.

Ben Edwards, Lloyd, Dan Jones, Arthur James, and Williams were the pick of the cup-winners.

What a struggle is taking place for the "medals!"

The game between Pwll and the Oriental Stars was a vigorous one. In fact, it was far too keen, and

the referee could have controlled the game better, especially in the second half.

Six of the Oriental forwards held the Pwll eight, who are the heaviest lot in the League.

After a quarter of an hour's play Edwin John turned up and took his place in the pack.

This was because the Stars only played thirteen men.

The Star's scored first through their champion junior sprinter, T. G. Williams, who got over cleverly.

Joe Owen had his kick charged down, and Pwll drew level.

Just before the interval the fifteenth man on the Stars' side turned up, and both sides were even.

The second half was again keen, and no quarter was given or asked for.

Joe Owen, one of the Oriental forwards, had to leave the field, and the Stars played exceedingly well, the final arriving with the score a try each.

There was a distinct improvement in the play of the Stars and how they managed to draw with players short is a mystery.

They are to be congratulated on their display, and had they played eight forwards throughout the

game Pwll would not have escaped defeat.

For the Stars, the pick were T. J. Williams, Jack Williams, Arthur Evans, Willie Davies, Willie Roberts, Dai Evans, Morgan Rees, Protheroe, and Dick Edwards.

The best of the Pwll men were D. J. Hughes, D. J. Jones, Hendy Jones, Will Evans, John Thomas, Morgan Rees, and H. Howell.

The New Dock Stars defeated the Excelsiors by a dropped goal to nil.

Tumble, with the assistance of Furnace United player defeated St. Albans by a dropped goal to a try.

(The South Wales Post 16th April 1910)

### LLANELLI UNNAMED PWLL CHILD'S DEATH.

Mr W. W. Brodie, Llanelly, conducted an adjourned inquest at Pwll on Friday evening respecting the death of the unnamed child of George Thomas, Black Rock-cottages, Pwll, which took place on March 29th. A verdict was returned that death was due to asphyxia and that the child, which had only lived a few minutes, was accidentally smothered by the bedclothes.

(Carmarthen Weekly Reporter Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1910)

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(Llanelly Star 16<sup>th</sup> April 1910)

### FERRYSIDE.

A CALL.—We are very pleased to state that Mr Thomas John Lewis, son of the Rev. D. J. Lewis, Ferryside, who is now a student at Aberystwith College, has received an unanimous call to minister at Smyrna C.M. Chapel, Plasmarl, Swansea. The church is very fortunate in securing his service, he has received an excellent education, and bears an irreproachable character, and there is no doubt that there is a

very bright future in store for the young minister. His friends in Ferryside and neighbourhood wish him every success. Mr Lewis has refused a call to the English church at Nantymoel, and to two churches in Pembrokeshire.

(The Welshman April 29, 1910)

## **TOWY TRAGEDY**

### **Pretty Child Murdered?**

### **FISHERMEN'S GRUESOME FIND**

### **Corpse with Throat Cut**

Mystery enshrouds what is generally regarded at Ferryside and district as a cruel murder. Some men were fishing in the River Towy yesterday afternoon, when they netted the nude corpse of a female child. There was a terrible gash in its throat, almost severing the head from the trunk. It has black hair, but there is nothing to help in its identity. Opinions differ as to how long the body had been in the water. The discovery created a great sensation throughout the locality.

Our Carmarthen representative visited Ferryside early this morning, and obtained an interview with Mr. David Davies,

of Towy View, Ferryside, who was one of the boat party who made the discovery. Davies said that about three o'clock yesterday afternoon he, David Evans, and George Thomas, of Mount Pleasant, Ferryside, were out fishing near the Black Barrel Post, on the Ferryside Beach, opposite Llanstephan Castle, when they discovered that there was some object in their net. Cats and dogs are often drowned in the Towy, and now and then they are found in the fishing nets. On this occasion, therefore, the fishermen expected to see nothing more than the body of such an animal. However, on further excavation they were horrified to find that it was the corpse of a child.

### **Sharp Instrument Used?**

Davies was supported in his story by Evans, who told our representative that the body was quite clean. The wound in the throat appeared to have been caused by a knife or some such sharp instrument "Do you think it could have been caused by a rock?" queried our man. "Oh, no; the cut was too clean for that," responded Evans.

Continuing, Evans said opinions varied as to how long the body had been in the water. Some

thought, a month, and others three months. He (Evans), however, did not think it had been in the water more than three or four days. There were no signs of decomposition, and they were able to see that it was a very pretty child.

Police-constable Richards, who removed the body to the Ferry waiting-room, is of opinion that it had been, in the water a fortnight or three weeks. Strict investigation is being made in an effort to establish the child's identity, so far without success.

(Evening Express 30<sup>th</sup> April 1910)

### **"SUICIDE AND MURDER."**

Messrs. the Glanmor Foundry Company (Limited) applied at Llanelly County-court on Monday for a review of the compensation of 10s. a week paid to David Mathias, 19, St. David's-street, Llanelly. Mr. T. R. Ludford, who appeared for the applicants, said the respondent, who was 74 years of age, had been offered the work of a watchman.

His Honour Judge Bishop: You should pay the compensation, because it is unreasonable to expect an old man of defendant's age to re-commence work.

In reply to his honour, respondent said he had applied for a pension, which was declined on account of the fact that he was in receipt of compensation.

Mr. W. J. Rees, managing director, said that when he offered the respondent the work of a watchman he said, "It would amount to suicide if I returned to work at this age, and it would be murder if you compelled me to do so." (Laughter.)

His Honour refused the application, with costs.

(Evening Express 7<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

## **KIDWELLY**

**FUNERAL** — The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Walters, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walters, "The Siding," Mynyddygarreg, who died on Saturday, the 4th. at the age of 24 years, took place on Wednesday last, and was very largely attended, the interment being at St. Mary's churchyard. Amongst the very large number of wreaths sent was one from the St. Teilo's Church Sunday School, a member of which deceased had been nearly all her life. Others from Miss H. Bowen, Brynamman, a great friend of deceased; the Misses H. Thomas,

S. Gravell, and E. Rees, Katie Evans, S. M. A. and C.A.Gravell, Sarah Morris, Mr. M. Walters (brother) and family; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffiths; a friend, etc., etc. The Revs. G. Evans (vicar) and D. E. Thomas (curate) officiated.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 17<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

### FATAL COLLIERY ACCIDENT.

On Friday afternoon last week, Mr. Richard Gravell, a native of the Mynyddgarreg district, met his death in very distressing circumstances at the Gwendraeth Colliery, where he was engaged. It seems that whilst he and his son were filling a tram with coal in the workings a large stone fell from the roof upon him fracturing his spine and causing other great internal injuries, from which he died almost at once. An inquest was duly held on the following morning at the Horeb Congregational Chapel Vestry, before Mr. W. W. Brodie, deputy coroner: an inspector of mines and Mr. David Randell, solicitor, as well as Mr. Daniel Meredith, the respected manager, being present, and a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned. The funeral took place on

Sunday, and it was very largely attended, the interment, being at Horeb graveyard. Deceased, who was 52 years of age, was married for the second time. He has several grown-up children by his first wife.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 17<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

### Boy's Perilous Plight.

#### Plucky Rescue at the North Dock.

The twelve year old son of Mr. T. Hitchin, Cambrian-place, was in a perilous plight on Tuesday evening. He fell between the quay of the North Dock and the s.s. 'Carisbrooke,' and was jammed in that position a couple of feet above the water line.

The unfortunate lad was in imminent danger of a terrible death, as the slightest movement by the steamer would have been fatal to him. Measures of rescue were immediately adopted by Mr. John Williams, Old Castle road, and after a lot of trouble, Hitchin was hauled up without seeming to be any the worse for his experience.

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

### "CHIP" SHOP FIRE. PLUCKY NEIGHBOUR SERIOUSLY BURNT AT LLANELLY.

A fire took place on the premises of Mrs. Williams, chip-potato vendor, Pendrey-road. Llanelly, but no serious damage was done. A neighbour named H. Mitchell, in trying to extinguish the fire, sustained severe burns to the head, chest, and arms., and he was attended by Dr. Edgar Davies and J. L. Davies. The brigade were summoned, but the flames were extinguished before their arrival. Mitchell is stated to be in a serious condition.

(Weekly Mail 18<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

### PLUCKY NEIGHBOUR DIES FROM BURNS

There is a sad sequel to the recent fire at Sandy-terrace, Llanelly, in the death of Harry Mitchell, who, when the fire broke out, went into the burning house and did much to prevent it spreading. Unfortunately, he was severely burned, and died yesterday. Deceased was a member of the Llanelly football team in the days of the South Wales challenge cup.

The sad occurrence (writes our correspondent) will serve to bring home the neglect of the Llanelly Rural Council in the matter of protection against fire. The house is just outside the urban boundary, and the Llanelly Borough Fire Brigade were summoned, but could not give their services owing to a resolution by the rural council that they would not contribute to the cost of the attendance of the brigade at fires in the rural district.

(Evening Express 20<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

### WANTED

at once, Good General Servant.  
Apply, 50 Lakefield Road,  
Llanelly.

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

### POACHERS FINED AT LLANELLY.

At Llanelly on Monday, David Thomas Anthony, Achddu; John Gravell, Caedolau Joseph Richards, Graig Capel, and Edwin Davies (jun.), Rhiwlas Farm, were charged with poaching at Gwsewm Farm. Mr. Richards prosecuted. P.O. Mitchelmore said defendants had five dogs—four over six months old and unlicensed. He watched them for an hour and a quarter.—Defendants each, had to pay 19s.

(The South Wales Daily Post 21<sup>st</sup> June 1910)

## OBITUARY.

### MR. D. J. ROSSER, CAPEL NEWYDP

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. D. J. Rosser which took place at Capel Newydd last week. He was a young man of only twenty-four summers, and for the last 4 years had suffered a painful illness, which he bore with great courage and fortitude. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by many of the employees of the Old Lodge Works, his mortal remains being laid to rest at Capel Cemetery.

(The Llanelly Mercury and South Wales  
Advertiser 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1910)

### LOCK-UP SHOP TO LET

Adjoining the Great Western Hotel.  
Apply - Great Western Hotel

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

## PWLL.

We feel sure all Pwllites will be glad to learn that. Mr. Thomas, of the New Pwll Colliery, has been joined by Mr. David John, of Glasfryn, Llanelly, with a view to developing the colliery on a more extensive scale.

(The Llanelly Mercury and South Wales  
Advertiser 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1910)

## FIRE AT LLANELLY FOUNDRY.

Messrs. R. Nevill and Co.'s Foundry, Llanelly, caught fire at 2a.m. on Thursday close to the boilers, where patterns had been stored. The brigade quickly responded to the call and the fire was extinguished in two hours. Many valuable patterns were destroyed.

(The Cambrian June 24, 1910)

## FERRYSIDE.

R.A.O.B.—Last week was an honourable day in the history of the R.A.O.B., when a lodge was opened at the Mariners' Hotel, Ferryside, and a large number of members of the R.A.O.B. from Carmarthen and Kidwelly were in attendance. The opening ceremony was performed by the District Primo Lodge, Carmarthen, the presiding officer being Bro. E. A. Owen, K.O.M., D.P., Carmarthen. The lodge was consecrated by Bro. J. I. Shorrocks, D.S

The following officers were present Bros. J. Ketley, K.O.M., D.M William Thomas, V.P.; R. Davidson, D R. T. D. Phillips, D.A.J.; D. B. Jones, D.O.; C. H.

Carpenter, D.W.: J. Rowe, D.T. and R Webb, C.C.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Owen, Davidson, T. D. Phillips, and Shorrocks. The following were elected officers: Bros. A. R. O. Gery, City Marshal; - Davidson, W.P. ; R. M. Bright, C.F. W. Jones, C.S R. Gery, C.C. Harris, C.R. Lewis, C.T.. — Morgan, A.B. Williams, C.W. Parry, C.M. A few influential brethren contributed handsomely towards procuring a regalia. The order are justly proud of the fact that the high-sheriff of the county has become a member and an official of the order, together with his son and under-sheriff, Mr Harris. The objects of the order are excellent, being philanthropy and conviviality —doing good by stealth. There is a large orphanage maintained by the order. The weak are always protected, and the poor and needy succoured, and the aims of the order are the purest and highest in the interests of mankind.

(The Welshman June 24, 1910)

## POACHING AT PEMBREY.

At the Llanelly Police Court on Monday, David Thomas Anthony, Achddu; John Gravell, Caedolau

Joseph Richards, Graig-capel, and Edwin Davies, junr.. Rhiwlas Farm, all of Burry Port, were summoned for trespassing on Gwscwm Farm, Burry Port, on June 2nd, in search of conies.

Mr. Martin R. Richards appeared for the prosecution.

P.C. Mitchelmore said that the defendants had five dogs, four being over six months old. He watched them from about 11-45 p.m. till nearly 12 o'clock, and saw one of the dogs catch a rabbit.

Defendants, who pleaded not guilty, admitted having trespassed, but denied that they searched for conies.

Defendants were fined 19s. each including costs.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 24<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

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Station Road, LLANELLY

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(Llanelly Star 25<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

At the Police Court on Wednesday, William Bassett, Greenfield Inn, applied for an ejection order against J. Thomas, 10 Bassett Terrace, Pwll. The application was deferred. (Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser 30<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

## BRITISH BARQUE WRECKED

### A Llanelly Apprentice among the Crew.

Details are awaited of the abandonment of the Glasgow steel four-masted ship "Invernesshire," which sailed from Hamburg for Santa Rosalia. She has been abandoned in the vicinity of the Falkland Islands, and it is reported that the captain and crew were saved in their own boats. One of the apprentices on board is John Leslie Catto, son of Mr. J. D. Catto, Llanelly.

(Llanelly Star 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1910)

## LOST

Last night at the Meeting of the Football Club, a new set of **FALSE TEETH**. Finder rewarded on returning same to Star Office.

(Llanelly Star 25<sup>th</sup> June 1910)

## "AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DEEP BLUE SEA."

### "PIOUS" HOPE EXPRESSED AT LLANELLY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A meeting of the Llanelly Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of considering the Harbour Bill was held on Friday evening, Mr. John Innes presiding.

The secretary (Mr. Pullen) reported that the Council of the Chamber had considered the proposals contained in the Bill, and recommended its adoption. They had considered also the question of security, and suggested that the rate be fixed at 3s. in the £, and were informed that there was no possibility of such a suggestion being entertained.

Mr. Daniel Williams, who moved the confirmation of the report, said he had always opposed the construction of the dock, but now that they had the dock he was of opinion that, in the interests of Llanelly, the proposal of the bank should be accepted. Most of those present had read what was said in the three Llanelly papers about the dock and the Bill. They should not form their opinion from that.

He wished that the papers were at the bottom of the deep blue sea.

Mr. S. H. Bevan seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

(The South Wales Daily Post 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1910)

## LLANELLY'S NEW DOCK

The members' of the Llanelly Chamber of Commerce discussed on Friday night the new Harbour Bill, now before Parliament. Mr. John Innes presided. — Mr. Dan Williams, J.P., in moving the adoption of the council's proposal that the chamber should support the Bill, said he did not know of a person opposed to the construction of the new dock, and it was in the interests of Llanelly that they should accept the terms offered by the Bank of England. So far no opposition had been lodged against the Bill in Parliament, and it could be taken for granted, therefore, that local manufacturers did not intend to seek its rejection. He was convinced that the additional £40,000 to be borrowed would be sufficient to cover all their responsibilities and pay for the improvement scheme that Mr. Rees (the harbour superintendent) thought necessary. He believed, notwithstanding opposition in the past, that it would be suicidal for

the ratepayers to say they would not fall in with the views of the two governing bodies.

Mr. S. H. Bevan, who seconded, said the Bill would mean a saving of some £2,000 annually, a fact which would improve their future borrowing powers. The recommendation to support the Bill was unanimously carried.

(Evening Express 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1910)

## LADY STEPNEY AND LLANELLY.

Lady Stepney and Miss Stepney, besides purchasing Kilymaenllwyd as a residence, are turning their attention to Llanelly House and getting a portion of it fitted up for their own use. Built a couple of hundred years ago it was for years the residence of the Vaughans, and after them the Stepneys. When the latter family left the place, at the close of the eighteenth century, it was converted into tenements, restored later by the Chambers family, and then once again let out as offices and shops, and its beautiful grounds and gardens allotted as building sites. Notwithstanding all these

vicissitudes the old mansion still retains traces of its former greatness, and, the news that a part of it is being restored will be hailed with pleasure.

(South Wales Daily Post 5<sup>th</sup> July 1910)

### **DISTURBANCES FEARED AT LLANELLY.**

#### **STRONG FORCE OF POLICE AT GLANMOR FOUNDRY.**

There was a strong force of police in the neighbourhood of the Glanmor Foundry, Llaneily, on Friday evening, when it was feared that there would be a renewal of the disturbance which occurred during the dinner hour.

The non-Union mason employed by the contractor on the new stack, however, left the town by the 4.35 train. The strikers marched through the town and proceeded to their headquarters at the Bisley Hotel, where they meet in the club room.

Earlier in the day, when a meeting was in progress, three police officers entered the room. Their action was resented, and they retired when requested.

(The Cambrian 8<sup>th</sup> July 1910)

### **PWLL NOTES.**

#### **By Antonio.**

The Anniversary Services of Bethlehem Baptist Chapel were held last Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. Dr. Gomer Lewis, of Swansea, preached to a large congregation. The singing was good throughout, under the able conductorship of Mr Wm. Harries, and a substantial sum was collected, viz., £71. The Pwll United Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. William Harries, are busy rehearsing the test piece for the Carmarthen Eisteddfod, which is to be held on August Bank Holiday, and I understand that they intend having a sacred concert next Sunday week at Bethlehem Chapel, when a silver collection will be made.

Sinking operations are still going on at the Crown Colliery.

The prospects are bright at the Pwll for electric cars.

(Llanelly Star 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1910)

### **TENBY LIFEBOATMEN DECEIVED.**

While a strong north-westerly breeze was blowing at Tenby during the night rockets and lights

were observed in the direction of Carmarthen Bay. It was surmised that a vessel was in distress, and at half-past ten the lifeboat was launched. When the boat returned in the morning it was learned that the rockets were not those of distressed mariners, but part of the festivities in connection with the coming-of-age of Mr. R. V. Gery at Ferryside.

(Evening Express 27<sup>th</sup> July 1910)

### **A £150,000 SCHEME NINE MILES OF TRAMWAY**

The Traction Co. are now busy preparing to equip Llanelly with electric light and traction. They will construct over nine miles of tramway, including the town portion. There are extensions to Pwll, Felinfoel and Llwynhendy, and all will be in working order next year. The total expenditure reaches close upon £ 150,000.

(Llanelly Star 6<sup>th</sup> August 1910)

### **OLD SANDY TOLL GATE.**

At a meeting of the Llanelly Rural District Council on Thursday, the clerk (Mr. J. H.

Blake) reported in regard to the proposed new road from Pwll to Cwmbach that Mr. C. W. Mansel Lewis had written stating that he hoped to deal with the matter at an early date.

Mr. W. Bassett: What about the old Sandv Toll Gate ?

Tho Clerk: The 11M just signed the closure.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader August 7, 1913)

### **Railway Smash. ACCIDENT ON LINE NEAR BURRY PORT.**

On Monday a train was ready to leave Cwmcapel Colliery for Burry Port, and the engine "Kidwelly" (with Driver Henry Williams and Fireman Tom Mexsom) was coupled to the eleven trucks.

By some means the engine started, and, as there is an incline from Cwmcapel to Burry Port, and the brakes refused to act, the train passed the Achddu Colliery at full speed. When near Butler's slaughter-house the engine and trucks dashed into the field. The engine-driver stuck to his post, and came out without a scratch,

but the fireman was injured on the head and arm.

The roadway was broken up, and some of the trucks smashed. The engine also was badly damaged. In a very short time gangs of men were on the spot, under the personal superintendence of Mr. J. Eager, M.I.M.E., the company's engineer.

(The Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser 11<sup>th</sup> August 1910)

### BURRY PORT MAN DRUNK AT PIT.

At Llanelly on Wednesday David Anthony, Pencoed-road, Burry Port, pleaded guilty to going into Achddu Colliery in an intoxicated state. D. Bonnell, manager, and David Davies, fireman, gave evidence, and defendant was ordered to pay £1 15s.

(The Cambrian 12<sup>th</sup> August 1910)



### PWLL NOTES.

Congratulations to Mr. Wm. Harries and his choir on their splendid performance at Carmarthen. It was hard lines that they should lose the second prize by just a point, Pwll being placed third out of eight choirs with 85 points, while the second prize choir had 86.

In his adjudication, Dr. Walford Davies, London, paid a glowing tribute to the Pwll choir. Here are his remarks on the choir:— 'Rich powerful tone; excellent choir, it sounded the winners until the last few bars where the bass flattened.' We understand that the choir intend competing at Morryston on Boxing Day, and it is to be hoped that all the members will work hard and

make up their minds to come out on top.

Next year we expect to see the choir figuring in the second choral competition at the National Eisteddfod. Such a generous tribute from a musician of the eminence of Dr. Walford Davies, should infuse new enthusiasm into the members.

Mr. Johnny Jones, Pwll Farm, intends paying a return visit to the United States with the Cambrian National Glee Party. Mr. Jones was one of the great successes of the party on its last visit. He is not only a first class vocalist but an elocutionist of rare ability. Pwll should be proud of her talented son.

(Llanelly Star August 13, 1910)

Pembrey as the New Pool Colliery Company, and to adopt an agreement between Elizabeth A. Thomas, R. G. Thomas, and D. John. The subscribers are:—D. John, Felinfoel, Llanelly, brewer; E. G. Thomas, Brynhafod, Burry Port, mining engineer; Miss E. A. Thomas, Brynhafod, Burry Port. Private company. The number of directors is not to be less than three nor more than five the first are D. John, R. G. Thomas, and Miss E. A. Thomas. Qualification £100. Remuneration (except R. G. Thomas and D. John) as fixed by the company. Registered by Roderick and Richards, Llanelly.

(Llanelly Star 13<sup>th</sup> August 1910)

### ACCIDENT TO A LOCAL HAULIER.

Yesterday, a local haulier named Joseph Gear, Spring Gardens, in the employ of Messrs. Hansard, Swansea, was thrown out of his trap near Fforestfach. He was returning to Llanelly when the horse, frightened by a motor, bolted. Gear sustained a fracture of the shoulder bone and also serious injuries to his head. He is to-day as well as can be expected.

(Llanelly Star 13<sup>th</sup> August 1910)

### NEW POOL COLLIERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

This company has just been registered with a capital of £10,000 in £5 shares to carry on the business of colliery proprietors, coke manufacturers, coal merchants, brick, tile, and pipe manufacturers, &c., to acquire the business carried on at

## BRAVERY RECOGNISED



**DONALD F. WILTSHIRE.**

The honorary testimonial of the Royal Humane Society, inscribed on parchment, has been awarded to Donald F. Wiltshire for having on July 11, 1910, gone to the rescue of A. R. Dyke, who was in imminent danger of drowning at Ferryside, and whose life he gallantly saved.

(Evening Express 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1910)

### Before the Magistrates.

#### AFFILIATION ARREARS.

Edith Davies, Felinfoel proceeded against Henry Evans, Pwll, for disobeying an affiliation order, the arrears amounting to £2 2s. Complainant stated that she obtained an order against the defendant in that court. Evans was a single man, employed as a collier.

Defendant asked the Bench for time to pay the money.

Mr. Thomas Jones: How much do you offer to pay?

Evans: I can give her 4s. 7½d

Jones: What do you mean by 4s. 7½d Can't you make a substantial offer?

Evans: I am prepared to pay 10s. month towards the arrears.

The Bench made an order for committal to be suspended so long as the defendant continued to pay off the arrears at the rate of per 5s per week.

(Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
1<sup>st</sup> September 1910)

### MR. TRUBSHAW LAID TO REST.

#### TREMENDOUS ATTENDANCE AT LLANELLY FUNERAL.

The funeral of Ernest Trubshaw, J.P. D.L.—one of the best known tinplate manufacturers in South Wales—took place at Llanelly Church Cemetery on Thursday afternoon and was one of the largest ever held in the town.

From Aelybryn to the Church, a distance of a mile and a half, the road was lined with people on both sides, and there were at least

10,000 persons in the neighbourhood of the church.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Watkin Morgan, B.A., vicar, assisted by the Rev. Canon Nelville.

There were over fifty wreaths, including many choice designs supplied by Messrs. A. Kitley and Co., Swansea, amongst them being one from the directors of the Llanelly Steel Co., members of the South Wales Siemens Steel Association, and the directors of the Briton Ferry Steel Co.

(The South Wales Daily Post 8<sup>th</sup> September  
1910)

### WAUNFFYNONAU FARM TRIMSARAN, NEAR LLANELLY

JOHN FRANCIS & SON have received instructions from Mr. John Owens (who is retiring from farming), to SELL by AUCTION, at the above place, on MONDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> September, 1910, the whole of the Valuable Stock, Crop, and other effects.

(Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly  
Advertiser 9<sup>th</sup> September 1910)

## THE LATE MR. TRUBSHAW.

The news of the death of Mr. Ernest Trubshaw will be received with surprise and sorrow. He was a strong man in every respect, and had won for himself the admiration and confidence of the community amongst whom he lived. A staunch Conservative, he rendered yeoman service to his party in Carmarthenshire, whilst it is mere matter of fact that of the tin-plate trade he was a pillar of peace, and had done as much as anyone to secure the tranquillity which for years has reigned in the trade, with the happiest results to employer and employed. At Llanelly Mr. Trubshaw left his mark on local affairs, though attempts were made more than once to thwart him by small-minded men of other ways of thinking, in politics. Now that his powerful services are no longer at the disposal of his town and county a serious loss will be felt and a gap experienced that will not soon be filled. Public spirited men of his calibre are never too numerous. Deep sympathy will flow forth to Mrs. Trubshaw, who, in her own sphere, has done so much admirable and beneficent work.

(Weekly Mail 10<sup>th</sup> September 1910)

Drink **THURSTOH**, the  
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Rees & Richards, Pwll.

(Advert Llanelly Star 17<sup>th</sup> September 1910)

## EMPLOYMENT IN METAL TRADES

Richard Thomas and Co. will be shortly putting down fourteen new mills at the South Wales and Burry Works. When completed the firm will possess no fewer than 46 mills in Llanelly alone.

(Weekly Mail 24<sup>th</sup> September 1910)

Iridium is the hardest metal known. It costs £ 20 an ounce. All our fountain pens are tipped with it.

BRINLEY JONES

Vaughan-street.

(Llanelly Star September 24, 1910)

## WEDDING AT FERRYSIDE

At St. Ishmael's Church, Ferryside, the wedding took place on Saturday of Mr. D. Harries Bowen, solicitor, of Pontardulais, and Miss Grace Gwendoline Gwyn, youngest daughter of Mr. David Gwyn, Gilston Villa, Ferryside. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. J. James (vicar), assisted by the Rev. D. Williams (curate-in-charge), Ferryside.

Mr. Donald Davies, of the Cardiff University, acted as best man, and the bride, who was attended by her sister (Miss Ethel Gwyn), was given away by her father. Amongst those present were Lieutenant W. T. Davies, G.M, and Mrs. Davies. The happy couple left for the West of England for the honeymoon.

(Evening Express 26<sup>th</sup> September 1910)

## TO SUCCEED MR. TRUBSHAW. OLD CASTLE AND WESTERN TINPLATE COMPANIES' DIRECTORS MEET.

At a meeting of the Llanelly Steel Company, Limited, Mr. Daniel Williams, J.P., who has for years acted as chairman of the Old Castle Tinplate Company, the Welsh Tinplate and Metal Stamping Company, was Messrs. Richard Nevill and Company, was elected chairman in succession to the late Mr. Ernest Trubshaw. D.L., J.P.

It is understood that Mr. Herbert Eccles, Briton Ferry, will continue to act as managing director. Mr. Eccles has accepted a seat on the board of the Western Tinplate Company, which was rendered vacant by the, death of Mr. Trubshaw.

At the meeting of directors of Western Tinplate Works Company, Mr. W. H. Morgan Tyrfran, who was associated with Mr. Trubshaw for thirty years, was appointed manager in succession to the late chairman of the Conciliation Board, and Mr. Harold Trubshaw will act as secretary to the company.

(The Cambrian 30<sup>th</sup> September 1910)

## CYCLISTS IN COLLISION. SERIOUS ACCIDENT NEAR BURRY PORT.

A serious accident happened at Pwll, on the main road leading from Burry Port to Llanelly, on Tuesday afternoon. A young lady, Miss Susannah Williams, residing at New-street, Burry Port, was cycling to Llanelly, and when nearing a sharp curve in the road near Pwll, collided with an approaching cyclist, Mr. John Williams, tailor, Burry Port. Both were seriously injured by the impact, Mr. Williams suffering from concussion of the brain, and the young lady being severely bruised. Both were conveyed home by Mrs. D. C. Edwards, Brynmore. Burry Port, who happened to be driving close by.

(Weekly Mail October 8<sup>th</sup>, 1910)

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## **PWLL PITMAN KILLED. TRAGIC OCCURRENCE AT NEW POOL COLLIERY.**

Whilst following his employment at the Newpool Colliery Pwll, Llanelly. John Wilson, collier, Tramway Cottages, was severely injured by a heavy stone falling on him. He died soon afterwards from suffocation.

(The South Wales Daily Post 15<sup>th</sup> October 1910)

## **PWLL FATALITY INQUEST.**

An inquest was held at Pwll, Llanelly, on Saturday, touching the death of James Wilson, Tramway Cottages, who was killed at New Pwll Colliery.—Evan Williams, who worked with deceased, said a stone fell without a warning. Witness had a narrow escape - A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

(The Cambrian 21<sup>st</sup> October 1910)

## **TRADE AT LLANELLY DOCK SHOWS MORE ACTIVITY.**

The trade at the Llanelly Docks for the past week was more satisfactory, and more activity was shown at the tips and cranes. The improvement in the weather

also allowed some of the delayed boats to arrive. Aggregate tonnage handled for the week amounted to 8,185 tons, an increase on the preceding week of 605 tons, and compared with the corresponding week of last year an increase of 4,370 tons. Imports amounted to 2,764 tons, and consisted of pig iron (800 tons), scrap iron (1,593 tons), spent oxide (108 tons), clay (63 tons), generals (200 tons).

Exports reached 5,421 tons, and were composed of coal (4,405 tons), lime (248 tons), tinplates (483 tons), burnt ore (285 tons). There is a decided improvement in the anthracite coal trade of the district, and prices have had good advances for several sorts.

Some of the collieries are booked up for the greater part of their output over the next few weeks.

The position is still very firm in the tin-plate trade. It is hoped that Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co.'s new works will be started next week. A works so well equipped in modern machinery and in structural capacity it will be difficult to beat. The news that the Welsh Tinstamping Works Company intend erecting new black plate mills is not unexpected. It was known that

the step was contemplated by the directors for some time. There is still an excellent demand for steel bars.

The foundries are all doing good time.

(The South Wales Daily Post 25<sup>th</sup> October 1910)

## **Llanelly Personalities. SQUABBLE OVER WORKMEN'S HOUSES.**

An acrimonious discussion took place at a meeting of the Housing Committee of the Llanelly Urban District Council on Wednesday, Mr Thomas Jones presiding, relative to the proposal to erect workmen's dwellings. After deciding upon the erection of 50 houses as an experiment, Mr Nathan Griffiths moved that they be built upon the Coke Works site and at the back of Ropewalk-road. Mr William Vivian seconded.

Mr E. T. Jones, in seconding an amendment moved by Mr D. R. Jones, that the committee visit the spot, stated that he understood the clerk had received a letter from a firm at Pontypridd who were prepared to take over the obligation of Messrs Richard

Thomas and Co. to build 500 houses on the Morfa estate.

Mr Nathan Griffiths then remarked that it was not right for the chairman of the Council, as a representative of the working man, to throw a red herring across the path.

Mr E. T. Jones replied that he represented the ratepayers with as much interest as Mr Griffiths, and more so perhaps. He had other interest to serve on that Council.

Mr Griffiths: What interest have I? I have only done my duty."

Mr Jones stated that he was not adverse to building workmen's houses.

Mr Nathan Griffiths: You are not one of the clique.

Mr E. T. Jones: I object to a statement of that kind going forward. I am not one of the clique at all. Was it fair or honourable of Mr Griffiths to make such a remark, and I ask him to withdraw it.

Mr Griffiths: If I have done any wrong to Mr Jones I should certainly be the first to withdraw it. I have said nothing against him: the only reason why I referred to the clique was that in the past we have had nothing but cliques and circles in this Council.

It was subsequently agreed to visit the spoil at the Coke Works site.

(The Cardiff Times 29<sup>th</sup> October 1910)

### LLANELLY CHAMBER OF TRADE.

Mr. John Innes was elected president of the Llanelly Chamber of Trade on Friday night, and Mr. W. A. Davey vice-president.

(Evening Express 29<sup>th</sup> October 1910)

### NEW MILLS AT LLANELLY

To-day (Monday) marks the completion of the first stage of the great scheme of extensions to be carried out at Llanelly by Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co. (Limited). Eight new mills have been built, four of which will be started by Miss Stepney. The other mills will be put in operation shortly. Land has now been pegged out near the Burry Works for twelve new mills to be built by the same enterprising firm.

(Evening Express 31<sup>st</sup> October 1910)

### A MILD SEASON.

The mildness of the season is illustrated by the fact that this

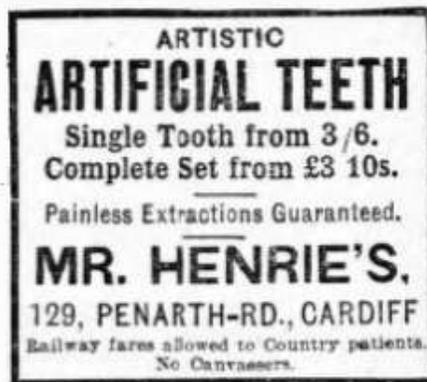
afternoon Mr & Mrs Watkins, Lloyd's Bank, taking a walk outside the town, gathered a fine bunch of wild strawberries. An apple tree at Five Roads is bearing a second crop of fruit.

(Llanelly Star 5<sup>th</sup> November 1910)

### LLANELLY COLD ROLL BOYS. ALLEGED CONTRACT BREACH • SETTLEMENT HOPED FOR,

Eight cold roll boys in the employ of the Old Lodge Tinsplate Works were proceeded against at Llanelly on Monday for breach of contract. On the application of Mr. Martin Richards the cases were adjourned with a view of coming to a settlement, the lads having returned to work.

(The South Wales Daily Post 7<sup>th</sup> November 1910)



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### PWLL COLLIER'S FATAL FALL.

An inquest was held at Pwll, near Llanelly on Wednesday on William J. Williams (30), collier. Pwll. Deceased endeavoured to jump off the cage, and missed the platform, falling 18 feet and fracturing his skull. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

(South Wales Evening Post 10<sup>th</sup> November 1910)

### CYCLE and MOTOR CYCLES

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(Llanelly Star 12<sup>th</sup> November 1910)

### LLANELLY. NOTICE NOT TO TRUST. TO TRADESMEN AND OTHERS.

I the UNDERSIGNED, hereby give all Tradesmen Notice that I shall NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by my Wife, MARY ANNA LLOYD, of 4. Sailors' Row, Pwll, near Llanelly, after this date. As witness my hand this 3rd day of November, 1910.

DAVID LLOYD. 4, Sailors' Row, Pwll.

(The Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser 10<sup>th</sup> November 1910)

### PWLL COLLIER'S DEATH. THE INQUEST.

Mr. W. W. Brodie held an inquest at Salem Chapel Schoolroom, Pwll, on the body of Wm John Williams, Stradey Cottages, Pwll, who succumbed to injuries sustained at the Crown Colliery.

Thomas Williams, Brynteg, gave evidence of identification, and stated that the deceased, who died on Nov. 7th, was 30 years of age.

William Richards, Sailor's Road, stated that on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, he was in charge of the night shift, and went down the "bowk" with the deceased and David James. Before starting he instructed the bankman to stop the "bowk" at the pump platform, which was some distance from the bottom of the shaft, in order to enable the deceased to oil the pump. The "bowk" stopped at the platform, and the deceased jumped out, but slipped backwards, and fell to the bottom of the pit. Witness tried to save him, but failed. The "bowk" was about eighteen inches from the platform when deceased jumped out. It was a custom for one man to get hold of the platform, to steady the "bowk." Witness was about doing so, but the deceased

jumped out before he had time. When they lowered to the bottom they found the deceased had a cut on his forehead. Witness asked him what made him jump out, and he replied that he thought he was doing the right thing. There was no fencing to the platform, but it was safe as it was.

By Mr. Saunders: The signal was given by wire, and extended to the bottom of the shaft.

Dr. J. H. Williams stated that death was due to fracture of the base of the skull, and the jury returned a verdict accordingly.

(Llanely Mercury Thursday, November 17, 1910)

### THE SKATING RINK

In order to give further facilities to those anxious to learn the art of rinking, the management of the Llanely Skating Rink, have decided to reduce the price of admission on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday evenings to sixpence, with use of skates; other sessions 1s. with band in attendance. Refreshments are provided at moderate charges.

(Llanely Star 26<sup>th</sup> November 1910)

### COSTLY DWELLINGS

Mr. John Innes, the newly elected president of the Llanely Chamber of Commerce, in his inaugural address on Friday night said that in spite of the catechism of the State, Llanely was experiencing increasing prosperity. Referring to the question of municipal dwellings (at present under consideration by the council), he said the bye-laws of the urban authority entailed so many expensive restrictions, coupled with high taxation, that the houses of working men were becoming to dear to live in. Municipalisation to his mind was the costliest way of solving the problem. Mr. Innes further reported that a deputation had seen Mr. John Rees, of Swansea, respecting improvements at Llanely Railway Station, but at present he was not in a position to give the result of the interview.

(Evening Express 26<sup>th</sup> November 1910)

### DEATH IN THE STREET

Mr. Thomas Davies, Brigstocke-terrace, Ferryside, platelayer for many years on the Great Western Railway, died suddenly on Saturday morning. He was

discovered on the roadside by George Jenkins, postman, whose attention was arrested by groans. While crossing the street to fetch water he apparently, had a seizure, and said to Jenkins, "I am finished." He expired when being taken home. Deceased was 74 years of age.

(Evening Express 28<sup>th</sup> November 1910)



The advertisement consists of two parts. The top part is a cartoon illustration of a woman in a dark dress, looking upwards with a banner that says "SILENT KNIGHT". Below her is the word "SMOKE". The bottom part is a rectangular box containing the text: "SILENT KNIGHT", "10 CIGARETTES FOR 3d.", "MAGNIFICENT OFFER.", "50 CIGARETTES FREE.", "BUY A PACKET TO-DAY.", "Particulars in each 3d. packet of Ten Cigarettes.", "S.W. Tobacco Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Newport, And 28, Imperial-buildings, Ludgate-Circuit London, E."

### FERRYSIDE LIFEBOATMAN BURIED.

The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Davies, son of Mr. William Davies. Belle Vue, Ferryside, took place on Wednesday at St. Ishmael's Churchyard. The floral tributes included an anchor from Ferryside lifeboat crew, a token of sympathy from his comrades, and a harp, with two broken strings, from the choir of St. Thomas', two choristers who had sat side by side in the choir for thirty years having died within the year.

(The South Wales Daily Post 9<sup>th</sup> December 1910)

### TAXI-CAB'S ADVENTURE. HELD UP ON THE LOUGHOR-LLANELLY ROAD.

The floods in the Loughor district were the most serious for the last fourteen years, and it is impossible for the damage to be estimated. The main road to Llanely was impossible for passage by any vehicular traffic, and on Saturday evening the taxicab which takes down the supply of "Daily Posts" was held up owing to the fact that there was three feet of water across the road. The taxicab had to put back to the Loughor Station, and the

"Posts" were sent on from Loughor to Llanelly by train. This was the reason why they arrived at Llanelly a little later than usual on Saturday. Another taxicab was not quite so fortunate, running into over a couple of feet of water, and had to be pulled out by means of ropes. On the journey down by train from Loughor the extent of the damage could be seen. In one or two places where the water had receded dead sheep could be seen lying about in scores.

(The South Wales Daily Post 19<sup>th</sup> December 1910)

### Result of the Gale. PASSENGERS HELD UP AT THE STATION.

The first sign of danger was noticed early in the evening, when about 6 feet of the railway embankment near the Pwll gave way, and the furious tide rushed over the permanent way and flooded the adjoining fields. Then came even more serious news from Llangennech and Loughor, it being reported that the Llangennech Station was flooded, and the line to Bynea completely covered with water. As the tide

rose the position became worse, and in some places the water reached the top of the railway embankment. The occupants of the houses close by had to make hurried retreats from their houses. An old man, who left his departure rather late, had a narrow escape from drowning. As it was he had to wade through a raging flood up to his neck to reach a place of safety. The trains up and down through Llanelly passed without difficulty, but after that all communications were stopped, and Llanelly Station was crowded with passengers waiting for their trains. The five o'clock train from Carmarthen had some difficulty in passing through Ferryside, and got as far as Pwll, but could go no further, and it was not until ten o'clock that Llanelly was reached. Further progress was impossible, the line beyond Llanelly being impassable.

(Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1910)

### HARBOUR LIGHTS

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The lamp upon the Fair-way Buoy has also been washed off, and the light boat moored between

Llanelly and Pwll blown from its moorings and wrecked opposite the North Dock. The lamp and gas tank of the latter were saved without damage.

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Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
22<sup>nd</sup> December 1910)

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### SCHEME TO PROCEED.

A meeting of the Roads Committee of the Urban Council was held on December 20th, Mr. Nathan Griffiths in the chair. The Surveyor reported that he had received the plans for the traction scheme. The Company proposed to at once proceed with the extension to Pwll, Felinfoel, and Llwynhendy. It was proposed to fix standards carrying over-head wires at a distance of 100 to 120 feet apart, with arms projecting over the roadway a distance of 12 feet.

(Llanelly Mercury and South Wales Advertiser  
29<sup>th</sup> December 1910)

## BURRY PORT.

On Bank Holiday an Eisteddfod was held at the Parish Hall, Burry Port, the proceeds being devoted to the Parish Hall and Welsh Mission Funds. The president was Mr Owen Williams, the conductor being Mr Tom Griffiths, Llanelly. The following were the adjudicators:- Mr John Thomas, Llanelly; the Rev. I. Harries Williams, Burry Port; Mr Tom Griffiths, Llanelly, and Mrs Thomas Griffiths, Glanmor. Messrs F. J. Morgan and D. J. Thomas were secretaries.

Principal awards :—Soprano solo—Miss Maggie Morgan, Burry Port. Tenor solo—Mr Arthur Eynon, Burry Port. Bass solo—Mr J. M. Jones, Burry Port. Boy's solo (not over 14 year? of age—Master Vaughan Treharne, Pwll. Girl's solo (not over 14 years of age)—Miss May John, Burry Port. Recitation (adults)—Mr Joseph Gravell, Burry Port. Recitation (children under 14 years of age)—Master Albert Graven, Burry Port. Essay—"Ifor," whose real name did not transpire. Four verses on "Christmas Day"—"Ioan." Chief choral competition—Burry Port Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr William Lewis, L.T.S.C.

(The Cardiff Times 31<sup>st</sup> December 1910)

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## PWLL COLLIERY DISASTER

A distressing fatality occurred at the Crown Colliery, Pwll, owned by Mr. Evan Jones, Penmount, on Monday afternoon, resulting in the death of four men, and severe injuries to four others. The Colliery has not been long started, and sinking operations are still going on, this work being in the

hands of Messrs. Redfern and Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne. On Monday afternoon, nine men, employees of the contractors, were engaged in bricking a shaft 85 yards in depth. They were working from the bottom up, and at the time of the disaster, were about 12 feet above the floor of the pit. Two pumps, each weighing 30cwts, one a relief and the other working out six feet of water from the shaft, were suspended by ropes about 20 yards above the men, when one of the pumps suddenly came crashing down, hurling the workers right to the bottom. Mr. Redfern was at his office at the colliery when the accident occurred, and he rushed to the pit-head and ascertained what had occurred. Mr McKerrick, the master sinker, had only come up from the shaft a minute or so before the accident, and Mr. McKerrick and Mr Stokes immediately descended the pit in the bowl, and when they got to the bottom they found two men lying on the wall and two others on a ladder supporting another man. They discovered that the staging had been carried away by the pump falling through.

(3<sup>rd</sup> August 1911)

## THE LLANELLY RIOTS. STARTLING STORY OF RAID ON ARMOURY.

### POLICE COLLECT LOOTED GOODS

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
LLANELLY. Monday Night.

Scores of people, it now appears, received injuries during the wild scenes here on Saturday night. This morning one man was removed to the hospital in a serious condition. The youth, Jack Francis,

Who was shot through the neck, spent a comfortable night, and unless complications set in, he will probably recover.

Feeling in the town is very strong against the precipitate conduct of the military, and the railway men have passed a strong vote of censure upon the troops. The matter will, no doubt, be the subject of questions in the House of Commons tomorrow.

A remarkable incident has come to light. The magistrate whose life and property were threatened appealed to the military to come to his protection, but an officer, it is stated, refused to comply with his request, remarking that his instructions were to protect the railway company's property. A

quarter of an hour later the officer changed his mind, and agreed to send 120 men to guard Mr. Jones's business premises and his private residence. In the meantime the infuriated rioters had commenced to plunder. They scattered on the arrival of the soldiers, but later returned to their looting.

The Drill Hall was the scene of another startling incident. A number of men, it appears, made an attempt to enter the Armoury, with a view of getting hold of guns and ammunition, so as to retaliate upon the military. The precaution had, however, been taken of removing the bolts of the guns and the cartridges.

Apart from the assembling of huge crowds outside the Town-hall during the hearing of a number of cases arising out of the riots, everything was quiet in the town to-day. Since early morning the police have been busy collecting purloined goods from different houses in the town., and conveying them in waggons to the police station.

At the Police Court five persons were charged with stealing goods from the premises of Mr. Thomas Jones, J.P. The evidence was somewhat similar in each case,

but only sufficient to justify a remand until Wednesday was given. It was stated that Richard Nurse, Richard Price, and Thomas Page all acknowledged when charged by the police sergeants that they had taken goods from the street, and John Edward Davies and Charles O'Neill made no reply. As the prisoners left the court in custody they were cheered by the crowd.

The military complained of the treatment meted out to them since they arrived at Llanelly. They say that they have had nothing for meals but bread and cheese and tea. One of the North Lancashire Fusiliers, who had been on strike duty for the last six months, said that the service at Tonypandy was "a picnic" to his experiences here. And one of the officers of another regiment, who was present at the siege of Kimberley, said his experiences in South Africa were not half as exciting as those he had met with at Llanelly.

The man whose charred body was found beneath the railway truck after the explosion is still unidentified. The inquest on the bodies of the killed will be held at the Town-hall to-morrow.

(London Daily News 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1911)

## **THE LLANELLY RIOTS. SIX KILLED AND NINETEEN INJURED**

Quietness prevailed at Llanelly yesterday. The total casualties in connection with Saturday's riots are six killed and nineteen injured. One of the injured is in a serious condition, having a bullet wound in his neck. His name is John Francis, and he is a tinplate worker. Three of the five injured by bayonet wounds have been discharged from the hospital. On the other two, one has a wound of the head and the other is injured about his body. None of the four injured policemen is dangerously hurt.

At Llanelly Police Court yesterday afternoon, David Thomas Savells, a tinplate worker, was charged with being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police during the riots. Sergeant Britten, asked by the defending solicitor if he knew the prisoner had four wounds on his head replied, "He asked for all he got." The police alleged that defendant incited the people to riot. He was fined 25s. Five men were also charged in connection with the looting of the stores, and were remanded until Wednesday. As accused were removed in

custody they were cheered by the crowd.

Throughout yesterday morning the police were engaged in recovering looted goods from various houses in the town.

(The Scotsman 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1911)

## **HOW THE TRUCK EXPLOSION OCCURRED**

### **INQUEST ON THE VICTIMS**

The inquest on the four victims of the explosion of the railway truck at Llanelly during the riots was resumed yesterday at the Town-hall before Mr J.W. Nicholas, the coroner. The deceased were - Joseph Plant, Llanelly fireman, burned beyond recognition; William Harris (25), believed to be a native of Pembrokeshire, who died in hospital; Alfred Morris, Bury Street, Seaside, who died in hospital; and Mrs A. Fisher, Llanelly, who had her face half blown away, and died in hospital.

The proceedings were opened a week ago, when evidence of identification was given for purposes of burial.

## **RAILWAY COMPANY'S AGENT.**

The first witness yesterday was Mr Ferriday, an agent for the North-Western Railway Company, who stated that on Thursday August 17, a truck was received at Llanelly from Crewe containing detonators, boxes of cordite, and other things. He saw the truck on Friday evening, and again at mid-day on Saturday, when it was all right. He next saw it on the Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, when the truck was burned, and the greater part of the contents gone. He knew nothing of what took place on Saturday.

The Coroner - The explosion of this truck would have very serious effects? - Yes, it would be a serious explosion.

The Jury - What was in the waggon that could have caught fire?

Witness - Noting except perhaps some manila rope. The waggons must have been set on fire from the outside. The bottom and sides of it were burned.

The Jury - Was there anything to show that it contained dangerous material?

Witness - No.

The Coroner - Do you frequently get consignments of this character? - Yes

Witness added that there were left in the truck three sides of bacon, some iron pulleys, and some coils of manila rope. The cylinders were not there or the carbide. He picked up part of the cylinders under the adjoining waggon.

The Jury - Could the cylinders be seen without raising the tarpaulin?

Witness - No.

The next witness was Henry Davis, a truck builder who said that at eleven o'clock on the Saturday night he saw two men carrying William Harris. Blood flowing from the deceased's feet and ears. When the deceased was conscious, witness asked him how it occurred, and he replied that he was standing close to a truck when something came from under it and struck him. He could not say what it was.

Dr Alfred Edward Brookes said he saw the deceased between 12 and 1 on Saturday, midnight. He was semi-conscious suffering from loss of blood and a compound fracture of the left leg. The witness amputated the leg. Deceased gradually sank and died at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. Death was due to shock, haemorrhage due to the injury

and the further shock due to amputation.

The Jury - Was it necessary to take the leg off?

Witness - Yes, it was the only hope.

#### MRS FISHER'S SISTER

The case of Mrs Fisher was next taken.

Elizabeth Davis, a sister went with the deceased on Saturday night to see a fire. Shortly after 11 o'clock she lost her sister. At five minutes past 11 she heard a loud explosion, and was struck on the cheek by a piece of timber.

The Coroner asked how near witness was to the truck, as she must have been quite close. He pressed her strongly on this point, but she declared that she was not on the railway, but outside the fence.

The Jury - Had you any business at the station at night?

Witness - Only just to see the fire.

The Jury - Was she on the railway itself?

The Coroner - I pressed her on that point, but she sticks to saying she was on the other side of the fence.

John Richards, labourer, said he heard the explosion, followed by groaning. He ran to the spot and saw Mrs Fisher lying on the floor near the goods shed. A man was holding her head, and witness helped to move her. Deceased's lips were blown off.

Dr William said he was called to see deceased at ten minutes past twelve at her sister's house. She was alive and lying on the table. She had been seen by a doctor, who dressed her face and ordered her to be removed to the hosp[ital]. She had a bad wound on the abdomen. The right cheek was badly torn, a portion of the nose was blown away, the upper jaw was smashed. The lower jaw was very badly fractured, and the upper lip was hanging by a small thread of skin. She was properly treated, but died between seven and eight on Sunday evening.

#### A SHOCKING SIGHT

In the case of Alfred Morris, a bricklayer named Thomas Jones said he had been on the railway bank a few minutes when he heard the explosion and saw the crowd running towards the station. He heard a person shout "There is a fellow left behind and cannot move." Witness and another man jumped over the railings and went

where the man was groaning. The man proved to be Alfred Morris, was lying between the railway lines. One of his legs was hanging. They took him to the Station Hotel, and later he was taken to hospital.

The Coroner – Had you seen any fire before the explosion?

Witness – Yes. It seemed as if the truck was on fire.

Dr Davis said he was called to see Morris about 12 o'clock on Saturday night. Deceased was suffering from a compound fracture of the left thigh and the right leg. He was operated upon at the hospital about three in the morning and died Sunday morning at 7 o'clock.

#### “BEYOND RECOGNITION”

The last case was that of Joseph Plant.

Thomas John Lewis, a bricklayer, said that he was told the goods shed was on fire. He went to the fire station and got out the appliances. These were useless, as the shed was on fire in five places. He then went to the burning trucks and saw the body of Plant under the truck next to that on which the explosion occurred. The body itself was on fire at the time he drew it out.

The features were not recognisable.

Police Constable Hopkins said the body was burnt beyond recognition, and the right leg had been blown off above the knee. On Tuesday, August 22, he examined the deceased's clothing and found a variety of articles which had established identification.

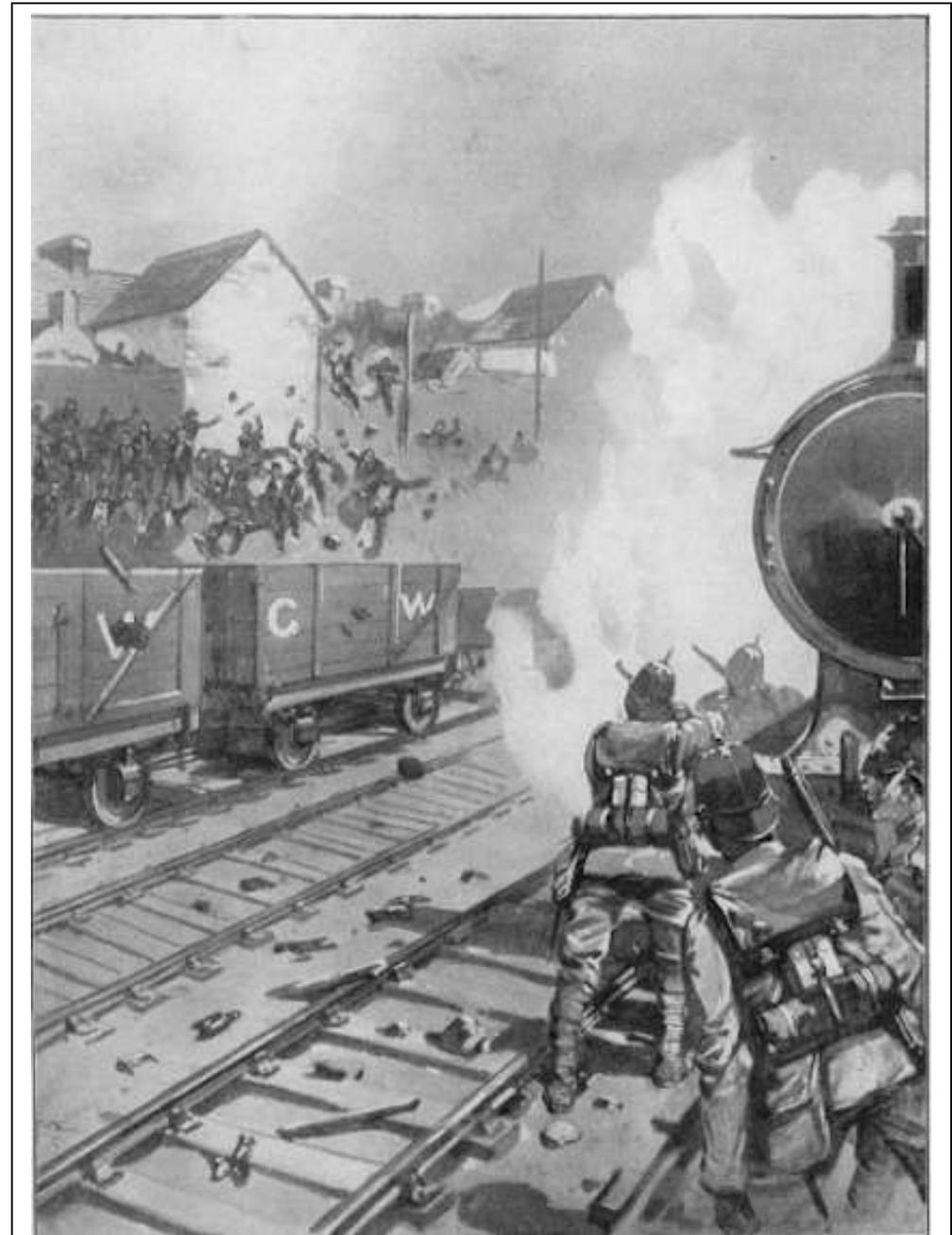
This concluded the evidence.

#### THE VERDICT

He coroner summed up. He said that how the fire was caused was not a matter for inquiry that day. They had heard of the events which would lead to the deaths – the highly explosive substances, the fire in the immediate neighbourhood, and the explosion of the substances in the truck, which would of necessity be fatal to those who were near. The evidence was perfectly clear that there seemed to be no difficulty in arriving at a verdict.

The jury at once returned a verdict that the deceased were accidentally killed as the result of the explosion of detonators in a truck on the Great Western Railway.

(Aberdeen Press and Journal 31<sup>st</sup> August 1911)



**BALL-CARTRIDGES AT LLANELLY : THE TRAGEDY OF THE AFTERNOON**

(The Illustrated London News August 21<sup>st</sup> 1911)

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THE FATAL LLANELLY RIOTS: THE BLOWING-UP OF THE RAILWAY TRUCKS OF EXPLOSIVES, WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF FIVE PEOPLE AND INJURIES TO OTHERS.

Most houses during last night at Llanelli on Saturday last. In the afternoon the riotous was compelled to fly on the ground, with the result that two people were killed and several others wounded. Later in the day other riots took an even more violent turn. After dark the mob which had assembled became exceedingly dangerous, looting, burning, and blowing dynamite with noise, whistling and firing, and completely being the roads closed and a number of railway-trucks. Then, at about three

o'clock or eight, came a terrific explosion on the railway, where there were trucks filled with quantities of gunpowder and other dangerous materials. A quantity of an hour afterwards there was a second explosion, which was much weaker than the first. An unknown man was burned beyond recognition, the remains of another person were unrecognizable, and two men and a woman died in hospital shortly after their bodies were recovered there. A number of other people were injured more or less severely

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### GIRLS MOLESTED, Very Grave Complaints Made to Llanelly Police.

Within the past week two young girls have' been molested at night-time at Llanelly by some unknown man or men.

One of the girls was in a state of exhaustion when she sought the assistance of a person who happened to be passing the Sandy at the time.

The attention of the police has been I called to the matter.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1913)

### STEBONHEATH SCHOOL, Manchester Architects Submit Prize-Winning Plan.

The official minutes of the Llanelly Education Committee contain information regarding the modernly-equipped school to be built at Stebonheath, which has not hitherto been published owing to the fact that the meetings of the committee have been conducted in private.

It will be remembered that the committee decided to invite competitive plans, and the following minute is recorded by the committee on the subject:- "Moved by Mr. Thos. Jones, seconded by Mr. J. H. Jones, and it was resolved that the sealed envelopes containing the names of the authors of the three proposed designs be opened. The chairman then opened the envelopes and read the names as follow:-

Plan No. 41 (placed first in order of merit by the assessor) : Messrs. Woodhouse and Dean, 100, King-street, Manchester.

Plan No. 2 (second): Mr Harold Brakspear, Corsham, Wilts.

Plan No. 8 (third): Messrs. A. J Shaw and T. M. Vowles, Burnley.

Mr. Thomas Jones having examined the plans and specifications, submitted a report upon the same, and at a subsequent meeting of the committee Mr. Woodhouse (of Messrs. Woodhouse and Dean, authors of the successful design) attended respecting his engagement for carrying out the plan.

The Chairman explained the position of matters in accordance

with the conditions of the competition, and in the course of the discussion Mr. Woodhouse expressed his willingness, subject to the assessor's consent, to include in his commission travelling and other expenses that would be incurred by him in visiting Llanelly during the progress of the work.

The solicitor was authorised to prepare the agreement contemplated by Article 10 of the conditions.

It was resolved that architects who are also quantity surveyors be appointed to prepare bills of quantities upon Mr. Woodhouse's agreed terms of an additional 1½ percent on the contract price.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1913)

### Llanelly

The South Wales and Monmouth shire District Council of the National Union of Clerks at Llanelly on Saturday passed a resolution protesting against spelter works employers denying one day's rest in seven to the men.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 6<sup>th</sup> January 1913)

### DAMAGES AWARDED. Llanelly Firm Sues Sheffield Company.

At the Llanelly County Court on Monday before Judge Lloyd Morgan, K.C., and a jury, the Glanmor Foundry Co. sued Alf Beckett and Sons, Ltd., Sheffield, for damages.

Mr. D. Jennings appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. W. Howell defended.

Mr. T. R. Hopkins, accountant in the plaintiffs' employ, said that his employers owed the respondents 7s. and he wrote telling them that a cheque would be sent after the next directors' meeting. On the 31<sup>st</sup> October he was served with a County Court summons, and he forwarded them a cheque for 7s. and 3s. costs. On the 14th November the bailiff called to see him and levied the execution produced with him. The bailiff levied upon a desk.

Continuing, witness said that the execution was withdrawn on November 16th.

Mr. Howell, for the defence, referred to the Public Authorities Protection Act and the County Courts Act.

His Honour, in addressing the jury, said the plaintiff claimed damages against the defendants

for unlawfully issuing a warrant of execution upon a judgment wrongfully obtained by the defendants, and levying and seizing a desk. They claimed the sum of £50 damages, and it would be for the jury to assess the damages.

The jury brought in a verdict of £10 for the plaintiffs, and judgment was entered accordingly.

On the application of Mr. Howell, his Honour granted a stay of execution pending an application for a new trial.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 7<sup>th</sup> January 1913)

### Lord Ashburnham Dead,

We regret to announce the death of Lord Ashburnham, which took place on Wednesday, at the Grand Hotel, Palais d'Orsay, Paris. His lordship had been ill for a considerable time. Lord

Ashburnham was born in 1840, and succeeded to the title of Earl of Ashburnham in 1878, the earldom having been created in 1850. He married in 1888. The Countess died two years later, and the only child is Lady Mary Catherine Charlotte, who entered the Sacred Art Convent, at Roehampton, in July, 1912. The heir presumptive to the title is

the Hon. Thomas Ashburnham, deceased's brother, and late captain in the 7th Hussars, who served in 1882, and has aide-de-camp to two Viceroy.

Lord Ashburnham was educated at Westminster and in France, and spent a large part of his subsequent life abroad. He was appointed on the special embassy of the Marquess of Bath to convey the Order of the Garter to the Emperor of Austria in 1867. He took a prominent part in the Home Rule movement, and was appointed chairman of the British Home Rule Association in 1886. He was a Knight of the Grand Cross of Sweden, and also of the Grand Cross of Malta.

The deceased nobleman was the owner of 24,000 acres of land, and had an extensive estate in Carmarthenshire, with a mansion at Pembrey. The late Lord Ashburnham took little or no interest in local affairs, but was a generous patron of the Ashburnham Golf Club, of which he was once president, and the well-known golf links at Pembrey are on his property.

Lord Ashburnham's name is a household word in Burry Port, in which place he was largely interested as a ground landlord.

The principal hotel, The Ashburnham, stands on part of his property near the Ashburnham golf links. The deceased peer had only been known by name in Burry Port and Pembrey district for the past generation, and there are but few living in the twin villages to-day who ever saw his lordship.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 17<sup>th</sup> January 1913)

#### **OLD AT FIFTY.**

#### **COUNCIL EMPLOYEES' WAGES: SURVEYORS POSITION**

At the meeting of the Llanelly Roads Committee on Monday, Mr. R. P. Thomas presiding, a sub-committee recommended that the wages of the Council's employes be increased by £7 19s. 9d. per week, which would mean a total of £410 3s. per annum. The sub-committee further recommended that payment be made to the labourers for all national holidays, which would mean another £89 2s. 6d., making a total increase of £499 5s. 6d. per annum.

The Chairman explained that Mr. Llewelyn, who represented the Municipal Employes' Association, had approved of the terms recommended. With reference to

the twelve old men in the Council's employ - he had almost going to call them the twelve apostles — (laughter) — the sub-committee recommended that their services be retained at the present wage. Then they had in their employ a man who was deaf, another who was lame and a youth who was deaf and dumb. If any accident happened to either of these he believed the position of ratepayers would be serious. He did not know whether the Insurance Company had been informed that the Council had such men in their employ.

The Surveyor complained that the men referred to had been included with the others in the insurance.

Mr. Griffiths said that when the application was originally before the Council he and Mr. Simlett moved that it be deferred, as the Union was not affiliated to the Labour Council. Since then this objection had been removed, and, if the recommendation was the full trade union rate paid elsewhere, he moved that it be recommended

Mr Griffiths complained that the Surveyor did not give a true account of the different vocations of the men. "There is one marked gardener aunt." (Laughter).

The Chairman: Charley's aunt, perhaps. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Griffiths: She is still running.

Mr. Simlett seconded the adoption of the sub committee's recommendations, and after a lengthy discussion they were adopted.

#### **TOO OLD AT FIFTY.**

The sub-committee further recommended that men over fifty years of age should not be employed in future.

Mr. W. H. Samuel appealed to the sub-committee not to force this recommendation, otherwise the Council would be as bad as the most unscrupulous employers to be found in the country, who wanted to draw all the marrow out of the bones of their men.

Mr. J. L. Jones said that what led the sub-committee to make this recommendation was that complaints were continually being made about the condition of the roads, and the Surveyor had stated on more than one occasion that he could not effect an improvement with the men at present in his employ. The Surveyor stated further that he was being approached by councillors repeatedly with the view of his engaging men who had been thrown out of employment by other employers,

and, soon after these men, who were between 50 and 60 years of age had been in the Council's employ, they applied to be paid the same rate as the others.

Eventually it was decided to leave the matter to the discretion of the Surveyor.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 28<sup>th</sup> January 1913)

#### **LADY HOWARD'S CENEROSITY**

Lady Howard, of Stepney Park, Llanelly, has contributed £50 towards Pwll Church Building Fund.

(The Cambria Daily Leader, Thursday, February 13, 1913)

#### **A TOWN CHARTER FOR LLANELLY.**

Our Llanelly correspondent :—

News has reached Llanelly from a highly authoritative source that the Privy Council has granted the request in the petition of the inhabitant householders of Llanelly, and that his Majesty King George V. has approved the charter creating Llanelly a municipal borough.

The charter has, it is understood, been sent, as is the usual custom, to the Home Office, and will be forwarded to Mr. Henry W.

Spowart, as the hon. secretary to the incorporation committee. It is, therefore, considered highly probable that the charter will arrive in Llanelly early next week.

This news will cause great satisfaction in Llanelly. It will be remembered that for the purposes of drawing out a draft of the charter, charter mayors had to be appointed. The three appointed were Sir, Stafford Howard, K.C.B., Mr. D. James Davies, Chairman of the Incorporation Committee, and Mr. Joseph Roberts, Chairman of the Urban Council. It is the first charter mayor—Sir Stafford Howard—who will act as the returning officer for the election of the first town council, which will be held in November. There is a feeling locally that the receipt of the charter ought to be made a public function.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 14<sup>th</sup> August 1913)

### **LAST NIGHT'S "GAZETTE."**

Receiving Order. — Amended Notice. — William Harries, of Erwfach, Pwll, Llanelly, coal merchant.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader September 6, 1913)

### **NEW SCHOOL FOR PWLL. SIR STAFFORD HOWARD'S GENEROUS PROMISE OF LAND.**

It has been reported to the Pembrey School Managers that Sir Stafford Howard is prepared to present the inhabitants of the village of Pwll with one and a half acres of land for the purpose of erecting new schools, and also to purchase the present school buildings, which are inadequate for the requirements of the village, for the purpose of converting them into a public hall, which he proposes to present to the parishioners of Pwll.

It was unanimously agreed to tender Sir Stafford and Lady Howard the best thanks of the meeting, and to write to the Carmarthenshire Education Committee with the view to taking immediate steps to carry out Sir Stafford's intentions

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> September 1913)

**STAFFORD HOWARD'S  
GENEROUSITY TO LLANELLY,**  
Sir Stafford Howard proposes to purchase the school at Pwll village, near Llanelly, for the purpose of converting it into a village hall and library, and has also offered the Education

Committee one and a half acres of land for the purpose of a new school site.

(Amman Valley Chronicle and Carmarthen News 25<sup>th</sup> September 1913)

### **"MARGED FACH'S" GRAMOPHONE**

An interesting ceremony was performed at Cilymaenllwyd, the new home of Sir Stafford and Lady Howard, on Saturday, "Marged fach," as the little heiress is popularly known, being presented by the children of the village of Pwll with a beautiful gramophone. The children, who were entertained at Cilymaenllwyd, were the recipients of toys before leaving, from Lady Howard.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 29<sup>th</sup> September 1913)

### **FOWL STEALING., AMMANFORD FATHER FINED FOR AIDING AND ABETTING**

Myfanwy Thomas, aged eleven, was charged at Ammanford Police Court to-day with stealing fowls, the property of the Great Western Railway Co., on

September 7th. Mr. R. Ludford prosecuted.

Evidence was given by the police to the effect that on the day in question the girl was seen coming from the direction of the Pantyffynon Colliery with a basket containing fowls. When asked where she got it, she replied "From that place," adding that her father had sent her. The father, on being seen, denied the truth of the latter statement. The girl was discharged, but the father was ordered to pay the costs. The father was also charged with aiding and abetting, and was fined £2 and costs.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 29<sup>th</sup> September 1913)

### **FERRYSIDE.**

#### **SALE AT COED FARM.**

A sale took place at Coed Farm, Llandefeilog, on Tuesday, when the valuable stock and crops belonging to Mr. David Moses, who is retiring from farming, were disposed of. A large number of farmers were present, and there was some spirited bidding. A four-year-old cart mare realised £40, a two-year-old cart filly £32, and a trap pony £23. Sheep in

pens of five fetched from £10 to £12. A fat porker sold for £3 10s. Altogether 94 cattle, 20 horses, 145 sheep, and over 30 pigs were sold. The whole of the crops and the implements were also disposed of. The auctioneers were Messrs. Lloyd and Thomas, Carmarthen.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 10<sup>th</sup> October 1913)

### **LLANELLY CHILDREN'S HOME.**

The Llanelly Board of Guardians a couple of years ago erected a building in the vicinity of the workhouse as a children's cottage home, but the Local Government Board have declined to recognise it as a receiving home. The Guardians are in consequence compelled to find a site some distance from the workhouse for a cottage home, and at the meeting on Friday three suitable sites were mentioned, but it was decided not to divulge them as the negotiations are not sufficiently advanced.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 16<sup>th</sup> October 1913)

### **INQUEST AT FERRYSIDE.**

An inquest was held, on Saturday at Ferryside by Mr J. W. Nicholas, coroner, touching the death of Mary Jones, wife of Mr John Jones, collier. The deceased, who was well known and highly respected in the neighbourhood, expired suddenly on Thursday evening while attending to her household duties. Earlier in the day she had been out black-berrying, and was apparently in good health. Dr Allen attributed death to heart weakness. Verdict accordingly. There are six children, the youngest being three years of age.

(The Carmarthen Weekly reporter 17<sup>th</sup> October 1913)

### **GALVANISING WORKS AT LLANELLY.**

Mr. H. Ellis Poole, Llanelly, as one of the founders of the Wellfield Galvanising Company, started two mills last week in the new works that the company have erected at Llanelly, and to-day two more mills will be set in motion, thus providing employment for nearly 200 men. The directors present when the interesting ceremony was per-

formed included Mr. W. J. Rees, The Up-lands, Mr. Charles E. Peel, Swansea, Mr. Phil Williams, and Mr. Thomas Morris, managing director, with Mr. John Thomas, secretary of the company. The Wellfield Works are equipped with the most up-to-date machinery. Mr. Thomas Morris, who is the managing director, was previously the manager of the Raven Works, Glanamman.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 13<sup>th</sup> November 1913)

### **LLANELLY HARBOUR.**

#### **CALL ON THE RATEPAYERS FOR £ 4,000.**

The Llanelly Harbour Trust have issued a precept upon the corporation of the town for £4,000. At a meeting of the trust on Monday, Mr. Daniel Williams (the chairman) congratulated the vice-chairman, Sir Stafford Howard, N.C.B., on his selection by the Llanelly Town Council as mayor of the borough. The ratepayers, he said, were to be congratulated on their good fortune in having him for their mayor.—Sir Stafford Howard, replying, said they had put up high ideals before him since his selection as mayor. Whether he

realised those ideals was another thing, but, at any rate, he would do his best.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 20<sup>th</sup> November 1913)

### **PWLL SCHOOL. SIR STAFFORD AND LADY HOWARD'S OFFER ACCEPTED.**

It is understood that the Carmarthenshire Education Committee have accepted the generous offer of Sir Stafford and Lady Howard to provide a suitable site for a new school at Pwll.

The existing school, apart being totally inadequate for the requirements of the village, is situated alongside the main road, along which a large amount of traffic passes with its attendant dangers.

The County Authority will proceed to erect the new school, and when it is completed the present school, which Sir Stafford and Lady Howard have offered to purchase for the villagers, will be converted into a public hall and reading room.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> November 1913)

### CHARGES OF THEFT.

J. Alun Jones, Old Shop, Mynyddygarreg, a labourer, aged 16i years, was charged with stealing a bicycle lamp, value Is 6d, the property of W. H. Greville. The lamp appeared to have been left by the owner in the engine-room at the works and to have been taken by the defendant.

There was another charge against the defendant of stealing another bicycle lamp, value 6s.

P.C. D. J. Davies, Kidwelly, gave evidence.

Defendant was bound over under the Probation of Offenders Act in both cases.

(The Carmarthen Weekly reporter 28<sup>th</sup> November 1913)

### FIRE AT CILLYMAENLLWYD. Outbreak In Power House.

A fire occurred on Tuesday night at the power-hoirse connected with Cilymaenllwyd; the residence of Sir Stafford and Lady Howard, Mayor and Mayoress of Llanelly. The fire brigade immediately proceeded to the scene, but before their arrival the fire—which had cause, but little damage—had been extinguished.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1913)

### SIR STAFFORD HOWARD COMPLAINS.

A letter was read from Sir Stafford Howard complaining of the state of the road at Pwll. He said that the main roads in that neighbourhood were worse than any he had come across. He complained especially of the road between Llanelly and Cross Hands.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 5<sup>th</sup> December 1913)

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### CHIMNEY SWEEP SUED.

### PROCEEDS OF SALE OF A PONY CLAIMED AT LLANELLY.

At the Llanelly County Court on Monday, before Judge Lloyd Morgan, Thos. Jeffreys, Cwmbach, sued Thomas Lewis, chimney sweep. Mr. W. Howell appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. T.R. Ludford defended.

Mr. Howell said the plaintiff was a retired butcher, and the defendant was employed by him some time ago to sell a pony.

Defendant sold the pony and kept the money, and he was afterwards prosecuted for misappropriating £7.

After hearing evidence His Honour gave judgment for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, and ordered him to pay 5s. per month.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 6<sup>th</sup> January 1914)

### TRIBUTE TO LLANELLY HISTORIAN.

A meeting was held a Llanelly on the 1st inst. under the presidency of the Mayor (Sir Stafford Howard) in honour of the Llanelly historian, Mr John Innes, on the occasion of his departure from the town. Mr Innes is a man of wide reading and culture, and his contributions to the history of the town and district are highly valued by the townspeople. At the meeting on Thursday Mr Innes was presented with a gold watch, subscribed for by the citizens of the town. The Mayor (Sir Stafford Howard) in making the presentation, aptly characterised the recipient as "guide, philosopher, and friend." Remarks of appreciation were also made by the Town Clerk (Mr

H. W. Spowart), Mr J. E. Jones, and Mr J. G. Daw. Mr Innes suitably responded.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 9<sup>th</sup> January 1914)

### £50 REDUCTION.

At the outset it was decided to reduce the price for Pwll School (which Sir Stafford Howard) wishes to purchase for conversion into a, public hall for the village) from £800 to £750, the price which Sir Stafford Howard asked the committee to accept.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 16<sup>th</sup> January 1914)

## Webley's Auction Rooms

STATION ROAD, LLANELLY.

Sales are held every fortnight which includes:—

Dining and Drawing Room Suites,  
Various Bedroom Suites, Sideboards,  
Chest of Drawers, Hall-stands,  
Overmantles, Tables, Pictures, Cutlery,  
Wood and Iron Bedsteads, Bedding,  
Fenders, Fire Irons, Fire and Kitchen  
Utensils.

Sale at 2 o'clock.

Next Sale—January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1914.

No Reserve. Terms Cash.  
Goods received in for Sale.

## **CRUSHED TO DEATH.**

### **FATALITY AT THE LLANELLY STEEL WIRKS.**

William Daniel, Pwll-road. Llanelly, a pitman engaged at the Llanelly Steelworks, was crushed to death, at eleven o'clock this morning. Deceased was engaged hoisting ingots from one of the furnace tips when one of the ingots got loosened from the hauling chain and fell upon him, death being instantaneous. He was 37 years of age, and leaves a widow and two children.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 19<sup>th</sup> January 1914)

## **HEALTHY LLANELLY.**

### **LADY HOWARD AND A MOTHERS' "WELCOME."**

The medical officer of health (Dr. T. E. Francis) at the meeting of the Llanelly Health Committee commented most favourably upon the health of the town during the year 1913. The birth-rate was 27.4 per 1,000, and was the highest since 1909, when it was 29.2, while the death-rate of 12.55 per 1,000 was the lowest ever recorded, the previous lowest having been 13.5 per 1,000 in 1896. The infant mortality rate

was 96.7, and even that was the lowest since 1906, when it was 88.6 per 1,000. He was glad that a move was now being made in the right direction in instituting a mothers and babies' "Welcome." That was being done at the instigation of Lady Howard and others, and he was pleased that a site had been taken and a trained nurse appointed to give advice to mothers with reference to the rearing of children.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1914)

## **THE ROAD AT PWLL.**

Complaints were made at the meeting of the Main Roads Council as to the state of the main road at Pwll. Dr. Williams described it as disgraceful. There was far too much loose metalling upon it. The Surveyor was instructed to see to the matter.

(Llanelly Star February 7, 1914)

## **A FURNACE NUISANCE.**

To the Editor of the STAB.

Sir,

I was very much interested in a letter which appeared in your paper under the above heading. It is quite time that someone called attention to the scandalous state

of things at the Furnace. Unfortunately, we are outside of the Llanelly Borough, otherwise I feel sure that the Llanelly M.O.H. and Inspector Sharpe, would soon put an end to this matter. I would like to call the attention of the sanitary authorities to another grave danger, not only have we "pig-sties" and "pigs' wash" close to our houses, but there is a small stream running at the backs of the houses into which all kinds of filthy matter are thrown. The smell arising from this is abominable at times, and it is a wonder to me that our children are so free from fever, etc., when one considers what their surroundings are like.

I sincerely hope we shall have a visit from our M.O.H. and Sanitary Inspector very soon, as it is deplorable to think that such a state of things should be allowed to remain until the summer. The matter is an urgent one, as this sort of thing is a danger to, not only to people resident in the Furnace, but Llanelly people as well, and some day it may leave its mark on them.

Apologising for troubling you. I am, etc.,

An Old Furnace Resident.

(The Star 7<sup>th</sup> February 1914)

## **DIED IN SOUTH AFRICA.**

### **Sad News from Pretoria.**

The death of Mr. David Daniel Evans, a native of Pwll, took place at Pretoria, South Africa, this morning. Deceased had resided at Pretoria, where he held a lucrative appointment, for a number of years. News of his death was received by his father, Mr Michael Evans, Stepney road, Pwll, to-day. His mother only predeceased him a few weeks ago. Mrs Evans, his widow, had just joined him in South Africa after having spent a holiday at Pwll for a few months. He leaves a widow and two young children to mourn their loss. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved relatives.

(Llanelly Star February 7, 1914)

## **CULVERT AT SANDY.**

With reference to the culvert at Sandy the Clerk (Mr. J. H. Blake) reported to the Rural Council on Thursday, that he had received a letter from the County Council's surveyor stating that the materials necessary for the work required in widening it were on order.

Mr. Wm. Bassett: Nothing has been done.

W. B. Jones: Supposing we leave the matter for a month.

This suggestion was acted upon.

No wonder remarked the Chairman that the roads of the county are so bad if they take such a time to get all materials as they have taken in attending to this culvert. They have been two - years at it now.

(Llanelly Star February 21, 1914)

### **AN UNPAID ACCOUNT** **A favour granted that has brought Trouble.**

The New Pool Colliery Co. were somewhat severely criticized at the meeting of the Rural Council. The discussion arose over a report by the Clerk.

Some time ago, said Mr. Blake, you obliged this Company by allowing them to connect their colliery with your mains and draw their water supply therefrom. This arrangement was effected at a reasonable charge. You draw this water from the property of Mr Lewis, Stradey, and you have to pay for it 'on the nail.' There was an account made for the Colliery

Co. for £27 8s. last November. I have made repeated applications for the payment of this account; but I have not had the money yet. I do not think it is fair that we should have all this trouble from them after doing them a favour as we did in the first place.

On the motion of the Chairman it was decided that if the money was not paid upon the next application the water supply should be cut off.

(Llanelly Star 21<sup>st</sup> February 1914)

### **DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS,** **PEMBREY.**

We regret to state that Mrs. Thomas, Brynhavod, widow of the late Mr. J. G. Thomas, New Pool Colliery, has died, at the age of 72. The deceased, who came of one of the oldest families in Llanelly, was greatly respected.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 28<sup>th</sup> February 1914)

### **Pwll Fortunate.**

At a meeting of the Education Committee on Wednesday night a letter was read from the Town

Clerk (Mr. H. W. Spowart) calling attention to the fact that a new school was to be erected at Pwll by the Carmarthenshire Education Committee.

The Chairman (Councillor E. Willis Jones) said that really it was not a new school, it was a new building which was to be provided instead of the old school. It was proposed to convert the existing school into a Public Hall and Library. Sir Stafford Howard had come forward with a more suitable site for the new school buildings. It was necessary to formally report the matter so that if anyone had any objection to make the committee should hear it.

Dafen School.

Ald. Nathan Griffiths said that since the erection of the new Gorse Works at Dafen the Dafen school had become jammed in between it and the Tinplate Works. The people of Dafen had petitioned the county authority with a view to having the school removed to another site. The Chairman: We shall have to take each case on its merits. There is no doubt that a great improvement will be effected at Pwll.

It was decided to offer no objection to the new school at Pwll.

(Llanelly Star 28<sup>th</sup> February 1914)

**Have You Noticed**  
**The Birds Singing ?**

They pipe away cheerily every morning. Wherefore this musical optimism? What makes them sing so lustily in the cold gray dawn?

**Spring is Coming**  
AND THEY KNOW IT.

It is time, therefore, for us all to prepare for the  
**Spring Cleaning.**  
Place your Orders in good time; look round to-day and see if you need any

**New Carpets or Floor-Cloths**  
or may be you have a Suite requiring repolishing or reupholstering.

Your enquiries shall receive our best attention.  
ESTIMATES AND SAMPLES FREE.

**Pugh Bros.**  
**COWELL STREET**

### **PECKED BY THE BIRDS.**

Mr. J. W. Nicholas, coroner, conducted an inquest at the National School Ferryside, on Friday evening, respecting the death of an unknown infant, whose body was discovered on the foreshore at the side of the river Towy, below Bronun Marsh, by a fisherman named John Thomas, of Raspberry Cottage, Ferryside.

John Thomas expressed the opinion that the body had come down the river. A "variety" of gipsies at times encamped at the spot where he found the body, and a band, of them were there about a month ago.

Dr. Williams, Ferryside, said the deceased was about four months old, but there was nothing to give any clue as to cause of death. All the vital parts of the body were missing, and the loss of the flesh was probably due to the pecking of birds.

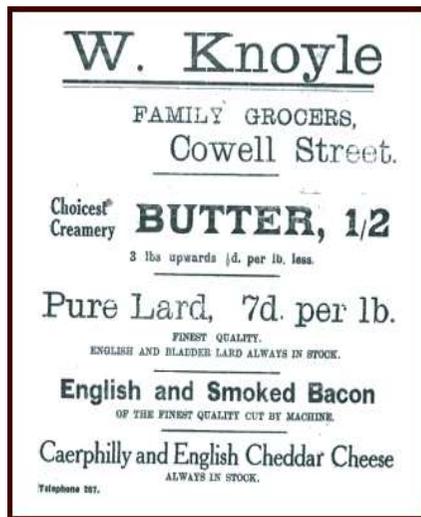
The jury returned a verdict of "Found drowned," with no evidence to show the sex or "how the deceased met its death."

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 14<sup>th</sup> March 1914)

### LLANELLY DEACON'S DEATH.

Mr. James Hughes, Bassett-terrace, Pwll, near Llanelly, has passed away. Deceased was following his employment last Monday, when he had a seizure, which proved fatal. He was a faithful member of Libanus Chapel, where he was a deacon. He leaves three sons and a daughter to mourn their loss.

(Cambria Daily Leader 16<sup>th</sup> March 1914)



### SUNDAY DRINKING- LLANELLY MEN ILLEGALLY PRESENT IN BURRYPORT INN

Five men, Henry Thomas, 5, Raby-steet; Ben Badger, 8, Railway-place; Dennis Taylor, Zion-road; Frank Hoare, 38, Brynmor-road and Charles, Jenkins, 11, Cambrian-street, were summoned at Llanelly on Monday for being illegally present at the Coasting Pilot Inn, Burryport, on Sunday, March 8th, at 6.50 p.m.

Defendant Henry Thomas pleaded guilty, and the other four not guilty.

The case against Thomas was taken first.

P.S. Mitchelmore said that when asked his reason for being there defendant said "pleasure."

The Bench decided to convict.

The cases against Badger and Jenkins were next heard.

P.S. Mitchelmore said he saw defendants on the premises, and asked them their reason. Badger said he had come down to see a man named David Thomas, with whom he was working at "Carreg Fach." Jenkins said "I accompanied Badger."

The Bench convicted.

### Somewhere to Leave his Bicycle.

Giving evidence in the case against Dennis Taylor, P.S. Mitchelmore said that defendant stated "I am here on pleasure." When witness said he would report him for being illegally present defendant said "I am sorry. I was unaware of that."

Defendant said he had gone to see a young lady. He went to the licensed premises as he was unwell, and because he wanted a place in which to leave his bicycle.

The Bench dismissed the case against Taylor.

Defendant Hoare said he was on business in walking. He often went for long walks by himself.

The four defendants, Thomas, Badger, Hoare and Jenkins were fined 10s. and costs each.

### Over Pembrey Mountain.

Aaron Jenkins, 20, Sandy Gate-terrace, was summoned for being illegally present at the Glanmor Hotel, Burryport, at 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, March 8th. Mr. Wm. Davies defended.

P.C. Williams spoke to seeing defendant in the front room of the Glanmor Hotel. Defendant said he had come from Llanelly to see a friend, Thomas Davies, at 29, Station-road, Burryport. On the following day witness found that there was no such person there.

Defendant said he had gone to Burryport through Cwmbach, and over Pembrey Mountain. The

Glanmor Arras was over 3½ miles from his home. He had asked for refreshments.

The Bench dismissed the case.

### Walked From Morryston.

Samuel Pritchard pleaded guilty to being illegally present at the Ship Inn on Sunday, March 16th.

Evidence was given by P.S. W. G. Morgan to the effect that defendant told him he had walked from Morryston. Witness, however, pointed out to him that

his boots were clean and dry. Defendant was fined 10s. and costs.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 17<sup>th</sup> March 1914)

### £5,600 for Salt Cellar.

#### ASHBURNHAM TREASURES

Treasures in the way of old silver deposited in a wooden box with his bankers by the late Lord Ashburnham fetched high prices when put up for sale at Christie's on Tues- day.

Lord Ashburnham, it may be remembered, died in Paris in January, and after his death the silver was discovered by his executors in the hands of the bankers. Only a portion of the contents were offered.

One of the chief items was a Henry VII. silver-gilt standing salt and cover of the date 1508, which is believed to be the earliest of its kind in existence, which was knocked down at £5,600.

(The Brecon Radnor Express Carmarthen and Swansea Valley Gazette and Brynmawr District Advertiser 26<sup>th</sup> March 1914)

#### TRANSFERRED LICENSES.

The license of the Pemberton Arms was transferred from G. P. Williams to Benjamin Williams, and the Railway Hotel, Burryport, from T. Edwards to Griffith Pugh Williams. Mr. H. B. Roderick appeared for the application in each case.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 26<sup>th</sup> March 1914)

#### WITH A BOOT LACE. FIVE ROADS MANS ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO STRANGLE HIMSELF.

Charged with attempted suicide, Thos. Jeffreys, Mount Pleasant, Five Roads, was brought up at the Llanelly Police Court on Saturday. P.C. J. Rees gave evidence of arrest. He charged defendant with attempting to commit suicide by strangling himself with a boot lace. When cautioned, defendant said, "I will not say anything as I do not remember anything at all about it." Witness produced a piece of leather bootlace and string, which was handed to him that morning by defendant's daughter, Elizabeth Jeffreys.

Defendant was remanded until Monday.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 28<sup>th</sup> March 1914)

#### LLANELLY IRON FOUNDERS WILL

Mr. John Clement, of 16, Greenfield-terrace. Llanelly, senior partner of Messrs. Thomas and Clement, iron-founders of Llanelly, J.P. for the county, and a prominent Baptist, who died on 8th of October last, aged 69 years, left estate of the gross value of £743, of which £482 0s. 11d. is net personally.

Probate of his will has been granted to his sons, Mr. William Edward Clement, or Bycroft, Queen Victoria- road, Swansea, company secretary; Mr. John Ivor Clement, of Park Cottage, Park-road, Bridgend., Glam., accountant and Mr. Ernest David Clement, of College Hill, Swansea, secretary to a public company.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 8<sup>th</sup> April 1914)

#### THE FIRST IN SOUTH WALES. N.U.R. EMBLEM PRESENTED AT LLANELLY RAILWAYMENS TEA.

The Llanelly branch of the National Union of Railwaymen held their annual tea and concert in aid of the orphan fund on Good Friday. In previous years

the function has been held at Coppervorks School, but it was patronised so well that the Scouts Hall had to be obtained, and the attendance was so large that even this building was taxed to its utmost capacity.

Six hundred persons sat down to tea, among whom were twenty-four children from the Cottage Homes, whom the local branch had considerably invited to attend. Over the concert that followed the Deputy Mayor, Alderman D. James Davies presided in conjunction with Mr. Scott, the local branch chairman. During the proceedings the Mayor and Mayoress (Sir Stafford and Lady Howard) put in an appearance, and were enthusiastically received.

In a graceful speech the Mayoress presented Mr. W. H. Webb with an emblem of the N.U.R., this, by the way, being the first to be presented in South Wales. In the course of an interesting address, the Mayor said he travelled about 50,000 miles a year, and was therefore in a position to speak with knowledge of the arduous duties of railwaymen, and how efficiently those duties were performed.

The programme included selections by the Male Voice Choir, under the baton of Mr. Tom Jones. Others who contributed were Misses Edith Howells, Gwennie Pooley, L. Gafe, Mabel Evans, Sal. James, Janet Davies, and Maggie Williams, Messrs. Tom Francis, D. W. Davies, D. Davies, Isaiah. Williams, O. Howells, and G. Phillips. Mrs. D. Jones acted as accompanist, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. D. Pooley.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 14<sup>th</sup> April 1914)

#### **NEW COMPANY FORMING. ENTERPRISE TO OPEN A BRICKWORKS AT FIVE ROADS.**

A new company is being formed with a view to opening a brickworks at Five Roads. A capital site has been secured on Brondine Farm, and it is stated that several Neath gentlen are interesting themselves in the enterprise.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader 14<sup>th</sup> April 1914)

#### **FIVE ROADS LIBRARY.**

A reading room and lending library was opened at Five Roads,

near Llanelly, last year, and the good use since made of it by the inhabitants has fully, justified its existence, and it is interesting to note that last week Sir Stafford and Lady Howard presented the Library with forty carefully selected volumes in fiction, economics, science., etc.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 27<sup>th</sup> April 1914)

#### **PAVILION RANSACKED.**

The pavilion, erected by Sir Stafford Howard on the Llanelly New Dock football ground, for the use of the I.O.G.T. Soccer Club, has been damaged and ransacked. Not content with damaging the building, the culprits are alleged to have stolen property belonging to the players, and the police are now investigating the matter.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 27<sup>th</sup> April 1914)

#### **A KIDWELLY GUN TRAGEDY.**

##### **Boy Fatally Shot During Play.**

There was a fatal sequel on Friday evening to boys' play with a shotgun in the Kidwelly district. At Newtown, a group of dwelling houses on the side of

Mynyddygarreg, a party of youths, whose ages ranged from fourteen to seventeen years, were shooting at bottles with a shot-gun. It became the turn of Alex. Gravell, a youth of fifteen years of age, an orphan, to use the gun. By some means it went off as he was handling it, and the charge lodged in the body of another youth, named John Allan Jones, who is also an orphan, and lodged with Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, at Newtown. The poor youth succumbed to his injuries.

(The Amman Valley Chronicle and East Carmarthen News 7<sup>th</sup> May 1914)

#### **CONGER EEL**

A conger eel measuring 42 inches long. 10 inches around head, and weighing over 71bs., was caught by some boys at Pwll y Quar, Pwll, Llanelly, lately. The pool where it was caught is only about 20 yards square, and it is a marvel that such a monster could have existed within so narrow limits. It can be viewed at Mr. Davies' (tailor) shop. Pwll.

(Cambria Daily Leader May 15, 1914)

#### **TO BE BURIED AT TREBOETH.**

Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, of 59, Pembrey-road. Llanelly, who died suddenly on Saturday, was the wife of Mr. Benjamin Jenkins, secretary Llanelly branch of the Steel Smelters' Union. The funeral was arranged to take place to-day, leaving Llanelly for Treboeth, near Swansea, at two o'clock.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 19<sup>th</sup> May 1914)

#### **LLANELLY RESOLUTION.**

##### **Borough Workers' Long-Delayed Increase.**

There is much dissatisfaction amongst a section of the Borough Council workers in Llanelly in regard to their wages and at a meeting held on Friday the following resolution was passed :—

That this meeting of Llanelly Council workers instruct their district secretary to write to the special Borough Council meeting, to be held on Monday night, informing the members that the request for an increase in wages has been long delayed, and that they expect a final decision at this meeting.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 21<sup>st</sup> May 1914)

**FOUND HIS MOTHER DEAD.  
SHOCK FOR LLANELLY SON.  
FULLY DRESSED IN ARM  
CHAIR.**

A tragic discovery was made by a young man named Jenkins, residing at 59, Pembrey-road, Llanelly, on Saturday morning. Coming downstairs about six o'clock to go to work, he found his mother dead in the chair, fully dressed, which indicated she had been there all through the night. Mrs. Jenkins, who is the wife of Mr. Ben Jenkins, branch secretary of the steel smelters, seemed in her usual health on Friday. She was about 45 years of age.

(South Wales Weekly Post 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1914)

**LLANELLY LOCK-OUT.  
300 STEELWORKERS  
THROWN OUT OF  
EMPLOYMENT.**

A lock-out has taken place at the South Wales Steelworks at Llanelly as a result of a dispute with the crane-men. Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co., tendered notices to their steelworkers some weeks ago, with the result that they were on day-to-day contracts, and a further

notice was given on Saturday to the effect that operations would be suspended on Monday. About 300 men are affected.

(Llais Llafur 30<sup>th</sup> May 1914)

**ARCHDUKE FRANCIS AND  
HIS WIFE SHOT.  
REVOLVER AFTER BOMB  
FAILURE.**

The Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Throne of Austria-Hungary, and his morganatic wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated on Sunday at Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia, which State, with Herzegovina, was annexed by Austria-Hungary in 1809.

The Archduke was visiting the Bosnian capital in connection with the manoeuvres. Two attempts at assassination were made; the first failed, but the second was successful. The Archduke and his Consort were driving to the Town Hall in a motor-car when a bomb was thrown by a printer, named Cabrinovitch. The Archduke turned the bomb aside with his arm, and it fell to the ground and exploded, injuring the occupants of the next carriage, and a number of the spectators.

The procession halted for a few minutes, and then went on to the Town Hall, where an address was read by the Burgomaster. It was when the Archduke and his Consort were driving from the Town Hall to visit a victim of the earlier outrage that the second, and this time fatal, attempt was made. A student named Prinzip, nineteen years of age, fired at them with a Browning automatic pistol. Both the Archduke and his wife were wounded, and died shortly afterwards.

Both miscreants, who are Bosaians, were arrested. They had to be rescued from the crowd, which would have lynched them.

(Abergavenny Chronicle 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1914)

**Messrs. Rees and Richards. Pwll,** have secured the contract for supplying mineral waters to the Terriers camping at Pembrey. (Llanelly Star Saturday July 11, 1914)

**YOUNG WIDOW'S PLIGHT.  
STORY OF A SUDDEN THEFT  
FROM A RAILWAY  
CARRIAGE.**

Isabel Martin, 48, Spring Gardens, Burryport, was summoned at the

Llanelly Police Court on Monday for stealing from a G.W.R. carriage between Llanelly and Burryport a lady's leather handbag value 1s. 11d., containing a leather purse value 1s.; coins value 10s. 9p.; postal order value £1; penny postage stamp, handkerchief value 6d., a pair of gloves value, 1s. 3d., and a key, total value of £1 15s., the property of Rachel Phillips, 14, Glanmor-place, Burryport.

Mr. T. R. Ludford, who appeared for the prosecution, said defendant had not been long at Burryport. She previously worked at the Tin-stamping Works, and was now employed as a housekeeper.

Mrs. Rachel Phillips, Glanmor-place, Burryport, said that along with her friend, Hilda Morris, she entered the 10.30 p.m. train at Llanelly for Burryport. Defendant, whom she did not know before, was in the compartment. The porter came along to collect tickets, and witness opened her handbag which contained her purse in which she had previously placed her ticket. After having handed over her ticket she replaced her purse in the handbag which she placed on the seat. On arriving at Burryport defendant who had

been sitting opposite her got out first. Witness then proceeded to collect her parcels and found her handbag missing. Along with Hilda Morris witness went to the defendant's house and asked her if she had her handbag. She said she would not dream of taking it, and offered to come to the Police Station.

When charged, defendant, who was well-dressed, and appeared to feel her position keenly, said, "I admit taking the things. I don't know what came over me. It is a tiling I have never done before. I have never been in a place like this in my life before. I am a widow, and have one little girl, whom I have had to work hard to bring up since she was three months old. I am of respectable parentage. I worked at the Tin-stamping works for 12 months, and I took a place as housekeeper because it was a bit slack." "If you will only forgive me this time," continued the defendant, who was crying bitterly, "I promise not to do such a thing again. For my little girl sake I hope you will deal leniently with me this time."

The Presiding Magistrate [Mr. Arthur Morgan]: We are very sorry to see you before the Court on such a charge, which we

consider proved against you. We have decided not to convict you this time, but to place you on probation for 12 months, and you will have to pay 10s. towards the costs. If you are of good behaviour you will hear nothing more about this.

Defendant: Thank you very much, sir.

At Llanelly Police court on Monday, Joseph Jones, no address, was fined 5s. for allowing a horse to stray in Greenway-street; on June 30th, evidence having been given by P.C. Poyntz.

Ellis Kingsburg, George-street, was summoned for drawing a bicycle upon the footway in Stepney-street to the annoyance of passengers on Sunday, May 31st. The Bench in dismissing the case, ordered the defendant to pay 2s. 6d. towards the costs.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 14<sup>th</sup> July 1914)

#### **Lease on Stradey Ground.**

#### **MR. MANSEL LEWIS AND THE FOOTBALL CLUB.**

Mr. T. R. Mills, chairman of the Llanelly Rugby Committee, states that the negotiations with Mr. C.

W. Mansel Lewis, Stradey Castle, for an extension of the lease in respect of the Stradey Football Ground to 25 years have been successful. This means that the provisional offer made to the club by Sir Stafford and Lady Howard, of a pavilion at Stradey, can now be accepted. The pavilion is to be equipped with all the requirements of a gymnasium. Sir Stafford has intimated that he is prepared to bear the expense to the extent of £ 500. Mr. Mansel Lewis, who has for so many years granted the Rugby and Cricket clubs the use of Stradey, at a nominal rental, has by making possible the acceptance of the gift proved himself once more to be a true friend of sport.

(Llanelly Star August 1, 1914)

#### **VESSEL IN FLAMES.**

#### **Complete Loss of a Llanelly Trader.**

The Jersey ketch Lucinda, bound to Llanelly with steel filings caught fire in the English Channel, and was run ashore on the Chesil Beach with her hold and deck in flames. The crew of three had to take to a boat and watch the vessel burn.

Owing to the absence of tugs no salvage could be attempted until midnight, when the Lucinda was towed off, but sank on her way to Weymouth.

(The Amman Valley Chronicle and East Carmarthen News 6<sup>th</sup> August 1914)

#### **It Is Said**

That a local clerk had a delightful walk through Stradey Woods on Thursday evening.

That since then, he has done nothing but hum "Kind is my Mary," making himself a nuisance to his fellow scribes.

That if he knew how "Mary" was engaged on the following night, he would sing no more.

(Llanelly Star 29<sup>th</sup> August 1914)

#### **FERRYSIDE.**

With the assistance of the Rev. Evan K. Jones, Baptist minister, of Bridgend, and Mr. Joseph Morgan, of Ferryside. P.S. Beynon on Thursday arrested a German Baron at Llansaint, near Ferryside. The Baron was conveyed by the 2 p.m. train to the County Police Station, Carmarthen. The arrest caused considerable excitement and a large, but orderly, crowd witnessed the departure.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 5<sup>th</sup> September 1914)

**PUBLIC NOTICE.**

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**TSAR, KAISER AND  
EMPEROR.**

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**NEGOTIATIONS STILL  
PROCEEDING.**

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**STRICT CENSORSHIP MAKES  
THE POSITION UNCERTAIN**

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**BRITISH FLEET SAILS.**

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**THE AUSTRIAN ADVANCE  
AGAINST SERVIA.**

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**MANY KILLED.**

"The situation is one of extreme gravity."

These words, uttered by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on Wednesday afternoon fitly describe the situation.

Each of the Great Powers is taking precautions, as will be seen from the messages printed below.

There is still, however, some hope that the conflict may be confined to Austria and Servia. While it is understood that the communications which were taking place between Austria and

Russia have ceased, is believed that Germany is endeavouring to re-establish such relations between the two countries.

A strict censorship is being maintained in Vienna and St. Petersburg, which makes it extremely difficult to obtain reliable news.

The proceedings of the Powers are dealt with separately, but the military preparations may here be briefly indicated as follows:-

Mobilising,—Austria, Servia, Russia (16 out of 27 corps). Making Preparations.—Germany, France, Great Britain, Holland Belgium, Spain.

It should be explained that the partial mobilisation of the Russian forces (16 corps: 1,200,000 men) does not, it is announced, imply war between Russia and Austria-Hungary.

The mobilisation has produced an unpleasant feeling. It is announced that in the event of war the Tsar will personally take command of his troops.

The financial crisis which has arisen through the gravity of the situation was dealt with in our columns yesterday. Business was at a standstill on the London

Stock Exchange, and it is now stated that fifteen failures have already occurred and more are expected.

There has been a rise in the price of food. An advance of 1s. 6d. to 2s. per sack of flour was recorded at Liverpool yesterday, which gives a total rise of 2s. 6d. a sack since last Friday.

**GREAT BRITAIN.** The First Fleet of the British Navy left Portland Wednesday, with sealed orders, for an unknown destination. Certain movements of troops have taken place, but these (it is officially announced) are not in the nature of mobilisation, but are of a purely precautionary character.

The Admiralty have warned naval officers and men against communicating information to outsiders.

The "Times" states that the movements of troops which have taken place are for the protection of magazines, oil-reservoirs, wireless stations, and other works of public importance. These measures are partly precautionary in case of eventualities, and partly of a routine nature.

## GERMANY.

The partial mobilisation of the Russian forces has created an unpleasant impression in Germany. It is hoped, however, than an understanding may be arrived at at the last moment. A Berlin journalist suggests that if England would make her intentions clear it might be of considerable help.

Berlin.—Upon the news reaching Berlin that Russia had decided upon a partial mobilisation, a conference was I immediately called by the Kaiser, who summoned the Imperial Chancellor, the Ministers of War and Marine, the chiefs of the army and naval staffs and the Foreign Secretary.

I understand that in official circles the chance of the war being localised are regarded as less favourable, and that the outlook is considered bleak.

The Vossische Zeitung (The German Court organ) says: Russia, while negotiating diplomatically, continues the movement of troops on a somewhat extensive scale. This diminishes the chance of the war being localised.—Exchange.

### Kaiser and Tsar.

It is confirmed that the German Emperor has received a telegram from the Tsar, and it is added that this telegram crossed a telegram from the Emperor to the Tzar.

The Crown Prince arrived at Potsdam yesterday. He and the other princes now at Potsdam visited the Emperor at the Neues Palatz, remaining for an hour in conference with his Majesty.

### Proposed Punishment.

A suggestion is made in certain diplomatic quarters here that Austria-Hungary might be prepared to consider a proposal that the four Great Powers. Great Britain, France, Germany, and Italy, should formulate a plan for the "punishment" of Servia, which would satisfy the demands of Austrian prestige, and to which Servia might be induced to submit.

There is no reason to suppose that this is anything more than a suggestion which turned up in the course of conversation between the entente diplomatists.

### The Fleet

The ships of the North Sea Fleet have returned to Wilhelmshaven, and those of the Baltic Fleet, to Kiel.—Reuter.

## RUSSIA.

Renter's St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs:

It is probable that in the event of war the Tsar will take the supreme command of of the Russian forces.

His Majesty will have as his seconds in command the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaevitch and the Minister of War, General Sukhomlinoff.

The cadets at the Naval School were yesterday promoted to the rank of officers in the presence of the Tsar.

### Tsar and Cadets.

His Majesty subsequently addressed the cadets, his words being received with a storm of enthusiastic cheers.

He said:

"I have given orders that you should be incorporated in the army in view of the serious events through which Russia is at present passing.

"During your service as officers do not forget what I say to you: "Trust in God and have faith in the glory and greatness of our mighty country."

Circulars have been issued by the maritime administration announcing that the lightships at Libau, Luseror and Sarytscheff

have been removed from their stations, and the Renscher lighthouse and Roengrund and Smultrongrund lights have been extinguished.

Near Sevastopol all lights except the Khersonese lights have been extinguished. Entrance to Sevastopol during the night is prohibited.—Reuter.

### Massing of Troops.

A partial mobilisation of Russian troops in the south and south-west was ordered on Tuesday night. This by no means implies a rupture of relations between Austria-Hungary and Russia; and it is hoped that some European Power will succeed in bringing about an understanding between those States. The Russian mobilisation was confined to the military districts of Kieff, Odessa, Moscow and Kazan. In each district are four army corps on the peace footing. Mobilisation converts the 16 army corps into 32.

It is to be remarked that the mobilisation affects the Austrian and not the German frontier. Kazan is the central district from which reserves are drawn for the western border.—Reuter.

### "Prepare for War."

Berlin. - A St Petersburg message to a Berlin newspaper states that Prince Trubetskoi, chief of the Near Eastern Department of the Russian Foreign Office, stated yesterday that the situation has reached its most dangerous point since the beginning of the crisis.

All the members of the Crown Council have advised the Tsar to prepare for war.

**AUSTRIA.** The strict censorship prevailing makes it difficult to say exactly what is going on. The movements of the Austrian troops are reported amongst the late telegrams.

There are about 12,000 Austrian reservists in England, many being waiters and tailors. Several hundred got free tickets home from the Consulate yesterday. A number of ladies volunteered for nursing duty. About 750 Austrians have embarked at Grimsby during the past few days. As reported yesterday, the Russian Government has been officially informed that Austria-Hungary will respect the territorial integrity of Serbia, and that she is even desirous of abstaining from occupying Belgrade.

A large number of retired British officers have applied to the Servian Legation for service with the army.

**FRANCE.** President Poincare returned to France yesterday, accompanied by M. Rene Viviani, the Premier. The President's home-coming was made the occasion of a great patriotic demonstration by hundreds of thousands of Parisians.

The army authorities are continuing to take precautions. There are now on the eastern frontier six army corps fully ready to move. These corps are composed of 240,000 men, which, with the likely reservists that can be mobilised at once, would form a strength of 300,000 men all ready on the frontier on the first day of the mobilisation.

At all the railway lines from Paris to the eastern frontier the tunnels and bridges are being guarded by soldier.

All the aeroplane factories are guarded by armed soldiers, and an order has been issued to the aeroplane manufacturers prohibiting them from delivering any aeroplanes to private customers.

M. Messimy, Minister of War, has received a letter signed by 16 of

the best known French aviators offering to place themselves and their aeroplanes at the disposal of the military authorities in the event of mobilisation. It is generally expected that the next move of the Government will be to recall to the colours the contingent of men who completed their period of active military service last year, which would mean an addition of 200,000 men to the present strength of the army.

**ROUMANIA.** The position of Roumania is critical in view of the possibility of a collision between Russia and the Dual Monarchy. As present King Carol's Government still considers Roumania to be the guardian of the Treaty of Bukarest, and although no news of any mobilisation has as yet reached London, it is stated (says the "Times") that military measures have been taken along the line of the Danube and the Dobrudja frontier.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 30<sup>th</sup> July 1914)

### WHAT THE VILLAGES ARE DOING.

A correspondent writes :—The little village of Five Roads has supplied 20 men for the war. Two

are with the North Sea Fleet, two are serving with General French at the front, and the remainder have joined Kitchener's Army. Now, wake up, Felinfoel!

(Llanelly Star 5<sup>th</sup> September 1914)

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Pemberton Tinplate Co., Ltd.  
Gorse Galvanizing Co., Ltd.  
St. David's Tinplate Co. Ltd.

Llanelly Steel Co., Ltd.  
Richard Nevill and Co., Ltd.  
Thomas and Clement Ltd.  
Nevill, Druce and Co.  
Llanelly Harbour Trust.  
Trimsaran Co., Ltd., Colliery  
Proprietors  
Western Tinsplate Co., Ltd.  
The Welsh Tinsplate and Metal  
Stamping Co., Ltd.  
Old Lodge Tinsplate Co., Ltd.  
Williams, Davies and Co., Timber  
Merchants.  
Buckley's Brewery Ltd.  
Glanmor Foundry Co., Ltd.  
Bynea Steel Works Ltd.  
Dafen Tinsplate Co., Ltd.

I shall be very much obliged, if you will kindly find space for this letter in your current issue.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY W. SPOWART,

Hon. Sec. Soldiers, Sailors and  
Territorials Association.

Llanelly House, Llanelly, Sept.  
2nd, 1914.

(Llanelly Star 5<sup>th</sup> September 1914)

**IN STRADEY WOODS-  
WOMAN'S STORY OF A  
STRUGGLE WITH PWLL BOY.  
WATCHING THE GERMANS.**

At the Llanelly Police Court on Monday, William James Nicholls (17), Stradey Hill, Pwll was charged on remand with an attempted indecent assault on Elizabeth Thomas on September 9th.

Detective Sergeant Hodge Lewis gave evidence of arrest.

Elizabeth Thomas stated that on Wednesday afternoon last she started for a walk with a little girl three years old. She took the electric car to Pwll, and then proceeded to Stradey, Woods, where, after walking for five minutes, she saw a man lying on the ground. He was looking through field glasses, which he dropped as she approached.

**A Struggle.**

He then got up and caught hold of her, after which he tried to trip her and to place a red handkerchief over her face. There was a struggle, and she struck him until she got free from his grasp. After going a little distance, she looked around to see if he was following, and she found that he was running after her. She picked up the baby in her arms, and kept running until she got out of the wood on the Cwmbach side, where she met two men, to whom she made a

complaint. She was in a fainting condition, and after they got her some water she returned with them through the wood, where they searched for the defendant without success.

Bertie Beer, tailor, West View-terrace, said that on Wednesday last he went for a walk through Stradey Woods. At the entrance to the woods at Cwmbach he met the previous witness, who was sitting down and seemed to be in an exhausted state. He asked her what was the matter, and she said she had been attacked by a man in Stradey Woods. Along with a friend and Elizabeth, Thomas a search was made for the defendant, but they failed to find him.

**Watching the Germans.**

W. Thomas, dock labourer, 31, Crooked-row, said that on Wednesday last he was taking a walk through Stradey Woods when he heard a shout. He thought there were a number of boys playing, but on looking in the direction he only saw the defendant, who after seeing him crept around a tree. Defendant was carrying a glass, which, after witness had passed, he put up to his eyes and looked after him. Defendant shouted, "The Germans

are camping on top of the bank, and I am with the General." He appeared to be excited.

Defendant said he went up the woods for a walk, and was returning when he looked around to see if anyone was coming. He saw no one. and then went a little way off the path. Later Elizabeth Thomas came on the scene, and when he saw she was looking at him he took his handkerchief out to wipe his glasses. After he had finished cleaning the glass he went home straight.

The Presiding Magistrate (Sir Stafford Howard) addressing the police said. "We suggest that the case should be tried as one of common assault, in which case we can deal with it here instead of its having to be sent to the Assizes."

**A Reduced Charge.**

Supt. Jones Said he was prepared to have the charge reduced to one of common assault.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to the amended charge.

Replying to the Bench, Mr. Nicholls said that the defendant was working as a moulder in the cold rolls department at the Old Castle Works.

The Presiding Magistrate: The Bench regard it as a serious case,

and they have' decided to inflict a fine of £ 1 and costs. The father should take steps to keep more control over the defendant, because if such a thing happens again he will be dealt with very severely. He should be thankful that he has been dealt with in the way he has to-day.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader September 15, 1914)

#### SAD FATALITY AT PWLL

Mr. J W. Nicholas conducted an inquest yesterday concerning the death of Hilda Victoria Taylor (17), daughter of Mr. Harry Taylor, Rhandirgroes, Pwll. Evidence was given that deceased was attending to her household duties, and while reaching over the fireplace her pinafore got ignited, and she was soon enveloped in flames. Her mother, after unsuccessfully trying to tear away the burning/garments, threw water over her, and then applied flour and oil to the burns. Dr. J. L. Davies ordered the girl's removal to the hospital, where she died. A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> September 1914)

#### PWLL.

At the Llanelly Police Court on Monday, William James Nicholls (17), Stradey Hill, Pwll, was charged on remand with an attempted indecent assault on Elizabeth Thomas on September 9th.

The Presiding Magistrate: The Bench regard it as a serious case, and they have decided to inflict a fine of £1 and costs. The father should take steps to keep more control over the defendant, because if such a thing happens again he will be dealt with very severely.' He should be thankful that he has been dealt with in the way he has to-day.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 19<sup>th</sup> September 1914)

#### ST. CLEARS.

At Llanelly on Monday a woman named Catherine Jane Williams was charged with stealing a gold diamond ring, value £ 10, the property of Mrs. Buckley-Roderick, Goodig, Burryport.

Mrs. Buckley-Roderick. Goodig, Burryport, said she employed the defendant on October 8th and 9th to do some house-cleaning at Goodig. On the 9th she did some cleaning in a dress-room upstairs, and on the 10th witness made a

search and found that a ring was missing. Defendant was hound over for two years under probation.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouth Recorder 17<sup>th</sup> October 1914)

#### THE GRAIG "SPY." (Tipperary).

There's a mystery on the mountain top just above the Pwll,

Where a 'hut' has been erected by a wicked unknown fool;

The lads soon smelt a foreign scout and looked towards the sky,

Then whispered to each other, boys, we're tracked, a "German spy."

It's a long way to "oed y Penrhyn," it's a long way to go,

It's a long way to "Penrhyn Harris," But there we'll meet the foe;

Good-bye Mr. Haggar, farewell "Clark's the man,"

We are marching off to "Craig y Penllech," catch a spy we can.

MEL.

(Llanelly Star 24<sup>th</sup> October 1914)

#### FURNACE COUNCIL SCHOOL.

The above school will be opened on Monday next, October 26th, at 9.30 a.m. Mr. W. B. Jones, J.P. (member of the County Education Authority), and Mr. Henry John (chairman of Managers), will address the scholars. Parents are I heartily invited to be present.

(Llanelly Star 24<sup>th</sup> October 1914)

**'THE INTERNATIONAL'**  
STEPNEY STREET, LLANELLY.

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**J. MARKER**

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Begs to inform his numerous customers and the public generally, that he has received notice to leave the above shop immediately (owing to the premises having been taken over by another firm, not in the same line of business) and he takes this opportunity of thanking them for the patronage extended to him at "The International" for nearly 30 years and hopes to still merit the continuance of their support at his other branch shops, viz. :-

**"Our Boys,"**  
CO-WELL STREET, and

**"Oriental,"**  
VAUGHAN STREET.

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**Dog, Poultry & Bird Food**

Which his customers have been accustomed to purchase at "The International," may still be obtained at "Our Boys" and "Oriental."

Also the **WHOLESALE TRADE** will be transferred to these shops.

## **Contract for Steel Bars.**

### **DAMAGES AWARDED TO LLANELLY STEEL COMPANY.**

Mr. Justice Bailhache in the King's Division on Wednesday heard an action by the Llanelly Steel Co. (1907), Ltd., against Thomas Bowen and Co., tinplate manufacturers, of Burry Port, for £1,011 damages for alleged breach of contract to take 952 tons of steel bars. Plaintiff alleged that defendant took part of the contract, but refused the remainder. Defendants admitted liability as to 500 tons but disputed the price to be paid.

Mr. George Bowen, partner in the defendant firm, said the requirements of his firm were from 180 to 200 tons of steel bars per week. They did not deliver that amount.

His Lordship observed that he was aware of the manner that class of business was conducted in South Wales. He had no doubt the defendants were anxious to get as much of the contract as possible from plaintiffs because their contracts were favourable. But he had to consider the fact that defendants had contracts with other firms, and could have made up their requirements from them.

After hearing arguments his Lordship found for plaintiffs as to 952 tons at 7/6 a ton, viz. £357 and costs.

Mr. A. Roche, K.C., and Mr. Clarke Williams (instructed by Mr. F. N. Powell, solicitor, Llanelly), appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Inskip, K.C., and Mr. Pease (instructed by Messrs Meager and Harris, solicitors, Swansea) represented the defendants.

Llanelly Star 14<sup>th</sup> November 1914)

### **PEMBREY DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL TO DEEPEN AND WIDEN THE OLD HARBOUR**

#### **EMPLOYMENT FOR 1,000 MEN.**

A special meeting of the Burry Port, Urban Council was held to consider application from a prominent company, for permission to lay a railroad across the road near Derwydd.

The Surveyor explained that he had been in 'communication with the firm's representative, who explained to him that permission was wanted to lay the rails across the road west of the Ashburnham Tin Works. They had proposed to

submit plans to the meeting. Since the application was made it had been discovered that the piece of land had been leased to Messrs. Thos. Bowen and Co. of the Ashburnham Tin Works. Last night he received a wire stating they were unable to send the plans, and that there were difficulties in the way of constructing the proposed railway. Later he had an interview with the contractor, who asked for the Council's permission, to cross the road at either side of the Ashburnham Tin Works.

It was unanimously decided to give the necessary permission.

Mr. R. G. Thomas pointed out the importance of safeguarding the public in the district. If these proposed works developed, the traffic will increase, and it might be in, days to come similar to Dyfatty Crossing. He thought that a clause should be inserted that if it is found necessary that gates or footbridge be erected.

Ultimately it was decided that the Clerk ask the firm for the terms they proposed to submit.

#### **Employment for 1,000 Men.**

With reference to the proposal to erect a large important works at Pembrey, a representative of the "Leader" waited on Mr. J. Havard

Williams, who informed him that the firm's engineers had been down, and had taken levels, measurements, etc. Mr. Williams added that he had been informed unofficially, that in the event of the firm erecting the works, employment would be found for 1000 men and that this would mean an addition of 5000 people to the place. The firm would also require 1,000,000 gallons of water daily. There would be plenty of water available by pumping the Craigton, and by making a reservoir.

It is also stated locally that the firm will expend thousands of pounds in making the old Pembrey Harbour into a new and up-to-date harbour, so that the biggest ships will be able to come and take the article manufactured away. The engineers who have been down will make an estimate of the cost, and prepare a report to show which is the best and cheapest method, viz., making the Pembrey harbour up-to-date, or shipping at the present Burryport Docks, and making a branch from the present Burryport and Gwendraeth Valley Railway to the Pembrey Harbour.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader December 1,  
1914)

## **PWLL BOY'S PROMOTION.**

We are very pleased to learn of the success in Kitchener's Army of Sidney Vincent Rees, son of Mr. J. Hughes-Rees, mineral water manufacturer, of the Woodlands, Pwll. 'Sidney' is an old "Star" boy, and served on our staff as reporter before joining the colours last August. Enlisting in the Royal Field Artillery as driver, he has now been made Bombardier, and is attached to the Brigade office as shorthand-typist to the Commanding Officer (Col. Chance) of the 69th Brigade, R.F.A., in Bulford Camp, Battalion Welsh Regiment:— W. D. Salisbury Plain.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> December 1914)

## **MR. BASSETT'S DREAM. NOW TO BE REALIZED.**

At last the proposed new road from Pwll to Cwmbach is about to be constructed. A meeting of the ratepayers held at Pwll on Tuesday last, with Mr. Isaac Davies in the chair, decided unanimously to carry out the scheme which Mr. William Bassett has so persistently advocated. The squire of Stradey has generously presented piece of

land sufficient for a 20ft. road, a gift which will be much appreciated by the whole neighbourhood.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> December 1914)

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## **Floods Stop Collieries**

At the meeting of the Main Roads Council, a letter was read from the Llanelly Rural District Council complaining of the flooding of a road in the neighbourhood of Ponthenry.

Mr. W. N. Jones said that in the neighbourhood of Pontyberem 40 or 50 men working at three different collieries were unable to go to their work. He would point out that that was a loss to the rateable value of the county, for the rateable value was calculated on the number of tons turned out. The flooding of the road was a loss to the colliery company, to the royalty owners, and to the colliers.

Mr. Drummond moved that the matter be left to a committee to deal with, such committee to have full power to do the work if they

decided on a scheme which would not cost more than £60.

This was agreed to.

(Llanelly Star 9<sup>th</sup> January 1915)

## **LIT FIRE WITH PETROL Compensation Proceedings Follow Ferryside Fatality,**

The death of a domestic servant named Laura Humphreys, from burns, at Ferryside, had a sequel before his Honour Judge Lloyd Morgan, K.C., at the Carmarthen County Court, on Friday, when a claim under the Workmen's Compensation Act was made by James Humphreys, Brigstocke terrace, Ferryside (the girl's father) against Dr. and Mrs. Stephens, Glanyrafon, Ferryside.

The girl, who was a servant at Glanyrafon was burnt to death by using petrol to light the fire, and the question at issue, was whether the fatality arose in the course of her employment. A sum of £25 had been paid into court with the denial of liability, and the sum was now accepted. The judge entered judgment by consent I for £25.

Mr. T. R. Ludford, Llanelly, appeared for claimant, and Mr. W. D. Williams, Carmarthen, for defendants.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 9<sup>th</sup> January 1915)

## **MET AGAIN AT THE FRONT.**

Llanelly Man and the Horse He used to Drive.

What must be regarded as a unique experience is that described by Driver Patrick Murphy, a Llanelly Irishman, just returned wounded from the front. Before the war Murphy was employed by Mr. Protheroe, Penygaer, a well-known local haulage contractor, as a haulier. When the call came he joined the artillery, and was in time to take part in the fighting at Mons and the retreat that followed. At Armentieres his division ran short of horses, and a new supply came up from the base. Judge of his surprise when he found that the steed allotted to him was the one that he used to drive about the streets of Llanelly. The recognition appeared to be mutual, the faithful and intelligent animal showing every sign of pleasure at being again with its old master. But, alas the reunion was not fated to be of long duration. A few days afterwards heavy fighting took place, the British lines being fiercely bombarded. A

lyddite shell came whizzing through the air and killed the horse, one of the splinters causing a nasty gash on Murphy's forehead. He is now making a good recovery.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 21<sup>st</sup> January 1915)

### **BURRY PORT COUNCIL.**

#### **Soldiers to be Billeted in the Town**

At the monthly meeting of the Burry-port Urban Council, Mr. F. J. Morgan presiding,

The Chairman stated that Colonel French and other officers had come to Burryport last week with a view of getting 617 soldiers and 45 officers billeted there to undergo a course of training with field artillery on the Pembrey Burrows.

The question of the Joint Isolation Hospital was also discussed, and it was decided that as many of the Councillors as could go should visit the selected spot on Tuesday, the 19th inst. The Clerk explained that the cost to Burryport would be based on rateable values and not on population.

The Clerk submitted his report on his interview with the manager of

the South Wales Motor Company Mr. David James, Swansea, in which Mr. James said that several of their cars had been taken possession of by the War Office, and owing to the war they could not get new ones built, but they were considering the question of running a steam 'bus from Swansea to Llanelly and Burryport. The matter was deferred.

Dr. J. H. Williams was elected the representative of the Burryport Urban Council on the Cardiff University Board of Governors.

The question of the new sewerage scheme was discussed at length, and the Surveyor stated that he would be able to invite tenders for the work in about a month.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 21<sup>st</sup> January 1915)

### **LANDLORDS AND THE WAR.**

#### **Llanelly Protest Against Higher Rents.**

Llanelly and District Labour Association passed the following resolution at the last meeting: — "That this Association learns with regret that a few house-owners in this district are raising rents,

using the plea that they have to pay an increased income tax as a result of the war. The delegates are of the opinion that these particular owners are acting in a very unpatriotic manner in thus trying to shift their share of the war tax on to those who are paying increased prices for all they need out of wages, which in pre-war times gave in the majority of cases only a meagre living."

(Amman Valley Chronicle 28<sup>th</sup> January 1915)

### **KIDWELLYITE ON CANOPUS.**

#### **Her Part in the Fight.**

Mr. John Charles Evans, a Kidwelly boy, who is on board H.M.S. Canopus, writes home to his mother, Mrs. Evans, Greyhound House, and, to his brother, Mr. Win. Evans, Lady-street, saying that he does not often get the chance of writing and then there is the difficulty of getting the letters off.

Continuing, he says:- "I am all right, so don't worry. I expect you have read of the battle off Port Stanley, Falkland Island. We saw the Germans off in grand style.

We had hard lines in not being right in the fight; the only thing we did was to fire a couple of shots over the hill at them to keep them off."

Mr. Evans, who is over six feet, is a naval reserve man, and was for some time in the Llanelly Police Force.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 28<sup>th</sup> January 1915)

### **"SHIR GAR'S" LOYALTY.**

The Carmarthenshire men in Cardiff are somewhat perturbed relative to complaints made that Carmarthenshire has not responded well to the recruiting call. The fact seems to be that the county recruited itself bare before the suggestion for a Welsh Army Corps was put forward. It is certainly a fact that Llanelly has sent her best to the Welsh regiments, and whole villages are denuded of their youth, while farmers find the greatest difficulty in finding labourers, old-age pensioners and boys being engaged.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 28<sup>th</sup> January 1915)

## PEMBREY.

Mr Justice Atkins played several rounds of golf on the Pembrey links. He was accompanied by Mr Morton Evans, High Sheriff, and Mr W.W. Brodie, under-Sheriff. The famous judge immensely enjoyed the game, and spoke very highly of the Pembrey links.

A special meeting of the Burryport members of the Pembrey Group of School Managers was held at the Old Copper Works School to consider the application received from Messrs. Walter Scott and Middleton, the contractors who are erecting new works for Messrs. Nobel and Co. He stated that he required the school buildings to convert them into a barracks to accommodate more than 500 of his workmen. He pointed out that he could not obtain men as there was no lodging accommodation for them. Mr Middleton and the managers inspected the schools, consisting of five class-rooms and about an acre of land. - In reply to Mr Middleton's question regarding terms, the managers said they would leave it to his honour. - Mr Middleton promised to write to Clerk of the Managers immediately that a decision had

been come to in regard to the matter.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 30<sup>th</sup> January 1915)

## FERRYSIDE DEATH.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Evan Lewis, Penlan Farm, Ferryside, which took place on Monday last. Mr. Lewis was in his 69th year, and had been ailing during the past 18 months, but had only been confined to his bed a fortnight. Deceased was liked by all that came in contact with him, and highly respected. He was a faithful member of Bethania (C.M.) Chapel, where his presence will be greatly missed. We extend our deepest sympathy to the widow and her children. The funeral takes place on Friday, at 1 p.m., for Ferryside Cemetery.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 5<sup>th</sup> February 1915)

## *TOO LATE for CLASSIFICATION.*

HOUSE TO LET in Beach Road,  
near Pwll.

Apply, Charles, Penllech, Pwll.

(Llanelly Star, February 6, 1915)

## Admiralty Work for Llanelly

### ORDERS NOW IN HAND.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago representatives of the principal engineering works in South Wales paid a visit to the War Office with a view to obtaining a share of the work in connection with the present extensive manufacture of armaments.

As the result of this visit Messrs. Vickers Ltd. (the builders of the 'Lion,' the 'Tiger' and other modern battleships) sent their representative to Llanelly and other South Wales towns, with the object of inspecting the various works, the outcome of which being an invitation from Messrs. Vickers asking that representatives of The Glanmor Foundry, Co., Ltd.; Messrs. Thomas and Clement, Ltd., Llanelly; and Messrs Taylor and Sons, Ltd., Briton Ferry, should run up to their Erith Works and inspect the class of work which they were prepared to give out.

The heads of these works accordingly visited Erith, where they were most courteously received and entertained by the principals of Messrs. Vickers, and a most interesting day was spent in an inspection of their shops,

where big guns and other similar work was in progress. The extent of the works prevented the possibility of inspecting the whole of the premises, which have been very much increased to meet the present demands upon their resources.

Following this visit, an order for important work for battleships has been placed with the firms above named, and we think it speaks well for Llanelly that we have in our midst firms who have the energy and resource to engage in work of this description.

We understand that the orders run into several thousands of pounds, and that they are now in hand.

(Llanelly Star 27<sup>th</sup> February 1915)

**WANTED**, a strong **ERRAND BOY** ; clean, respectable, able to ride bicycle. Apply, James, butcher, The Market.

**WANTED**, immediately. **OFFICE BOY**, Apply, The Llanelli and District Lighting and Traction Co., Ltd., Cowell Street.

**WANTED**, **CLERK** for Weighbridge Office. Salary 15s. to 20s. Apply by letter onlt to Batchelor and Co., Ltd., Nevills Dock.

(Llanelly Star 6<sup>th</sup> March 1915)

**Advertisement:**

**PEMBREY.**

**IMPORTANT SALE OF BUSINESS PREMISES.**

**Mr T. HAVARD WILLIAMS, A.A.I.,**

Is instructed to offer for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION at the COMMERCIAL ARMS INN, PEMBREY, on TUESDAY, MARCH 9th, 1915, at 7 p.m. (subject to Conditions of Sale to be then and there produced), the following Well built LEASEHOLD PREMISES, viz.:—

**HOUSE AND SHOP**

Situate at ASHBURNHAM ROAD, PEMBREY, in the occupation of Mr. Dd. Williams, Grocer. The Property is held under a lease granted by the Earl of Ashburnham for a term of 99 years from the 24th June, 1899, at the low annual Ground Rent of £1 10s.

The Premises have a frontage to the main road in Pembrey, and contain a commodious Shop and Dwelling-house, with usual Offices. There is also a good Stable.

The Auctioneer desires to call the special attention of intending buyers to the rare opportunity now afforded of acquiring Business Premises splendidly situated for trade purposes.

For further particulars apply to the Auctioneer, at his Offices, 86, Elkington Road, Burry Port; or to

**J. LEWIS PHILLIPS, Esq., Solicitor, Llanelly and Burry Port.**

**PWLL FARMER FINED £5.**

At Llanelly on Wednesday Henry Hughes, Penuwch Farm, Pwll. was summoned for selling adulterated milk on the 21st February. Inspector Jones said that one of the samples he took contained 21 per cent. of added water, and the other 14 per cent.

added water, with 20 per cent. fat deficiency. Defendant stated he did not put any water in the milk unless there was a little drop of water in the can when he emptied the milk into it. A fine of £ 5 was imposed.

(Cambria Daily Leader 18<sup>th</sup> March 1915)

**A THIEF TO CATCH A THIEF**

Nine months' imprisonment was the sentence passed at Carmarthenshire Quarter Sessions yesterday upon Wm. Williams, an employe of the Llanelly and Mynydd Mawr Railway Company upon a charge of stealing a quantity of goods in transit, the property of the Great Western Railway Company.

Williams, it was stated, frequently signed for goods as "open and pilfered." Inquiries were made, and Williams was employed to find out who was the offender, and detectives who subsequently came down found it was Williams himself. Williams pleaded guilty to stealing several of the articles, but said he was charged with goods he had never taken.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 10<sup>th</sup> April 1915)

**New Road to Cille.**

At the meeting of the Roads Committee on Wednesday evening, a plan was submitted by Messrs. George Mercer and Son for laying out a new road from the top end of New road across to Cille. It would be only 30 feet wide in some parts. If the full 40 feet was insisted upon, it would mean, the Deputy surveyor explained, that the stream would have to be culverted. It was

proposed that unclimbable fencing should be fixed here.

The Deputy Mayor said that this scheme came before the Council in 1908 and was then refused. He did not know whether the circumstances had now changed. Mr. Mercer was anxious to provide work for his masons and carpenters.

Ald. H. D. Rees: We have heard that kind of plea before when we have been asked to depart from our regulations and bye-laws.

Mr. J. Walter Thomas asked what would become of this proposal when the new railway came to be made. It would pass close by this spot.

After further discussion, it was decided on the suggestion of Mr. Dan Williams that the committee meet Mr. Mercer on the site.

(Llanelly Star 17<sup>th</sup> April 1915)

**LLANELLY BANDMASTER'S FATAL BURNS.**

Joseph Richards, Pantglas, Capel Isha, died at the Llanelly Hospital to-day as the result, of extensive burns, sustained whilst following

his employment as a gaffman at the Bynea Steel Works. Deceased, who was a member of the Llanelly Town Band, was engaged last Friday in cleaning the flue of a furnace, when he became enveloped in flames. He was removed to the hospital, where, as already stated, he died to-day.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1915)

### FERRYSIDE

**IMPROVEMENT** - On Monday, 26th ult., the Ferry crossing over the River Towy was taken over by a new firm. A motor-boat has already arrived, and will ply to and from Llanstephan. An additional boat is to be used to convey passengers to and from Carmarthen. This will prove to be a public benefit, and an immense improvement upon the old-fashioned slow method.

**FROM THE FRONT.**—News is anxiously awaited from our boys at the front. They were with the 1st Welsh in the great action on Hill 60. A letter has been received from A.C. Wm. Evans, who is at the Dardanelles.

(The Carmarthen Journal And South Wales Weekly Advertiser 7<sup>th</sup> May 1915)

### Money in Old Tins. LLANELLY FIRM AND GERMAN PATENTS.

Mr. Herbert William Robinson, a director of Messrs. Batchelor and Co., Ltd., of Llanelly, gave evidence in the Patents Court on Friday in opposition to the application of the Vulcan Iron and Metal Works, Hayes, Middlesex, of three German de-tinning patents for separating steel, sheet iron, and tin from the waste product of old tin cans collected by the refuse carts of municipal corporations.

Mr. Robinson said his firm had a right by arrangement with the patentees, Goldschmidt and Weber, of Essen, to one of the processes, covered by these patents, and he asked that an exclusive licence should not be given to the applicants, because the Llanelly firm intended themselves to apply for these patents. They provided for a process by which, under hydraulic pressure, chlorine gas was applied to the compressed tins, and the process yielded an iron perfectly de-tinned, and with a fine, smooth, grey surface, which did not easily rust. The tin chloride resulting was worth £80 a ton, and there were bye-products useful in the chemical dye industries of which so much had

been heard recently. His firm was able to provide capital to any extent to go on with the chlorine manufacture. There was money in discarded sardine tins.

The Controller of Patents (Mr. Temple Franks) said the Board of Trade would not grant an exclusive licence to Mr. March, so that Messrs. Batchelor and Co. might also apply for the process, but he should recommend that Mr. March be given a licence. The Board of Trade would report in due course.

(Llanelly Star 15<sup>th</sup> May 1915)

### BURRYPORT.

The many friends of Miss Essie Mortimer, formerly of Burryport, will be glad to hear that she has been successful in passing the final examination in the nursing institute at Burnley.

At St. Mary's Church, the Rev. J. W. Hughes, B.A., officiating, Mr. David John Brace, son of Mr. Brace, Goodig Farm, Burryport, was married to Miss Mary Hilde, eldest daughter of Mr. Morris Hilde, foreman, Burryport Urban Council. The bride was given away by her father. There were a number of useful presents.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouth Recorder 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1915)

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A Lubin Masterpiece in Two Reels		
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### LODGING HOUSE STRUGGLE

John Hayes (44), labourer, Burry Port, was charged with maliciously wounding George McDonald, another Burry port workman, on June 15th. Mr Mervyn Howell (instructed by Mr. Leslie Williams, solicitor), appeared for the prosecution.

Prosecutor and prisoner stayed at the Copper Works School lodging house, Burry Port. McDonald stated that when he returned to the lodging house about 10 p.m. on June 15th, Hayes was quarrelling with another man and

he went between them. Later on, in the bedroom, witness told accused to go to bed, whereupon Hayes seized the witness by the collar and, after a struggle, stabbed him with a pocket knife.

Prisoner was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment with hard labour.

(Llanelly Star 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1915)

### LLANELLY

At Llanelly, on Wednesday, Rachel Davies, Stepney-road, Pwll, was granted an order against David Evans, Tymelyn, Llandefeilog, in respect of her child. Defendant is a collier working at Ponthenry.

(Cambria Daily Leader 5<sup>th</sup> August 1915)

### PEMBREY.

An accident took place at the Pembrey explosive works, when one of the workmen employed by Messrs. Scott and Middleton fell into the mortar mill and was badly crashed. Dr. Vincent Williams was quickly in attendance. The injured man was removed to the Llanelly Hospital.

A man who lodged at one of the Pembrey huts was knocked down by a motor car near the

Ashburnham Hotel. A young soldier named Christopher Lewis assisted the injured man to the hotel. After being attended to by Dr. Vincent Williams, he was taken to the Llanelly Hospital.

At the monthly meeting of the Pembrey school managers it was unanimously decided to recommend to the Carmarthen, shire Education Authority Miss Rose Groom for the post of head teacher at the Copper Works School, and Miss Bowser as head teacher of the Pinged School.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder August 7, 1915)

**WANTED**, Immediately, Two or Three experienced DRAYMEN. - Felinfoel Brewery Co.Ltd.

**WANTED**, experienced HOUSEMAID. - Mrs. Dr. Evans, Goring Place

(Llanelly Star 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1915)

### PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED.

David Charles and Thomas Bowen, and Thomas Evans and Joseph Evans, carrying on business as the Panthowell Colliery Co.. at Pwll, near Llanelly, colliery proprietors, dissolved by mutual consent from August 14th.

(Cambria Daily Leader 1<sup>st</sup> September 1915)

**W. J. THOMAS**  
Jeweller and Silversmith,  
NOW OPENED at his NEW PREMISES  
**Exchange Buildings,**  
WITH A LARGE STOCK OF  
WATCHES, CHAINS, BANGLES, GOLD AND DIAMOND  
RINGS, FANCY JEWELLERY, etc.  
HIGHEST QUALITY. LOWEST PRICES  
**Exchange Buildings, Llanelly.**

### MANGLED IN MACHINERY Pottery Printer Killed at Llanelly.

A fatal accident occurred at the South, Wales Pottery, Llanelly, on Wednesday morning. S. Stringer, who was employed at the Pottery as a printer, was attending to some machinery when his clothing got entangled in a strap, with the result that he was badly mangled before he could be extricated.

Deceased was a married man, who came to the town from Stoke about 3 months ago. He was 45 years of age, and lodged at Pottery-place.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader 8<sup>th</sup> September 1915)

### PEMBREY.

Yesterday morning the driver of a goods train on the Great Western Railway noticed the body of a soldier in uniform on the up line

near the old Ashburnham crossing, Pembrey. On reaching Kidwelly he advised the railway authorities, who at one communicated with Burryport. P.S. Mitchelmore was soon on the spot, and found the body badly mutilated. He had it conveyed to the mortuary at Pembrey, and finding that the man belonged to the Second 5th Welsh Regiment, he communicated with the military authorities, with the result that the body was identified as that of Private Robert Stephens, a single man, who resided at De Winton-terrace, Llwynypia.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader September 15, 1915)

### CAPT. HUME RODERICK HOME.

Capt. Hume Roderick of the 4th Welsh arrived home at Goodig on Thursday, and was cordially received by his numerous friends. Owing to illness, this popular officer was not able to participate in the fighting at the Dardanelles, being laid up in hospital at Malta. Later on he was conveyed to Osborne Hospital, Isle of I Wight, where we are glad to say, he made a good recovery.

(Llanelly Star 25- September 1915)

## WOUNDED AND MISSING.

The list of casualties from the Dardanelles published to-day includes the name of Lieut. Alan Roderick as wounded and missing. He is the son of Mrs. Roderick and the late Colonel Buckley Roderick and prior to the war was on the staff of the Llanelly Steel Co.

(Llanelly Star 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1915)

## ALL FROM LLANELLY.

The death is reported from dysentery at Alexandria Hospital of "Private F. Davies, a married man, residing at Wern-road, Llanelly. He has a sister, Mrs. Evans, 17, Nevill-street. Deceased worked at the Burry Works, and belonged to the 8th Welsh (Pioneers).

## WOUNDED

Private Brin Williams, New-buildings, Long-row, Llanelly is in hospital at Rouen with a wounded leg.

## MISSING

Private H. Davies, 1/4th Welsh, Millbrook House, Swanfield-plaoe, Llanelly, has been officially reported missing, after an engagement which took place on August 8th.

## INVALIDED

Rev. Evan Mathews, a Llanelly chaplain has been invalided home from the Dardanelles.

(South Wales Weekly Post 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1915)

### *Prepaid Advertisements*

OLD English Sheep Dog (Kennels Pedigree) Bitch Puppies for Sale, 15/- each; few Adults, very cheap. Approval.—Evans, Macnamara, Ponthenry, Llanelly.

COCKERELS for Sale. White Wyandottes and White Leg-horns, from Tom Barron and Simmon Hunter; all March, 1915, hatched; bred from the finest laying strains; price, 5s. each. Also Buff Orpington Cockerels, from William Cook; price, 5s. each.—Thomas T. Jones, 46, Wernoleu Road, Hopkinstown, near Ammanford, South Wales.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 7<sup>th</sup> October 1915)

### **Increase of Drunkenness in Carmarthenshire.**

#### **CHIEF CONSTABLE'S REPORT**

The quarterly report of the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Picton Philipps), pointing out an increase

of 61 cases in drunkenness as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, gave rise to an interesting discussion at a quarterly meeting of the Carmarthenshire Standing Joint Committee at Carmarthen on Tuesday, Mr. Dudley Drummond presiding.

The Chief Constable explained that the increased drunkenness was principally at Pembrey and Llanelly, especially at Pembrey, and it was entirely due to the influx of population. It comprised a large number of navvies, a large proportion of whom went up to Llanelly and increased the drunkenness. Mr. Thomas Jones (Llanelly) said it was only fair to Llanelly to point out that they were not Llanelly people. Mr. Mervyn Peel (Danyrallt) suggested that the non-treating order recently applied to the Metropolitan area should be applied to Carmarthenshire.

The Chief Constable stated that the Llanelly, magistrates considered the question regarding Pembrey. The difficulties there were on account of the overcrowding. There was not sufficient accommodation, with the result that men working on the night shift slept in the houses

during the day and the men working on the day shift slept in the same houses during the night, and between the shifts men had to stay out a certain time before they could get into the houses to sleep. They were out for a few hours, and they had nowhere to go to but a public-house. A large number of men went up to Llanelly every night, but when they left work they had to wait for their train, and they had to go somewhere. Accommodation of some sort must be found for them. They could not be expected to remain in the streets in the wet. The houses at Pembrey were very well conducted, and the amount of drunkenness was not out of all proportion to what one ought to expect, considering the class of this new population.

Mr. Mervyn Peel: A year ago the figures worked out that Carmarthenshire was the most drunken county in Wales.

The Chief Constable said there was no doubt that Carmarthenshire was well up in the list. The people of Pembrey were very quiet, and were not used to a lot of drunkenness. The Chief Constable added that the Llanelly magistrates issued an order that the public-houses at

Pembrey were to open at 8 a.m. instead of 6 a.m., because the workmen who went down by train had to wait at Burry Port for a train to take them down to the works. With regard to the evenings, it was thought it would be better if the men were under supervision in the public-houses than if they were knocking about the town.

Eventually a resolution was passed viewing with concern the serious increase in drunkenness, and asking the Chief Constable to consider the advisability of applying to the county the non-treating order.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 14<sup>th</sup> October 1915)

### **Threatening a Brother-in-law AN AMUSING DEFENDANT.**

At Llanelly Police Court on Wednesday, Arthur Daniel Leyshon, of Berso House, Capel Road, Llanelly, a former tinplate manufacturer, was summoned for sending a threatening letter to David Rees, Capel Road.

Mr. David Jennings appeared for the prosecution, and it was stated by complainant that defendant was his brother-in-law.

As defendant's wife entered the witness-box, defendant said, "

Cheer up, old girl, don't be afraid." The witness said she lived with her brother at present, and added that married life had been very unhappy.

Defendant: Be careful, now there's a good girl.

Witness said defendant ill-treated her on September 8th, taking hold of her by the neck and threatening to kill her.

Defendant, who frequently interrupted, was advised by the Bench to be quiet.

Defendant: Very good. I wish to be as respectful as it is possible for any human being to be.

As Mrs. Leyshon was leaving the box, defendant said he wished to put further questions to her.

The Clerk: You said you had finished.

Defendant: Oh, no. I had been refused. I am as free a citizen of this country as you. I am British born and did not buy my birthright.

Defendant elected to give evidence on oath, and when asked to enter the witness-box said, "I don't care where it is. I can speak the truth in a cell or in a dungeon." Continuing he said: "The way I became acquainted

with the woman who became my wife was on the eve of the wedding of my brother, when he asked me to become best man. The wedding was solemnised. Now, I will put it in a nutshell, and get over it as soon as possible. After the wedding celebration, I asked Miss Rees if she would walk out with me, and she said she had no objection. I was then 25 years of age and she was 31. I proposed marriage to her, but she seemed somewhat startled at the proposition. (Laughter) She knew then what I was ignorant of. I pressed the question continually during a period of six or seven months, and she would not come to the point. At last she said, 'Well, if you like to take the risk. I am yours. Do as you like with me!' (Laughter) I then asked again if she was prepared to marry me, and she said, 'Wait and see a bit.' Eventually we were married by special license in July, 1882. Soon after marriage she said, 'I have lent ----- £ 20 in order to commence building. Write to him and say we want it back again.' She had no security whatever. I wrote to him and he acknowledged the debt, stating that it would be repaid in a day or so. He acted the part of an

honourable man, and returned the money. In a nutshell, I happened to come on the scene in a lover's quarrel."

The Clerk: Between whom?

Witness: Between her and ----- . That is the reason why she was so long in accepting me, and the result for me has been 33 years in hell. Gentlemen, now I have done. As he uttered the last sentence, Leyshon left the box and returned to the dock.

Later, when signing the depositions, he said: "Now I am out of hell. I will never risk it again."

Defendant was committed for trial at the Assizes.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 21<sup>st</sup> October 1915)

### **PONTARDULAIS.**

A fatality took place at Castelldu Viaduct, on the new G.W.R. line, near Pontardulais, on Monday evening. David Wilkinson, a platelayer, whose home is in Login, Pembrokeshire, was knocked down by a passing mineral train and badly mutilated. Deceased was a married man.

Mr. John Rhys Morgan, Pontardulais, has been appointed D.C.R. of the Llanelly United District of the Ancient Order of Foresters. He is the only Pontardulais man ever to have reached the coveted position, and probably is the youngest Chief the district has ever had. Mr. Morgan, who is a native of Llanelly, has been in business at Pontardulais for some years. He has taken a life-long interest in Friendly Society work, associating himself with the Oddfellows and Foresters. He is a prominent worker at Tabernacle Baptist Chapel.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 28<sup>th</sup> October 1915)

#### **TRIMSARAN ESTATE SOLD**

We are informed that Mr. Evan Jones, Penmount, Llanelly, has acquired the Trimsaran Estate, comprising several farms, 800 acres of freehold land, the Plas mansion, the residence Culla House, 100 workmen's dwellings, and the well-known Trimsaran Anthracite Collieries and Brick Manufacturers' Ltd., whose capital was £100,000. The valuable seams of coal thereunder are included in the purchase.

Mr. Jones, who is a very enterprising business man, is a director of the Stepney Spare Motor Wheel Co. Ltd., and owner of the Achddu and New Pool Collieries, Ltd., Pembrey.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1915)

#### **SCAFFOLD FATALITY.**

A serious accident occurred soon after nine o'clock on Monday morning at the Burry extension works, Llanelly. Several men employed by Messrs. Benjamin Howell and Sons, building contractors, Llanelly, were engaged, on a scaffolding when it gave way, and the men fell a distance of about thirty-two feet.

One of them, John Richards, Long-row, a labourer, aged about 43 years, was killed, and the following injured.—John Roberts, New-road, Pwll, foreman mason; Wm. Brazell, Sandy Gate, mason; Wm. Rees, Downing-street, mason.

The last named was severely injured, and removed to the hospital.

Dr. Samuel Williams and Dr. Edgar Davies were in attendance, and P.C.'s Roberts and Griffiths came immediately and assisted.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 6<sup>th</sup> November 1915)

#### **BURRYPORT COLLIERIES IDLE**

The whole of the collieries at Burry-port are idle. Cwm Capel Colliery has been idle for a couple of months, and on Saturday afternoon the whole of the men employed at the Achddu and New Pool Collieries brought their tools out. The cause of the stoppage is some misunderstanding on the bonus payment of the double shift system. Mr. W. E. Morgan, the miners' agent is endeavouring to effect a settlement.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 15<sup>th</sup> November 1915)

#### **TUMBLE.**

*Disgraceful Road.*—The deplorable condition of Carmarthenshire roads has claimed another victim. The tragedy occurred on the Llannon Road, near Tumble, on Monday evening. It was on that particular stretch of road concerning which one of our County Councillors valiantly offered to bet £20 (it is not clear whether any odds were offered!) that it was the most disgraceful piece of road in Carmarthenshire. Our courageous Councillor can now with confidence increase the stakes at least to £100 (and

also increase the odds), because, in addition to the frequent somersaults indulged in by the G.W.R. motor on the road in question, the occurrence of last Monday night has more than justified his attempt of impoverishing by £20 one of his guileless fellow-Councillors. The tragedy was the absolute refusal of a horse attached to a Llanelly mineral-water cart to attempt negotiating further the hopeless pitfalls and quagmires that characterise this muddy streak connecting Tumble and Llanelly. The poor animal laid down broken-hearted, and breathed his last in despair. We are told that the driver transferred the poor creature from the road to the neighbouring field, and mounted guard over the heroic animal's remains until dawn revealed them to sympathetic workers wending their way to the colliery. We wonder will this touch the hearts of our callous County Councillors?

(Amman Valley Chronicle 9<sup>th</sup> December 1915)

#### **LLANELLY MAN KILLED.**

News has been received at Llanelly by Mrs. Harris, of 12, Radyr-street, that her son, Private

W. G. Harris, of the 4<sup>th</sup> Welsh, has been killed in action. The deceased was well known in the town, and was for some time employed at the old lodge works, subsequently being employed at Neath.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> December 1915)

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### "CONTROLLED ESTABLISHMENTS."

Official notices have been posted at the Old Castle Works and the Llanelly Steel Works to the effect that the Government has declared the works to be, as from to-day, a "Controlled Establishment," under the 'Munitions of War Act, 1915.'

(Llanelly Star 1<sup>st</sup> January 1916)

### "THE CANNON OF LLANSAINTE."

Rees Jones, a young munition worker, living at Welwvn, Llansaint, who was fined 10s. at Carmarthen on Saturday for drunkenness in Llansaint, was said in evidence to have stood

before P.C. Davies in a fighting attitude, and exclaimed that he had not enlisted, but that he was "the cannon of Llansaint."

(The Cambrian Daily Leader 10<sup>th</sup> January 1916)

### SUNDAY TRADING

Many Cases Adjourned at Llanelly.

Several persons were summoned for aiding and abetting Sunday traders at the Llanelly Police Court on Monday.

Thomas Williams, 4, Brynmor-road, and Reginald Fry, 5, Princess-street, were summoned for aiding and abetting Arthur John Stanley.

P.S. Tom Davies said he saw the defendants entering the shop to have their photographs taken. When charged, they replied "We are innocent. We did not know we were doing wrong."

The Clerk: What evidence have you to give to the court that they were doing wrong? Had you seen them there before?

Witness: No, sir.

The cases were adjourned for a fortnight.

William Treharne, Sandy Gate-terrace, and Harold Jenkins, 13,

Long-row were charged with aiding and abetting M. E. Cruze.

The case against the former was withdrawn. and the latter case adjourned.

The following cases were also adjourned for a fortnight, a constable stating that he saw 7 defendants leaving the shop of James Hughes, Burryport, and admitting having bought, cigarettes and sweets:- Baden Powell Rees, Achddu; William Lloyd, The Lamp; Stephen Young, 10, Williams-terrace; Richard J. Deveraux, Gorse-road; D. J. Williams, Graig; Evan James Rees, Gorse-road; Evan John Evans, Gorse-road; and Thomas Jones, Williams-terrace, all of Burryport. Defendants pleaded guilty.

The Presiding Magistrate said that the defendants need not attend again unless they had a desire to do so.

Other cases dealt with and which were also adjourned, were those against Donald McLakland and William Morgan. 12, Ashburnham-road, both of Burryport, who were summoned for aiding and abetting Guiseppie Moruzzi.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 11<sup>th</sup> January 1916)

### THE BRASS BEARINGS

At the Carmarthenshire Quarter Sessions on Friday, David John (48), black-smith, was charged with, receiving a quantity of brass bearings, value £8 11s. 6d., the property of the Old Lodge Tin-plate Co., Ltd., Llanelly, between the 20<sup>th</sup> October and 18<sup>th</sup> November, well knowing them to have been stolen. Mr. Marlay Samson (instructed by Mr. T. R. Ludford) appeared to prosecute, and Mr. W. Llewellyn Williams, K.C.. M.P. (instructed by Mr. Williams, Llanelly) defended. Accused in the witness box said he had carried on business at Llanelly for 25 years. He had always known Jenkins as an honest man, and never suspected that the brass had been stolen. He thought the greater portion of the brass were old bearings when he sold them to a merchant.

Accused was given an excellent character. The jury found him not guilty and he was discharged.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 15<sup>th</sup> January 1916)

### ASSAULT

For assaulting two constables at Burry Port two brothers, Thomas and Daniel Morgan, were sent to prison at Llanelly for a month, an

appeal having been previously made by Inspector Nicholas to the Bench to deal severely with the defendants, as assaults on the police in Burry Port were on the increase.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 20<sup>th</sup> January 1916)

### **MEAN OFFENCE. BURRY FORT TRAMMER AND MATE'S MONEY.**

Carmarthen Winter Assizes were held on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Aitkin. There were only three cases, and the Judge congratulated the court on the light calendar.

William Henry Richards (32), trammer at the Achddu Colliery, Burry Port, was charged with stealing £2 4s. 1d. belonging to Richard Evans, a fellow workman.

Mr. Marlav Samson prosecuting, said that both men were employed. as trammers, one on the day shift and the other on the night shift. It was the custom for the money earned by the men to be put in one envelope, and the man who received it. was to hand the wages, due to the other man. The sum of £2 4s. 1d. which was due to Evans was put in the

envelope and handed to prisoner, who, however, denied this.

Accused said the envelope only contained £1 7s. 5d., which was the money due to him.

The jury characterised the offence as a mean one, and sentenced prisoner to three calendar months hard labour.

(South Wales Weekly Post 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1916)

### **Heir to Stepney Estate.**

#### **PRESENTATION OF GOLD CUP.**

A presentation was made at Llanelly House, on Friday evening, to Sir Stafford and Lady Howard's son and heir by the members and officials of the Llanelly Borough Council and the Llanelly Harbour Trust.

Handing over the gift, which took the form of a handsome gold cup, to Sir Stafford and Lady Howard, the Deputy Mayor (Ald. D. James Davies) said they looked upon the advent into the world of their son as one of the greatest events that had taken place locally for some years. The scope of the subscriptions was restricted to the public representatives and their officials, and it was found that when approached they were not

only willing but eager to subscribe. He asked the Mayor and Mayoress to accept the gold cup as a token of their profound respect, and they hoped that young Stafford Vaughan Stepney Howard would live to render great service, as his mother and father had done, to the town of Llanelly. (Applause).

Mr. Dan Williams, J.P. (chairman of the Llanelly Harbour Trust), said he was sure that the Harbour Commissioners and officials would join him in echoing the words of the Deputy Mayor. They could not forget what Sir Stafford and Lady Howard had done to promote the welfare of the town generally.

Sir Stafford Howard assured them that when the time came he would convey the message to his son as to the meaning of the gold cup. He would tell him that its value was not to be found entirely in the fact of the precious metal of which it was made, or even of the artistic form it took, but would be found by the fact that it was a token of the kindness and appreciation of some of their good friends. Lady Howard, in acknowledging the gift, referred to the kindness and sympathy with which they and their work had been received by their good

friends in the town. She hoped that it would be extended to their children, so that it would make them love the town as they had been made to love it. (Applause)

On one side of the cup is the seal of the Corporation of Llanelly in enamel, with the motto, Ymlaen Llanelli," and on the other is the Howard and Stepney coat of arms, while it also bears the following inscription: "Stafford Vaughan Stepney Howard, 1915. Presented by members and officials of the Llanelly Corporation, and the Llanelly Harbour Trust."

(Amman Valley Chronicle 27<sup>th</sup> January 1916)

### **FERRYSIDE WAR ITEM.**

Driver David Griffiths, in the Army Service Corps, is now on leave staying at Bronyn Farm, where he was employed before the war. He has been in hospital 16 weeks suffering from scalp wounds caused by a stray shell falling in the night while ammunition was being transported from the base. Driver Griffiths speaks very highly of the care bestowed upon the wounded soldiers by both nurses and doctors.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 28<sup>th</sup> January 1916)

## LLANSAINT NOTES

Private T. J. Rogers of this village is now stationed in France with the R.F.A. His mother received a letter from him lately stating that he was not yet in the trenches. He has only had about four months training in England. He was alright when he sent his letter.

The village has formed a fund for providing comforts for the boys that are serving their King and country. The committee have sent two lots of parcels. They have been received by our soldiers in France, but only one parcel has been received by our soldiers with the British Expeditionary Force. This parcel was received by Private William Jones, 4th Welsh Regiment. The Chairman of the fund is Mr. David Anthony, Haulybryn, who is an influential man in the village. The residents contribute to the fund willingly every month, and the Committee have received some fine letters from some of the boys who received the parcels.

The band is now silent and the village looks another place in the evenings. They have stopped practising owing to the war.

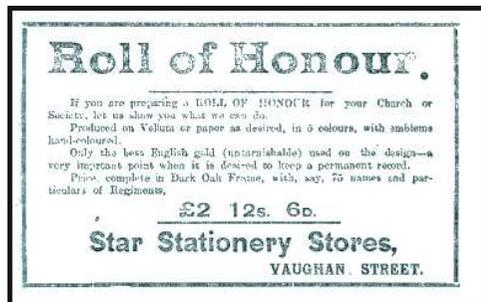
Many men from this place have attested themselves, but we have not seen one yet with an armlet.

Many badges are worn in this village. They are brick-workers, who are doing war work in some way or other. No men have been called up yet from this place.

The villagers would like if the Ferryside editor to the JOURNAL would stop interfering with the business of this little village. (Who is he?—Editor JOURNAL).

[Will this correspondent please send his name and address and some more notes?]

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 4<sup>th</sup> February 1916)



(Llanelli Star 5<sup>th</sup> February 1916)

## BURRYPORT WAR TRAGEDY.

Mrs. Price, who resided near the Achddu Mill. Burryport, passed away suddenly on Thursday. A short time ago her husband was killed in France. She leaves five little children. She was only 29 years of age.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 4<sup>th</sup> March 1916)

## WELSH BREWERY DIRECTOR

### Death of Mr. B. W. Valentin, Langland.

We have to record the death, due to double pneumonia, of Mr. Basil W. Valentin, which took place at 8.10 p.m. on Tuesday at "The Mount," Langland. Mr. Valentin, who was 54 years of age, was managing director of Buckley's Brewery and Chairman of the South Wales Brewers' Association. He was also the commandant of the local Motor Volunteer Corps. He was an active member of the South Wales branch of the Automobile Association, and always took part in the hill-climbing competitions and reliability runs. His father was Professor Valentin, of the Royal College of Surgeons, and his grandfather was a colonel in the French Army. Mr. Valentin had only been ill for a few days, he having attended to his business at Llanelli as recently as Thursday last. The funeral takes place on Saturday at Felinfoel, Llanelli.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 8<sup>th</sup> March 1916)

**WANTED, willing GIRL, 9 till 6 o'clock daily ; wages £1 monthly, Apply, 51, Station-road.**

(Llanelli Star 11<sup>th</sup> March 1916)

## LLANSAINT NOTES

Mr. John R. Thomas, chemist's assistant, Cardiff, son of Mr. William Thomas, Ivy Cottage Llansaint. has recently joined the R.A.M.C. at Aldershot where he has succeeded in getting a post as dispenser.

Private J. Evans. 4th Welsh, son of the late Mr. Richard Evans, Cambridge-terrace, Llansaint, wounded at Gallipoli is in hospital at Southmead, Bristol now convalescent, and hopes to visit his native village shortly.

Mr. H. Gwyn Gower, eldest son of Capt. D. Gower, The Post Office, Llansaint, joined the R.A.M.C. nine months ago, and is now in the New Record Office. Aldershot.

Sixteen parcels were despatched last week by the committee to the soldiers and sailors from the district now serving their country. Besides tobacco and cigarettes the "comforts" include substantial loaves of cake, etc.

At the fortnightly meetings of the committee all letters from the recipients are read, and carefully preserved. They more than repay the labour of love and the pecuniary sacrifice involved. Those at home realise that "theirs is the greater sacrifice."

Mr. G. Beynon, the headmaster of the Council School, has unfortunately been on the sick-list during the past few weeks. It is the earnest hope of parents and children alike that he will soon be able to resume duties.

(Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 10<sup>th</sup> March 1916)

### **BURRYPORT.**

Mr. Samuel Evans was taken ill at the New Pool Colliery on Tuesday. He was taken home, but on the way he expired. Dr. J. H. Williams was in attendance. He will be buried on Thursday at Bethlehem, Pwll. Deceased was chairman of the New Pool workmen's committee.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 15<sup>th</sup> March 1916)

### **FUNERAL AT PWLL.**

The funeral of the late Mr. Samuel Evans, chairman of the Workmen's Committee. New Pool Colliery, took place on Thursday afternoon at Bethlehem cemetery, there being a large gathering of workmen to pay a last tribute of respect to one who had served them so faithfully for many years. The officiating ministers were the Revs. R. Owen, R. S. Rogers

(Capel Gomer), and T. Jones. Libanus. The members of the committee acted as bearers—Thomas Williams, checkweigher, Walter Hoskin, William Davies. Wm. D. Evans. D. Brazed. Thos. James Davies, John Thomas, and W. H. Hoskin.

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> March 1916)

### **LLANELLY.**

At the Police Court on Monday, David Thomas, formerly in business as an iron-monger, was sent to prison for a month for stealing 17 tin pans, value 1s. the property of Batchelor and Co., Ltd. Previous convictions were proved.

Henry Watson, against whom 54 previous convictions were reported, was fined 21s. at the Police Court on for drunkenness in Wern-road on Saturday, and pleaded guilty.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 11<sup>th</sup> April 1916)

### **A JEWISH BURIAL CROUND.**

At the meeting of the Rural Council on Thursday, a plan was submitted for a Jewish burial ground at Five Roads. The plan,

which was said to be quite in order, was passed.

(Llanelly Star 15<sup>th</sup> April 1916)

### **MISFORTUNE, NOT FAULT Llanelly Man Who Had Not Joined.**

Frank Harold Shipley, 45, Alban-road, Llanelly, was charged at Llanelly on Tuesday with being an absentee without leave under the Military Service Act. Detective-Sergeant T. Davies said that when asked to explain why he had not reported himself, defendant said he had received no notice to report himself, and had not been attested. He had tried to enlist, but had been refused because he had not his registration card with him.

On the application of Supt. LI. Jones, defendant was remanded, bail being allowed. It was stated that he was willing to join, but had been refused because his papers had gone astray.

The father, who was stated to be the manager of the South Wales Pottery, said his son was willing to join at Llanelly or anywhere else; the difficulty was he did not know where to go. He had been

twice refused. Witness undertook to see that his son returned after fetching his tools from his lodgings at Swansea.

The Deputy Clerk: It seems to be more his misfortune than fault, but the magistrates can do nothing else.

(The Cambrian Leader 26<sup>th</sup> April 1916)

### **MILITARY WEDDING AT PWLL.**

The wedding took place at Libanus Independent Chapel, Pwll, on Wednesday of Sapper E. V. Gambold, R.E., son of Mr. R. Ll. Gambold, 2, Barnsfield terrace, Carmarthen, and Miss Agnes Jones, daughter of the late Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones, near Blue Anchor, Pwll. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Jones, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Thomas, Pwll, was smartly attired in a navy blue costume with hat to match, and was attended by her cousin, Miss May Jones, Merthyr Tydfil, as bridesmaid. The best man was Mr. John Jones, Pwll, the bride's nephew. After the wedding a sumptuous breakfast was partaken of at the bride's home, after which Sapper and Mrs. Gambold left for

Carnarvon, where Sapper Gambold is at present stationed. It will be remembered that Sapper Gambold was accidentally wounded in the Dardanelles last September.

(Llanelly Star May 6<sup>th</sup> 1916)

### **CROSS HANDS.**

Mr. W. Greville, C.C., Cross Hands, has been appointed chairman of the Governors of the Llanelly Intermediate Schools. He is also a member of the Carmarthenshire County Council, and chairman of the Llannon School Board for many years.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 11<sup>th</sup> May 1916)

### **KIDWELLY.**

The license of the Pelican Hotel was, on Wednesday, temporarily transferred from Alexander Davies, who said he had been called to the Colours, to John Davies, formerly of Moreb Farm.

(Cambrian Daily Leader May 11, 1916)

### **CAUGHT IN A CRANE.**

A fatal accident occurred at the Llanelly Steel Works on Thursday

afternoon. John Hughes, Stepney-road, Pwll, who was employed as a pitman, had finished his work and was about to leave for home, when he was caught in a crane and crushed to death. Deceased was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and six children.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 20<sup>th</sup> May 1916)

### **BEER IN UNSEALED BOTTLE.**

Sarah Lewis, licensee of the King's Arms, Llansaint, was summoned at Carmarthen on Saturday for selling beer in an unsealed bottle to a girl under 14, and Margaret A. Marks, Bank-row, Llansaint, mother of the girl, was summoned for sending her for the beer. P.C. Davies, Ferryside, gave evidence. - The licensee was fined 20s. and the mother 10s

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 10<sup>th</sup> June 1916)

### **FERRYSIDE**

A public meeting was held at the National School on Tuesday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of considering the best means of sending out supplies of cigarettes, etc., to the local men serving at

the Front. Mr. R. Elliot, Portiscliffe, presided. A representative committee was formed on the lines that of the Belgian Relief Fund, and it was decided to appoint collectors and proceed with the work forthwith. Mr. A. Goldsmith was unanimously appointed secretary. The chairman of the committee is Mr. R Elliot. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. D. Davies for her individual efforts by which the Ferryside men serving had been recently supplied with a parcel of cigarettes or tobacco.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales weekly Advertiser 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1916)

### **COCKLE BEDS.**

#### **Experimental Enterprise at Kidwelly.**

A sub-committee which sat at Carmarthen reported to a meeting of the South Wales Sea Fisheries Association held at Swansea on Saturday that arrangements had been come to for enclosing a certain area on the Kidwelly side of the cockle beds for experimental purposes, etc. This area and one from Saundersfoot to Laugharne are to be sown with cockles. The quantity of cockles sent from Ferryside Station alone for the months of October,

November, and December was 294, 340, and 297 tons respectively. This does not include cockles sold locally, or an average of 60 tons of mussels sent from the same station per month. Prices were a little above pre-war prices, and the industry provides regular employment for about 50 persons.

The question of a lay-up at the Mumbles was discussed at considerable length, and it was decided to proceed with the work provided that the Mumbles Railway Company and the Mumbles Council would contribute a fair share and that the Development Committee would sanction the work as a war necessity. Complaint was also made that French fishermen were trawling off Skomer Island, although local fishermen were not permitted to do so, and it was decided to make representations on the subject.

(Cambria Daily Leader 26<sup>th</sup> June 1916)

### **PEMBREY.**

The farmers at Burryport and Pembrey are complaining of the losses sustained during the past week by the incessant rain. At Burryport the hay was cut the previous week at Gorse Farm,

Goodig and Goodig Fach. When the crop was fit to be taken the rain came.

(Herald of Wales 8<sup>th</sup> July 1916)

### BURRY PORT INJURY

Mr. S. Bonnell, manager of the New Pool, Achddu and Trimsaran Colliery, met with a very serious accident at New Pool Colliery on Friday. He was ascending the drift when the front tram of the ascending train overturned. Mr. Bonnell was pinned under the journey. He received severe injuries to the hip, and was taken as soon as possible to the Llanelly Hospital, where he now lies.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 8<sup>th</sup> July 1916)

### LLANELLY.

An inquest was conducted at Llanelly on Thursday by Mr. W. W. Brodie concerning the death of Ann Williams, wife of Joseph Williams, retired furnaceman, 34, Glanmor-terrace, who was found with her throat cut in the outhouse on Tuesday evening. The husband said deceased, who was 65 years of age, had been rather depressed because her two sons were in the Army. One belonged to the Territorials before the war broke out, and the

other joined the Army ten weeks ago, since which time deceased had worried a lot more. On Tuesday evening she went into the garden, and later he saw deceased in an outhouse bleeding from the neck. She died almost immediately.—P.C. T. D. Jones said he found a blood-stained razor near the place, and ascertained that it belonged to one of deceased's sons. A verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" was returned.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 4<sup>th</sup> August 1916)

### "Call" for a Pwll Boy

Mr. Rufus Rogers, B.A., of Pwll has received a unanimous invitation to the pastorate of Bethel and Salem Churches, Caio. Mr. Rogers is a brilliant student, and a brother of the Rev. R. S. Rogers, B.A., who succeeded Dr. Gomer Lewis at Capel Gomer, Swansea.

(Llanelly Star, Saturday September 9, 1916)

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(Llanelly Star 16<sup>th</sup> September 1916)

### BATTLE OF LLANSAINT.

#### SUCCESSFUL POLICE COUNTER-ATTACK.

#### BEDROOM STORMED AND PRISONERS MADE.

A story of a violent attack on the police during an attempt to rescue an absentee under the Military Service Act at Llansaint was told at Carmarthen on Wednesday, Rees Jones (27) Wylwyn Cottage, Llansaint, was brought up charged with assaulting P.C. Davies and Sergeant Hodge Lewis, Kidwelly; while Abram Jones, tin-worker, was charged with rescuing Rees Jones, his brother, from the police. As already reported, another brother was fined £4 on Tuesday for failing to report himself.

P.C. Lewis stated that on 11<sup>th</sup> inst. He spoke to defendant outside Penybank Inn, and asked him if he could produce a certificate of exemption. He replied, "No: have you got anything? You are young enough." When spoken to by Sergeant Hodge Lewis, defendant said, "You will not have, me as easy as you had brother." He then tried to get over a wall, but was held back, whereupon he struck witness, and a struggle ensued.

John Powell rushed at them, and gave witness a violent kick in the leg. He also jumped on Sergeant Lewis's back and pinned him down and struck them both with his fist on the head, shouting,

**"By ----- they won't take you to-night, Rees Bach,**

while I am here." Daniel Jones was encouraging Rees Jones to resist, and kicked as hard as he could. Witness succeeded in closing with Rees Jones, and held him down, but while he was doing so Daniel Jones pulled witness off.

A crowd, mostly relatives and friends of the Jones family, had become very hostile, and Daniel Jones again gave him a violent kick. Abraham Jones then rushed on and took Rees Jones away. Witness was practally

#### Blinded with blood,

and had to go to a public-house to wipe it off. When he and the sergeant went towards Jones' house the family were out with sweeping brushes waiting for them,, and they considered it unwise to go further, and abandoned the man's apprehension that night.

Supt. Jones: What is the result of the assault upon you?—I have had teeth loosened and broken, and I am bruised all over. This morning at, 4:55 (continued witness), I and a number of other constables rushed upstairs and arrested Daniel Jones and his two sons in bed, and they also arrested Powell.

Powell, questioning P.C. Davies said he did not do anything.

P. C. Davies: You were

### Like a rearing lion.

Sergeant Hodge Lewis said he kept John Powell and the old man at bay with his truncheon. He was unable to assist Davies because he was so much engaged with the other two. P.C. Davies' face was covered with blood, and he was too weak to go to the public-house himself. Replying to the Chairman, who inquired as to the men's character, P.C. Davies said the Jones' family had threatened to break him up for interfering, saying they would not allow their sons to go out to be "rotted in France," and that they might as well be under a German ruler as under the King of England.

In the case of Rees Jones, the Bench fined him £10 (inclusive of

£3 4s. 7d. expenses) and handed him over to the military. Daniel Jones and John Powell were each sentenced to three months' hard labour; Abram Jones was discharged with a caution.

Supt. J. E. Jones, Carmarthen, prosecuted for the police.

(The South Wales Weekly Post 16<sup>th</sup> September 1916)

### A WEST WALES WILL.

Mr. David Gwyn, of Gilston, Ferryside, Carmarthen, retired accountant, who died on the 23rd April last, left estate of the gross value of £1,928 10s. 6d., of which £1,313 10s. 6d. is net personally. Probate of his will has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Gwyn, and his daughters, Mrs. Jessie Williams, of the Rectory, Tal-garth, Brecon, Mrs. Ethel Williams, of 24, Noel-street, Hyson Green, Nottingham, and Mrs. Grace Gwendoline Bowen, of Westbourne, Gorseinon, Glamorgan. The testator left his furniture and household effects to his wife absolutely, and the residue of his estate he left in trust for his wife for life, with remainder to his three daughters.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 30<sup>th</sup> September 1916)

### LLANELLY LEADS THE WAY TO SWANSEA.

For the equipment of the V.T.C. at Llanelly the following subscriptions have already been received, in response, to an appeal made last week:—Lady Howard, £50; Mr. R. Beaumont Thomas, £50; Llanelly Steel Co., £50; Bynea Steel Co., £25; Buckley's Brewery, £15; Dafen Tinsplate Co. £10 10s.; Felinfoel Brewery, £10; Mr. J. A. Davies, £5.

(South Wales Weekly Post 7<sup>th</sup> October 1916)

### BURRYPORT NEWS

It is stated that 30 single men employed in a local factory received notice this week to join the Army.

Driver Vincent Beynon, son of Mr. D. J. Beynon, foreman, G.W.R., Burryport, in a letter to a friend said he had now been in France for 12 months, and had not yet received a scratch.

Private W. D. Bowen, Burryport, Welsh Regiment, has been discharged from the Army owing to ill-health. Pte. Bowen served 12 months in France, and was

present at several big battles. Previous to enlisting in September, 1914, he was engaged as a rollerman at the Ashburnham Tinworks.

The remains of Mrs. Ann Edwards, Station-road, Burryport, have been laid to rest at Jerusalem Chapel graveyard. The deceased lady had reached the ripe age of 80 years. The Rev. J. H. Rees officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Daniel (son), Mrs. Margaret Thomas (sister), Mr. and Mrs. Roberts (Halfway, Llanelly), schoolmaster; Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Cincae Farm, Carmarthen (nephew and niece); Mrs. Rees, Llangendeirne (niece); Miss Mary Lewis, London (niece); Mr. Tom Lewis, Llangunnor (nephew); Mr. Willie Daniel, Llangendeirne; Mr. T. Lodwick and Miss Rachel Lodwick, Llanelly; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Evans, Burryport; Mrs. Howell, Pembrey, and Mrs. Davies, Carway.

On Sunday the Rev. L.I. Davies, M.A., Canaan, Swansea, preached at Jerusalem Chapel, Burryport.

Pte. Wm. Hall, who has been home on short leave, has returned to his duties. He is a bomber, and has been wounded twice, and was also gassed at La Basse.

Harvest thanksgiving services—to be continued during the week—were began at Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Chapel on Monday.

The children attending the Burry Port schools on Monday took their contributions to the John Travers Cornwell Fund.

On Sunday Mr. Charles Jones preached at Carmel Chapel. Mr. Jones is a native of the Greig, and a member of Carmel Chapel. He is a student at Carmarthen College.

On Thursday the cold roll department of the Ashburnham Tinworks presented Messrs Archie Bennett and Stanley Williams with silver cigarette cases on their leaving to join the forces. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. W. Jenkins (supt. of cold rollers), John Davies (engineer). W. J. Hopkins (cold roller), and Miss Rachel Owen (assorter).

Private D. J. Jones, Welsh Regiment, is now at Burryport. He was wounded during the "big push" a bullet going through his neck and lungs. He is the son of Mr. Evan Jones, Gwscwm-road, Burryport, and was formerly employed as a behinder at the Ashburnham Tinworks.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouth recorder 14<sup>th</sup> October 1916)

### **WOUNDED MEN AT LLANELLY Stebonheath Schools as a Hospital,**

Llanelly, soon after the war was declared, offered the military authorities Pare Howard Mansion and the new Stebonheath School as hospitals. Pare Howard, which could only accommodate 50 patients, was accepted, while Stebonheath, with its accommodation for 300 cases, was rejected. Since the great push, however, there has been a greater need for hospitals, and the Llanelly Borough Education Committee recently offered Stebonheath a second time. On this occasion the offer was gladly accepted, and on Saturday the Mayor (Lady) Howard, who presided over a conference at the Stepney Hall handed it over to Col. Herbert Lewis who, with Mrs. Lewis, represented the St. John Ambulance Society. Prior to the conference the detachments from the following district marched to Stebonheath and inspected the new school, after which they were entertained to tea by Mrs. Herbert Lewis: Llanelly (Miss Brodie, commandant), Glanamman, Pontardulais, Cross Hands Trimsarsaran, Ponthenry, and

Llanelly Red Cross (commandant, Mr. W. G. Williams).

Addressing the ambulance workers, Col., Herbert Lewis said it, had been the practice not to open a St. John Hospital where there already was a Red Cross Hospital, but they were being pressed for 500 additional beds in the county. The Red Cross Society could take over Stebonheath, but were not disposed to do so.

The conference unanimously decided to form a St. John Corps for the county, and it was also announced that a brigade was being formed in Llanelly under the direction of Mr E. D. Jones.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 16<sup>th</sup> October 1916)

### **PWLL COMFORTS COMMITTEE.**

With reference "to the notice which appeared in the last issue of the "Star" under the above heading, the President, Lady Howard wishes it to be known that there are in Pwll two distinct funds. One is the Pwll Comforts Committee, with Mr. Walter Hoskin as secretary, which arranges to send out parcels to Pwll boys at the front. The other is the Pwll War Fund, in aid of the sick, wounded, and dependents of those killed in the war.

(Llanelly Star November 11, 1916)

### **Llansaint.**

On Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> ult.. the death took place of Miss Mary Charlotte (May) Beynon, second daughter of Mr Gwilym Beynon, headmaster of the Council School. Deceased was a student in the Glamorgan Training College, Barry, and had taken advantage of the half-term holiday to pay a short visit to her home. Alas it was her last visit, as shortly after reaching home she was taken ill, and gradually becoming worse passed away as stated, above, the immediate cause of death being

### **WORKHOUSE FIRE**

A fire occurred in the board room of the Llanelly Workhouse on Monday night. Prior to the arrival of the fire brigade, who were soon in attendance, a plentiful supply of water was brought into play. Fortunately there were no important documents stored in the room, but much damage was done to the flooring and furniture.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1916)

septic pneumonia. Thus a promising career was cut short, to the unfeigned sorrow of her parents, sisters, and her very large circle of relatives and friends. Of a sweet disposition, Miss Beynon made friends wherever she went. In her native village of Llansaint, where she received her early education in her father's school, at the County Girls' School, Carmarthen, which she attended later, and latterly at the Training College, where the news of her death was received with deepest regret, and the large attendance at the funeral which took place on Thursday in last week, included a number of young women who were amongst her closest friends.

(Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 8<sup>th</sup> December 1916)

### **LLANELLY.**

Mr. John Hosea, 20, Brymnor-road, Llanelly, passed away on Saturday morning, after a painful illness. He had been under an operation at London and also at a private hospital in Swansea. Mr. Hosea was a native of Landore, and was a member of Mynyddbach Congregational Church. When the Llanelly Steel Works started, 18 years ago, he

was appointed mill manager, which position he held until his death. He leaves a widow and nine children.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 11<sup>th</sup> December 1916)

### **LLANELLY FIRM'S GIFT.**

**£5,000 for the Technical College Fund.**

In connection with the movement initiated by Mr. R. Beaumont Thomas, J.P., with the view of having a technical college established at Llanelly, it is stated on excellent authority that his firm, Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co., Ltd., the well-known Welsh steel and tinplate manufacturers, have given a fine lead to the other manufacturers of the town and district by offering £5,000 towards the fund.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 15<sup>th</sup> December 1916)

### **RUGBY AT STRADEY.**

Mr. E. E. Bailey, secretary of the Llanelly Rugby Club, has succeeded in arranging a fixture with the Welsh Regiment. The match will take place on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Strady, and Mr. Bailey is

determined to field the strongest possible side. The proceeds will be handed over to any war charity that the Mayor (Ald. D. James Davies) will nominate.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader December 29, 1916)

### **HAS NOT SPOKEN FOR 30 YEARS.**

#### **DAFEN RECLUSE'S COMPLAINT TO COUNCIL.**

A recluse, living at Dafen, near Llanelly, wrote to the Llanelly Rural Council on Thursday, complaining of the damage caused to his house by children, and stating that the authorities should do the repairs as they paid for the damage caused on the occasion of a riot in Llanelly.

Lady Howard also wrote stating that she would defray the cost of repairs if the Council thought it was desirable

Dr. Evans, the medical officer, expressed the opinion that the old man should be removed to the Workhouse. He frequently visits Swansea in the summer time, and experiments with a boat at the docks, claiming to have discovered a system of propulsion which is going to revolutionise shipping. He has not, spoken for

30 years, and does all his business by correspondence.

(South Wales Weekly Post 30<sup>th</sup> December 1916)

## **1917**

### **ALLOTMENTS**

A committee has been formed by the Llanelly Council to take up the question of allotments, which are in great demand. It is suggested that they shall be ten perches in extent. Lady Howard, at the Council meeting, stated that 18 such allotments had been taken up in the village of Pwll.

(South Wales weekly Post 6<sup>th</sup> January 1917)

### **PEMBREY.**

On Thursday afternoon the body of little Ivy May Hawes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hawes. Confectioner. Station-road, Burryport, was laid to rest at the old Parish Graveyard, Pembrey, the Rev. J. W. Hughes. B.A., curate of St. Mary's Church,

officiating. She was 'taken ill on Christmas Day.

A competitive concert was held at Bethel Welsh Methodist Chapel, Pembrey, the pastor (Rev. D. E. Jones, B.A., presiding). Awards:—Girl's solo, 1, Doreen Jones; 2, Annie Gwyneth Davies; 3, Annie Jones. Recitation (children): 1; G lanffrwd Harries; 2, Glyn Allen Jones. Children's solo; 1, Gertie Bonnell; 2, Doreen Jones.

The remains of the late Mr. Joseph Morse, Ivy Cottage, Achddu, Burryport, were laid to rest at Jerusalem Chapel Graveyard, the Rev. H. Rees officiating. The deceased was 87 years of age. He was born in the same house as that in which he died.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder January 6, 1917)

### LLANELLY.

The funeral took place at Llanelly on Tuesday of Mr. A. B. Richards, headmaster of Copperworks School, district secretary of the Philanthropic Unity, and past master of the Prince of Wales Lodge of Freemasons. The Education Committee closed the schools of

the town for the afternoon. The representatives of the teaching profession included Dr. Williams (Chief Inspector of Schools) and Messrs. Glynne Jones and J. B. Williams (H.M. Inspectors of Schools). Freemasons were also represented.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader January 10, 1917)

### BURRYPORT.

At the annual meeting of Tabernacle Welsh Baptist Chapel Sunday School on Sunday officers were appointed for the coming year. Mr. George Jenkins, Achddu, who had been, treasurer for 20 years, was appointed superintendent; Mr. Thos. D. Jenkins, Achddu, treasurer; and Miss Gladys E. Davies, eldest daughter of Mr Dan Davies, Pembrey, to be secretary.

On Tuesday evening, at the Parish Hall, the choir of Carmel Welsh Congregational Church, Pembrey, gave a rendering of the cantata "King David."

(The Cambrian Daily Leader January 10, 1917)

### PWLL NOTES.

A grand concert was held at Libanus Chapel on Sunday night,

the proceeds of which were given towards the funds of the Pwll Comforts Committee. The sacred edifice was crowded. The Rev. Thomas Jones acted as chairman in the absence of Lady Howard, who was unable to be present. Appended is the programme :- Song, "Beyond the Dawn," Mr. Dd. Brazell, A.R.A.M.; recitation, "Yr Ystorm," Mr. David Lewis; song, "O Divine Redeemer," Madam Freeman, song, "The Old Minstrel," Mr. Tom Bonnell (National winner); song, "The Heavenly song," Madam Freeman; song "Children's song," Mr. -Tom Bonnell; duett, "The Widow's song," Madam Freeman and Mr. Brazell; song, Madam Freeman; song. "Ar For Tymestlog," Mr. Brazell; quartette, 'God is a Spirit,' Madam Freeman, Miss Betsy Evans, Mr Tom H. John and Mr. Dd. Brazell. Miss M. Lewis and Mr. Tom H. John very ably accompanied.

We wish to congratulate Mr. G. J. Thomas, M.A., New road, Pwll, on his appointment as headmaster of the Llanelly Intermediate School.

Mr. Myrddyn Evans, our well-known baritone, is making a name for himself. He was recently engaged at a concert at Whitland.

with Miss Jennie Ellis and Mr. Tom Bonnell.

(Llanelly Star 20<sup>th</sup> January 1917)

### COLLIERY CLOSURE

The Achddu Colliery, Burry Port., is closing down, the colliers being transferred to the New Lodge Colliery, owned by Messrs. Evan Davies and Co.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Advertiser 9<sup>th</sup> February 1917)

### Pembrey Sensation.

#### BABY'S BODY IN RIVER.

An inquest was held at Pembrey, on Tuesday, on the body of a female child, aged nine weeks, which was discovered by the police in the River Gwendraeth, on Saturday afternoon. Walter Elms, of Towyn Cottage, Pembrey, who with his wife had been remanded in custody on Friday last by the Llanelly magistrates, on a charge on suspicion of having caused the death of a child, Kathleen, on or about the 4th inst., was present.

P.S. Mitchelmore said the body was attired in a white nightgown, and wrapped in pieces of sack-cloth and serge coating in a stringed handbag, which was

weighted with a stone weighing 191bs.

The Coroner: What was the general appearance of the body? — Very emaciated, and it appeared to have been in the water for some time, but it was well preserved, probably owing to the cold weather.

Witness added that he searched for the body in consequence of what Walter Elms had told him a couple of days before. Prisoner had voluntarily told him, I threw it in here (pointing to the mouth of the Gwendraeth culvert).

The Coroner: Did you ask Elms what he had thrown into the river? — Yes, and he said a female child which had died before.

What did he say was the name of the child? — Kathleen.

Superintendent Samuel Jones said that Walter Elms had voluntarily informed him at the Llanelly Police Station that the deceased was not his child.

The Coroner: Did he say that it was a foster child or not? Did he mention its name at all? — He said the name given to the child was Kathleen Elms.

The Coroner intimated that on the doctor's recommendation it

would be necessary to adjourn the inquiry.

The inquest was then adjourned for two weeks.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 1<sup>st</sup> March 1917)

### PEMBREY.

At a sale of the furniture of the late Mr Court, Danygraig House, Pembrey, all old armchair which started with a £5 bid was eventually knocked down at £177 10s. It was described as a real antique claw-and-ball armchair, with carved shell pattern cabriole legs.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1917)

### PEMBREY.

Mr. David Bennett, Pembrey, passed away on Saturday last, aged 69. He leaves four grown up children. He was for many years head gamekeeper to Mr. March, Penybedd.

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### BURRY PORT COLLIERY CLOSSES.

The Achddu Colliery, Burry Port, has been closed down, but many of the men have found employment at the New Pool Colliery.

(South Wales Weekly post 10<sup>th</sup> March 1917)

### BURRYPORT.

On Friday evening a dance was held at the Parish Hall, Burryport, in connection with the Burryport Dancing Class. The M.C's were Messrs. J. Currie and Samuel Mear. The music was provided by Mr. D. R Williams, Pembrey.

Thieves have again been busy at Pembrey and Burryport. Mrs. Catherine Davies, Jolly Sailor, had several hundred-weight of potatoes in the garden. Someone stole every potato. And at Mrs.

Eliza- beth Evans's, Achddu, thieves also stole all her potatoes.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> March 1917)

### DEARER BEER FOR WALES.

A largely attended meeting of South Wales brewers was held at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, on Friday, to consider the effect of the new Order for restrictions issued by the Food Controller. Mr. W. H. Brain occupied the chair, and Mr. W. Hopkin James, of Swansea Brewery, the vice-chair. The question of the restriction of output was fully considered, and it was realised that it was not possible to carry on the business without increasing the price of beer. It was therefore decided to increase the price on the lines adopted by Burton and other brewers and leave the question of the retail prices to the local licensed victuallers and the brewers.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> March 1917)

### FERRYSIDE

Many of the Ferryside people are indebted to Mr. Elliot, Portiscliff, for the allotments which he is providing for them. Mr. Elliot has had the land ploughed, and the

setting of potatoes will soon be commenced at Broadlay.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 30<sup>th</sup> March 1917)

### Child Murder Charge.

Startling evidence of alleged baby farming was given at Llanelly, on Tuesday, when a husband and wife, Walter and Lydia Elms, of Towyn Cottage, Pembrey, were charged jointly with the murder of an illegitimate child named Kathleen between January 7th and the 31st, whose body was found in a parcel weighted with a 19 lb. stone in the river Gwendraeth.

Mr. T. R. Ludford appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Leslie Williams defended.

Mr. Ludford said there was no doubt that for many years past the prisoners had been dealing in baby farming. They advertised in the Wiltshire Times and the Hereford Times in various names, including Elms, Collins, Holmes, Weston and Palmer. In every case there was, of course, money at the back of it, and it would come out in evidence that the prisoners were accepting the charge of infants for a lump sum of £10 or £15. For that paltry sum they

undertook to clothe and feed the child whose misfortune it was to be placed in their care. In all the police had traced five babies received by the prisoners while staying at Penybedd Cottage. With regard to the first baby, the police knew it had been in the custody of the prisoners, and the next thing they knew was that it disappeared in a motor-car, being taken away by a woman. The second child died in Hereford. The third child, Ralph, was a healthy boy according to one or two witnesses, one of whom found that the female prisoner had tied its arms to its body with tape. That child was kept in a tin box upstairs with the lid down, with its nose flattened, there being one or two holes in the box. Ralph died in January, 1916.

The fourth child, which was the subject of this charge, was found in the river at a spot where the current was strong, and in ordinary circumstances would have been swept out to sea and never seen again. The fifth child was in the workhouse. The sixth child was received at Hereford, and it went the way of the other three—it died—but the doctor refused a certificate, and an inquest was held, and the jury found that it died from natural

causes. All these children were illegitimate, handed over, presumably, by people who did not want to see or hear of them again.

In October, by the aid of a forged reference, and in response to an advertisement in the "Wiltshire Times," a child deal was made on the Bristol platform, a poor infant was passed over to the tender mercies of the accused, and in respect of which they received £15. There was a sinister connection between this baby and the death of the other baby, Kathleen Elms. The prisoners had at that time some information of another child at Hereford. They evidently did not want two babies at their home at the same time, so instead of taking the child from Bristol to their home, they took it to the male prisoner's mother at Chippenham, where it remained till a place had been prepared for it at Towyn Cottage. Another baby was received from Hereford, and shortly before Christmas very pitiful cries of a child were heard at the defendants' home. On January 18th Mrs. Elms told the neighbour that the child had gone, the mother having fetched it. The child had gone, but no mother had fetched it, and the prosecution knew that the child was taken to

the river and thrown in. This was the deadly part of the evidence, and it tended to shew that they deliberately took the Bristol child to Chippenham to await the coming and the despatch of the Hereford child, but four days after the disappearance of Kathleen the male prisoner brought to the house the Bristol child.

Evidence was called in support of Mr. Ludford's opening statement.

Prisoners were remanded in custody.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 12th April 1917)

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(Llanelly Star 7<sup>th</sup> April 1917)

## FROM THE DISTRICTS

### LLANELLY.

Sanction has been obtained from the Admiralty to hold a regatta at Llanelly in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Hospitals on a date to be fixed.

Among the new members elected at the meetings of the Iron and Steel Institute, London, last week, were Mr. W. S. John and Mr. H. P. Nancollas, Llanelly.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 11<sup>th</sup> May 1917)

### NEW LLANELLY MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The Stebonheath School, Llanelly, stated to be one of the finest in South Wales. was opened as a military hospital, under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association, on Wednesday, when the first contingent of wounded arrived. Another hospital, the Red Cross at Pare Howard, was opened in the town shortly after the outbreak of the war. but it was felt that Llanelly could do a little more, hence the opening of the new school, which can be made to accommodate 175 patients.

(The South Wales Weekly Post 26<sup>th</sup> May 1917)

## Carmarthenshire Assizes

### TO-DAY'S TRIAL.

The Court to-day proceeded with the hearing of a charge of murdering an unknown female child brought against Walter Elms and Lydia Elms, of Pembrey.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 31<sup>st</sup> May 1917)

### The Pembrey Murder Trial.

#### PRISONERS SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS.

At the Carmarthenshire Assizes, at Carmarthen, before Mr. Justice Sankey, Walter Elms (37), labourer, and Lydia Elms (39), his wife, were charged with the murder of an unknown female child at Pembrey, the allegation being that they had neglected the child wilfully.

Mr. Ivor Bowen, K.C., and Mr. Rowland Thomas (instructed by Mr. T. R. Ludford, Llanelly) appeared for the Crown, and Mr. Marlay Samson and Mr. Stanley Evans (instructed by Mr. Leslie Williams, Llanelly) conducted the defence.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Ivor Bowen, in opening the case, said that on the 24th February last Sergeant Mitchelmore discovered the dead

body of a female child in the river Gwendraeth at an isolated spot about two miles from Pembrey. The body was wrapped up in cloth and woollen yarn along with a stone weighing 19 lb., the latter evidently having been put there for weighting the body so as to make it certain it would not be carried away by the current. The following day Dr. Owen Williams, of Llanelly, made a post-mortem examination, and he would say that the cause of death was starvation.

On the 14th February the female prisoner made a statement to Inspector Jones, of the N.S.P.C.C., to the effect that she and her husband had taken five illegitimate children to nurse for different periods, and that they received £10 for each child, except for one, for which they had £15. Only the first child was registered. "I know," she said, "we should have registered them, but we did not want the people about here to know." One child named Kathleen, she added was taken away by its mother, who was a typist at a munition works, after being with them six weeks.

#### BURIED IN THE SAND.

On the 22nd of February the male prisoner stated that this particular

child had died, and that he and his wife packed it in canvas and buried it in the sand at Kidwelly. He afterwards informed the police that the child became ill and died in about a week, that no doctor attended her, and that he had thrown the body into the river.

When again, spoken to by the inspector, the female prisoner said I am sorry I told you lies. If you will look over it we will make it worth your while. We will give you a pound. The child died, and we buried it in the sand."

The secret disposition of the body, concluded counsel, was evident that prisoners knew they had committed wrong. Evidence was given by Sergeant Mitchelmore, Burry Port, Inspector Idris Jones, N.S.P.C.C., and other witnesses.

#### MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. Owen Williams said he was of opinion that the body was in a good state of preservation and had been in the water for about a month. The primary cause of death was starvation, and the secondary cause pneumonia. He was satisfied the child was dead before it got into the water.

Cross-examined: He agreed that the symptoms of infantile atrophy, due to a natural failing to assimilate food, and the condition produced by the withholding of food, were the same, except the condition of the gall bladder.

Dr. Evan Evans, Llanelly, who had seen the notes on the result of the post-mortem examination, agreed with the conclusions as to the cause of death, and in cross-examination admitted that as no microscopic examination of the brain was made, a step had not been taken which might have shewn that the child died from infantile atrophy, due to an inherited disease.

#### VALE PRISONER'S DENIALS.

The male prisoner, in the witness-box, said he was formerly employed on a farm at Pembrey, receiving £1 a week. The child Kathleen was brought home sometime in November.

Counsel: It has been suggested that the child was starved. What do you say to that? — Not to my knowledge. The child, he added, was regularly fed by his wife, and he fed it himself at night. The child, when brought to his house, was very delicate, practically starved in appearance." The child

was always crying, and all its food went into water." His wife gave it castor oil. When he found that the child was dead he took it down to the river. He did that as he was frightened, because his wife had not called the doctor, and they had not registered the child."

By Mr. Ivor Bowen: He did not know the name and address of the child's mother. When writing for it to Birmingham he gave the name of Holmes. He denied saying to Inspector Jones that "when they had spent the money they returned the children because they could not afford to keep them." He never got any share of the £10 received in respect of Kathleen by his wife.

By Mr. Samson: They intended adopting Kathleen as their own child.

#### "WOULD NOT TAKE ANY FOOD."

Lydia Elms, the wife, said the baby was a fortnight old when she received it. It was very weak and emaciated. A few days before it died it would not take any food at all, but slept all the time. She did all she could for the child.

At this stage the Court adjourned.

The trial was resumed on Friday, when Dr. D. J. Williams, Llanelly,

expressed the opinion that death was due to acute double pneumonia, and not to starvation. The child was very weakly from mal-assimilation, and pneumonia supervened. That was very common in infants under two months old.

Mr. Marlay Samson, in his speech for the defence, referred to the fact that the male prisoner assisted the police to recover the body.

Mr. Ivor Bowen having addressed the jury.

The Judge, in his summing up, said if a person who had charge of a baby wilfully withheld food from it, and did that deliberately with the intention of killing it, that person would be guilty of murder. If, on the other hand, it was not done on purpose, but by a wicked, reckless neglect in the care of the child, and the child died, the crime would be one of manslaughter.

The jury found both prisoners guilty of manslaughter.

#### JUDGE AND BABY FARMING.

The Judge, addressing the prisoners, said he entirely agreed with the verdict, although he thought the jury had taken a merciful view of their case. They

had stood in great peril of being found guilty of murder and hanged. "You have been carrying on, I am afraid," he said, "this system of baby farming and I hear of certain other cases — apparently getting money for taking illegitimate children. Some of them have died. You made away with the body of this particular child." He regarded this as a very serious and a very dangerous offence, especially at this time when human life was so precious to the country.

Prisoners were each sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

Charges of failing to notify the fact that they had certain children entrusted to their care were not proceeded with.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 7<sup>th</sup> June 1917)

#### The Production of Tin. IMPORTANCE OF THE EMPIRE'S RESOURCES

Full of local interest is an important article in the June issue of the Times Trade Supplement dealing with the world's production of tin. It is estimated that at present about 110,000 tons of tin are produced per annum, of which 60,000 tons are made from ores mined in the British Empire. The largest

consumers are the United States, due, of course, to the great development of the tinplate industry across the Atlantic. Prior to that, it is safe to say that Great Britain was the largest consumer, when she supplied practically the whole world with tinplate. Today, America is a formidable competitor, and works have also been successfully established in Germany, Spain, Italy and other countries. About two-thirds of the world's production of tin is used in making alloys such as bronze pewter and Britannia metal, but the most familiar use of the metal is that to which we are accustomed to in this district—the coating of steel plates for making cooking utensils and receptacles for food, such as meat, fish and milk. The utilization of old tins was a matter dealt with successfully by the Germans before the war. Old tins were collected in this country and shipped as ballast to Germany where a Company at Essen is reported to have made good profits in recovering the tin and utilizing the steel scrap for the manufacture of goods such as metal toys, door plates, trays and light rails. This process it is gratifying to note is now being adopted locally, a large works

having been established at Llanelly by Messrs. Batchelor and Co. for the utilization of discarded tinplate sheets. It may not be generally known that compounds of tin are used in a variety of ways. Tin oxide is used in the preparation of enamels; stannate of soda is used by calico printers, tetrachloride of tin is a mordant in silk dying. Putty powder, an artificial oxide of tin, is used for polishing glass, granite and marble. Tin foil of one kind is used for silvering mirrors, and of another kind for packing sweets, tobacco, toilet soap, etc. Cornwall's production of tin ores is about 8,000 tons a year. The belief has been expressed that there is room for considerable expansion of the tin industry in Cornwall, as further knowledge is gained of saving the finer tins and thus increasing the output.

(Llanelly Star 9<sup>th</sup> June 1917)

#### **Death of Gallant Airman**

Lieut. Gwyn A. Griffiths, Welsh Regiment, attached R.F. Corps, was killed in action in France on June 2nd. He was 24 years old, and the son of Mr. and Mrs Griffiths, Typicca. Dryslwyn, and a nephew of Mr. W Llewelyn Williams, K.C., M.P. He was in

the service of Messrs. Thomas and Clement, Ltd., engineers, Llanelly, and joined at the outbreak of the war, and until last January served with the Welsh Regiment. He has another brother with the Colours.

Lieut. Evans, a friend of the deceased, writing to a member of the family, says: Yesterday your dear cousin volunteered for most dangerous work, which had it been successful, would have proved of very valuable military importance. Unfortunately, his machine was struck by an anti-aircraft gun, and brought down, Gwyn, poor boy receiving fatal wounds. It is very comforting to know he was spared any pain because death proved instantaneous. His pilot also received very severe wounds and died after landing his machine on our side of the lines. Fortunately, we were able to recover their bodies, and both are to be buried tomorrow in a pretty French village called Mons. He died a very gallant death whilst undertaking most important work, and all in the squadron mourn the loss of a very dear friend and gallant gentleman. Never was the motto of our regiment, "Better death than dishonour" more suitably

inscribed than in the resting-place of your dear cousin.

(Llanelly Star 16<sup>th</sup> June 1917)

#### **Shipbuilding at Llanelly.**

Steps are being taken at Llanelly with a view to establishing a shipbuilding yard, and at the Harbour Trust, on Tuesday, the Deputy Mayor (Councillor Dan Williams) presiding, the Harbour Superintendent (Mr. John Rees) reported that the most suitable site was that alongside the Carmarthenshire Dock, where, many years ago, shipbuilding was carried on. Mr. T. P. Jones said, he understood that the space available was too small. The Superintendent said they could repair a ship of 2,000 tons and construct two of 1,000 tons each at the same time on the space at present available, and eventually the Carmarthenshire Dock could be converted into a dry dock. Mr. D. Richards expressed the opinion that the Trust were too slow in their negotiations, whereupon the Chairman said it was impossible to do anything without the consent of the landowner, and they had been unable to see him.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 21<sup>st</sup> June 1917)

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(Llanelly Star 9<sup>th</sup> June 1917)

**NEW INDUSTRY FOR  
CARMARTHEN  
MANURE AND CHEMICAL  
WORKS.**

The old tinworks is at last coming back to its own, and very shortly will be the home of what we hope will be a thriving and profitable industry. The prime mover in the scheme is, we understand, Mr. Page, who has conducted a marine stores at Carmarthen for several years past. Various parts of the works are being rebuilt and plant laid down for the purpose of making bone and possibly other manures. Should the venture succeed the intention is to extend it in the direction of making various chemical products. The old siding accommodation at the works is being renewed and improved in order to cope with what is hoped and fully expected will be a thriving industry.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser June 29, 1917)

**Llanelly Water Supply.**

For months the Llanelly Rural District Council has been trying to get Local Government Board sanction to a further loan of

£21,260 for the purpose of completing the Council's waterworks undertaking, but without success. Typhoid has broken out, and the Council has pointed out that the work so necessary for public health could be completed this year by means of conscientious objectors. Throughout, Mr. Towyn Jones has been untiring in his efforts to get sanction for the completion of the loan to the amount stated above, and has now succeeded. The Local Government Board, after consulting with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury (of which Towyn is a Junior Lord), has now agreed to allow the Council to raise the £21,260 required.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 5<sup>th</sup> July 1917)

**Lady Howard and Pwll.  
HANDSOME GIFT TO  
BETHLEHEM CHURCH.**

A memorable meeting was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Pwll, after the evening service on Sunday, when an illuminated address was presented to Lady Howard. The address contained

the text of a resolution of thanks passed by the church to Lady Howard for her gift of a beautiful individual communion service. There was a crowded gathering, presided over by the pastor, Rev. R. Owen.

After an address by the Chairman, Mr. Walter Hoskin explained that when it was decided to adopt individual cups at Bethlehem, collectors were appointed to solicit subscriptions throughout the village. It fell to his lot to ask for the assistance of Lady Howard who at once said "It will afford me the greatest pleasure to provide the church with a complete service if they will accept it at my hands." That was the history of the movement, and to make the gift still more complete, the generous lady of Cilymaenllwyd also presented them with a fine oak cupboard, which in itself was a great ornament to the church.

Appreciative speeches followed from Mr Thomas Rees and Mr. William Lewis (senior deacon), the latter handing the address to Lady Howard.

In the course of an interesting speech, Lady Howard expressed her appreciation of the address and the kindly feelings which

prompted it. It was to her a great privilege to present the service to Bethlehem, which she believed would be of use to them in the great work that was being carried on within those walls. She was much impressed by the remark of Mr. Lewis that the gift was not so much to Bethlehem, but a gift to Christ. That was the spirit which had prompted her in the matter. It was also pleasant to think of the cordial relations that existed between the villagers and Cilymaenllwyd.

(Llanelly Star 14<sup>th</sup> July 1917)

### CYCLIST'S DEATH

Mr. James Black, licensee of the But chers' Arms, Burry Port, met his death while cycling, near Moreb Farm, on the Llanelly road. It is stated that he was holding to a steam lorry, and was thrown under the wheels in descending a hill.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Advertiser July 20, 1917)

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(Llanelly Star August 4, 1917)

### PWLL CRICKETERS AT FELINFOEL.

The Pwll Juniors visited Felinfoel last Saturday when they managed to win comfortably. The local eleven batted first, and were dismissed for 12 runs, to which Pwll replied with 32. The fielding of the Pwll eleven was excellent. Special mention must be made of the bowling of S. Anthony and W Richards, and the wicket keeping of D. R. Rowlands was beyond reproach.

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917)

### A Pwll Hero.

### KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE.

It has been reported and confirmed through the medium of his Commanding Officer, that Driver Gwilym Lewis, R.H. and R.F.A., late of Blue Anchor, now of Pantycelyn, Pwll, was killed in action in France on the 27th July. This gallant soldier was highly esteemed in local musical circles, and his loss is mourned by a host of friends. Appended is a copy; of the letter from the Commanding Officer

Dear Mr. Lewis and Family.

Yours of the 31st inst to hand. Thank you very much for your good wishes for my future welfare. I am pleased to be able to give you the following details. Your son was buried on the 20th ult. at Dickebuch Cemetery. His funeral was conducted by a Church of England clergyman and attended by an officer and as many men of the battery as were available. A cross has since been made and erected to his memory over his grave. Trusting that you will be able some day to visit his grave and that till then you will bear up with the help of Providence.

I remain,, with sincerest sympathy,

B. SELBY, Sec. Lieut., R.H., R.F.A.

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> August 1917)

### Local Councillor's Accident. SERIOUS INJURY AT THE STEEL WORKS.

Councillor Morgan Morgan, while following his employment at the Llanelly Steelworks on Wednesday had his right foot badly crushed by a furnace door falling upon it. The injury is so serious that it is feared he will be incapacitated for a few months.

(Llanelly Star 25<sup>th</sup> August 1917)

### MOTHERS!

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(Llanelly Star August 25, 1917)

### BURRYPORT.

The death took place of Mr. John Davies, a well-known agriculturist (formerly of Moreb Farm, Burryport), at the residence of his brother, Mr. Dd. Davies, Pelican Hotel, Kidwelly. Deceased was 72 years of age.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader August 28, 1918)

### SPORTS AT NEW DOCK.

A meeting was held last night at New Dock when arrangements were made for very attractive sports to be held on the Anchor Rovers field on September 29th. Valuable prizes will be offered, the intention being to secure a first class entry. The proceeds will be divided between the Stebonheath and Pare Howard Hospitals.

(Llanelly Star 1<sup>st</sup> September 1917)

### SUNDAY GARDENING A CRIME.

"It is a crime to do a bit of gardening down at the Pwll on a Sunday," said J. T. Crampton at the Tribunal on Thursday, adding that he worked 12 hours a day at the De-Tinning Works, and could

not reach the Drill Hall in time to fail for drill.

Ald. Griffiths: Never mind the people at Pwll.

Crampton: Ah, but I have to live amongst them (laughter).

Coun. M. R. Richards: Wouldn't you like to drill on Sundays instead of gardening? Crampton I drill enough in the works.

The Tribunal directed Crampton to join Section R.

(Llanelly Star September 15, 1917)

### Llanelly V.C. STEELWORKER'S BRILLIANT EXPLOIT.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded Sergt. Ivor Rees (No. 20002), of Pwll, Llanelly, who belongs to the South Wales Borderers. The announcement is made in the "London Gazette," which includes the names of another ten similarly honoured, and also the name of the late Captain Chevasse, V.C., son of the Bishop of Liverpool, who has won the unique distinction of a bar to his V. C.

The official record of Sergt. Ivor Rees' action is given as follows;- For most conspicuous bravery in attack. A hostile machine-gun opened fire at close range, inflicting many casualties.

Leading his platoon forward by short rushes, Sergt. Rees gradually worked his way round the right flank to the rear of the gun position. When he was about twenty yards from the machine-gun he rushed forward towards the team, shot one, and bayoneted another. He then bombed the large concrete emplacement, killing five and capturing 30 prisoners, of whom two were officers, in addition to an undamaged machine-gun.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 20<sup>th</sup> September 1917)

### Notes from Pwll.

The many friends of Corpl. D. J. Jones, Erw House, Pwll, a former secretary of the Llanelly Amateur Choir, will learn with regret that his progress at Tiverton Hospital is not very satisfactory. It will be remembered that after a few weeks in the trenches he was wounded in the hand necessitating the amputation of two fingers. A slight chill before operation is the cause of the indifferent improvement. His address is No. 2 Ward, Y.A. Hospital, Knightshayes Court, Tiverton, Devon, for any friends who may like to write.

Many thanks are due to the artistes and accompanists who did so well at the grand concert held recently. Their services were given gratis in support of the Local Comforts Fund.

The Male Voice Party having offered their services to Lady Howard in the cause of charity or entertainment of the wounded are busy rehearsing and learning new pieces. Practices are held five times weekly and it is hoped that members will attend punctually. Evenings - Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Sunday, 8 p.m. - 8.45 p.m., Sunday afternoon, 3.30 to 4.15 p.m.

Pte. Joseph Moss is home again feeling quite fit after an absence of 20 months in France. He is attached to the R.F.A. and has seen very heavy fighting. News is to hand of the fine success of Master Stanley Rees, pupil at Lakefield Council School, and son of Mr. J. H. Rees, Woodlands, Pwll. He passed top boy of Llanelly and District, and third for the whole county in the recent County Council Bursar scholarship examination, which gives him three years free tuition at the Llanelly County Council.

His teacher, Mr. James, speaks highly of his brilliant qualities, classing him as one of the smartest of Lakefield boys. We wish Stanley continued success.

Concerning the return of Sergt. Rees, V.C., no news has yet been received. He has however been in action since the granting of his recent award. It is the hope of all that the gallant sergeant may come home unscathed from these engagements.

The villagers will be pleased to learn of the recent promotion of 2nd Lieut. Stephen. Phillips. Further honour has been bestowed on him in his gaining the Military Cross for very efficient work on active service. Prior to joining the Forces, Lieut. Phillips was assistant master at the Pwll Council School, where he was very popular.

(Llanelly Star Saturday September 22, 1917)

#### **ARM WRENCHED OFF.**

**Swansea Man Dies from Shock.** Mr. W. W. Brodie conducted an inquest at Llanelly on Thursday respecting the death of Thomas Mark Kenhope (56), of 13, Edward-street, Swansea, a fitter's labourer, employed on munitions.

Charles Roberts, 5, Glanmorterrace, Burry Port, stated that when the deceased was adjusting a belt he went round on the pulley, and the left arm was wrenched from the socket.

Dr. Sam Williams, who attended deceased at the hospital, said death was due to shock.

A verdict of Accidental death was returned.

(South Wales Weekly Post 29<sup>th</sup> September 1917)

#### **A RECKLESS CYCLIST**

Glanville Insley (14), Trinity road, pleaded guilty at the Juvenile Court on Thursday to riding a bicycle without giving warning of his approach.

P.C. D.J. Davies said the defendant knocked a young girl down near the Station Hotel. He had not given any warning of his approach.

The defendant was dismissed with a caution.

(Llanelly Star 29<sup>th</sup> September 1917)

#### **LLANELLY.**

At a meeting of the Llanelly Borough Council on Tuesday the Town Clerk (Mr. H. W. Spowart) said he was glad to report that the scheme for the formation of a local Pensions Committee had been approved of by the Minister of Pensions.

The death of one of Llanelly's foremost citizens, in the person of Mr. William Samuel, Church-street, took place on Monday, in his 76th year. Deceased, who was the son of the late Mr. Simon Samuel, was born in the town, and received his earlier education at Heolfawr School.

Lieut. J. Evans. M.C., Llanelly, has been appointed on the War Office staff at Woolwich as technical officer. He has taken part in some of the biggest engagements on the Western front. He distinguished himself in the fight for Mametz Wood, where he was wounded. Before, enlisting Lieut. Evans was in practice in Llanelly as an architect and surveyor.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1917)

## **ANOTHER CARNIVAL FOR LLANELLY.**

Llanelly Ambulance Brigade, as the result of special appeals, have decided to hold another carnival on Saturday afternoon, the 20th. at 3 pm. and Messrs. J. W. Evans Coldstream-street. Llanelly, and Mr. E. D. Jenkins. Glamor Foundry, have been been pointed hon. secretaries.

(South Wales Weekly Post 6<sup>th</sup> October 1917)

## **Water for Burry Port. NEW ARRANGEMENT WITH LLANELLY.**

At the meeting of the Llanelly Waterworks Committee, the Town Clerk and Borough Surveyor reported on the supply of water from the Corporation's main used by the Burry Port Council.

They drew attention to supplies which are now being taken by Mr W. A. Davey, New Lodge, Burry Port, for the use of the Lodge at his gates and also the supply taken by Mr. Thomas of Moreb farm.

With reference to an application by the New Pool Colliery Co. for a water supply, the Committee recommend that such supply be afforded, provided that it is carried by two pipes not larger

than three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

It was reported that the Burry Port Urban Council would offer no opposition' and that the Colliery Company had also consulted the Rural Council who were willing, subject to an agreement between the Colliery Company and that Council.

The Committee recommend that the following letter be written to the Burry Port Urban Council by the Town Clerk:—

### **Agreement of 9th April, 1912.**

With reference to supplies of water from the six inch main belonging to the Corporation, and constructed in pursuance of the agreement as part of this Authority's undertaking, I am to indicate that the Corporation offer no objection to your continuing to give supplies of water to Mr Davey, of New Lodge, Burry Port, and Mr. Thomas, of Moreb farm, nor will they object to your supplying water through two pipes, each of not more than three-quarters of an inch in diameter from the Corporation's main to Messrs. Evan Davies and Co., Ltd., for their New Pool Colliery. I understand that your Authority are quite satisfied that this will, in no way, injuriously interfere

with the general supply conveyed by the six inch main.

The work of making the connections with our main will be carried out by the Corporation at the expense of Messrs. Evan Davies and Co., Ltd.

(Llanelly Star 6<sup>th</sup> October 1917)

## **MATCHES IN THE FACTORY.**

Three workmen were prosecuted at, Llanelly on Wednesday for having matches in their possession in a certain factory. They were; Wm. Herbert Ray, Noddfa, Pwll-road; Tom Gwyther, 9, King-square; and Peter Hunter, Morlais Bungalow, Burry-port, A fine of £5 was imposed in each case.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 18<sup>th</sup> October 1917)

## **BURRYPORT HOUSING.**

A public meeting was held at Burryport on Friday evening in connection with The Burryport Garden Suburb, Ltd. Mr. Thos. Jones (Stepney Castle) presided, and said that Mr. Talwyn Lloyd had prepared plans for 300 houses on the Goodig Estate. They would be suitable for working men.

Lady Howard referred to the serious nature of the housing question all over the country. She also dwelt upon the needs of Burryport.

(Herald of Wales 27<sup>th</sup> October 1917)

## **Tragic Discovery at Llanelly.**

Mr. D. S. Phillips, grocer, Llanelly, a well-known tradesman, was found early on Monday morning by his son on the pavement outside the premises. It appears that the son, on hearing his father's bedroom being bolted, got up from bed and tried to force the door. Whilst he was doing this he heard the window being opened. Then, with the assistance of a servant, the son effected an entrance into the bedroom. Finding no one there they went downstairs, and on the pavement outside the house they discovered Mr. Phillips' dead body. Dr. Sam Williams was sent for, and on examination he found that deceased had sustained a fracture of the skull. The deceased, who was 71 years of age, had been depressed for several months.

Deceased, who resided in Vittoria Street, was a deacon at Moriah Baptist Church.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 1<sup>st</sup> November 1917)

### THE PWLL "DUMMY."

Much interest is being aroused in the district by a competition organized by some friends at Pwll. A prize of 5s. is offered for the best verses (pennillion) on the famous "dummy" which was set up in the garden of Mrs. Jones, Thomas terrace, on the occasion of the home-coming of Sergt. Ivor Rees, V.C. Full particulars can be obtained of Mr. J. J. Davies, Black Rock, the appointed judge, or Mr. Thomas Brazell, Post Office, Pwll.

(Llanelly Star November 3, 1917)

### Coal Enterprise at Pwll.

Operations are busily going ahead at the Crown Colliery, Pwll, where powerful new pumping plant has been laid down. The accumulated water is being dealt with, and every preparation made for raising coal on a large scale in the near future. The promising prospects of this colliery are being followed with interest in the district.

(Llanelly Star Saturday November 3, 1917)

### PWLL SOLDIER WOUNDED.

News reached Pwll on Thursday that Pte. Gwyn Hughes, youngest

son of the late Mr. Joseph Hughes, Pwll, had been seriously wounded. His uncle, Dr. J. H. Williams, left for France yesterday to do whatever is possible for the young soldier. A brother, Pte. Arthur Hughes, is also in France, and another in the Navy.

(Llanelly Star 17<sup>th</sup> November 1917)

### The Butter Scandal.

Mr. R. J. Rhys, the Food Commissioner, addressing a meeting of the Swansea Food Control Committee, said his information was that butter was collected in the rural districts by motor-cars, and the result would be that drastic steps would be taken of stopping these people's petrol. That would come into effect before very long, and would, it was thought, make a little difference. The Commissioner went on to say that butchers would be registered just as grocers, and he added that he had been asked to report on the question of grouping the committees together. He thought there should be more harmony, and then infringements would be more easily detected.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1917)

### TWO LLANELLY £20 FINES.

Edward Loosemore, of the Welsh Dairy Produce Company, Stepney Street, Llanelly, was fined £40 (£20 each on two summonses) at Llanelly Police Court on Tuesday for selling butter at above the maximum price fixed by the Food Control Committee. The evidence was to the effect that defendant sold at 2s. 5d. per pound instead of 2s. 4½d.

A third summons was dismissed.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1917)

### LLANELLY MALE VOICE CHOIR.

This choir has arranged to visit the Stebonheath Hospital next Saturday evening, November 30th, and Pare Howard on the following Tuesday. A grand conceit is also being arranged in aid of the Red Cross Society in a fortnight's time. The committee invites the support of good voices in order to carry out a successful charity programme during the winter. The practice will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 3.45 p.m.

(Llanelly Star 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1918)

### AWARDED THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Corpl. Tom Ballantyne, son of Mr. James Ballantyne, Cynheidre farm, Five Roads, formerly of Penyfai, has been awarded the military medal for conspicuous bravery. Corpl. Ballantyne, who belongs to the Field Artillery, is an old pupil of Old Road School, and it is worthy of note that he is the third scholar from this school to win the Military Medal. Pte. Ballantyne is an ex-Llanelly Rugby forward.

(Llanelly Star 15<sup>th</sup> December 1917)

### PITHY PWLL NOTES.

The winning number in the prize drawing for the parcel from Egypt is 4442. The winning ticket must be sent to the secretary. Mr. Walter Hoskin, before the 31st. The proceeds of the drawing will go to swell the Comforts Fund.

Christmas presents have been sent to all the local boys on active service, to the number of over a hundred. This is an excellent record for the village.

The Pantycelyn celebration will take place to-morrow, the afternoon meeting at 2.30 at Libanus, and the evening

gathering: at 6 o'clock at Bethlehem. The collections will be devoted to the Sailors and Soldiers Fund.

(Llanelly Star 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1917)

### STEBONHEATH MILITARY HOSPITAL

Last week a number of soldiers were discharged from Stebonheath Military Hospital, but their places have already been filled by the arrival from Stebonheath Military of two new batches of men. There are 176 patients at this hospital and the O.C., together with the O.C. of Pare Howard Hospital, will be glad to receive any gifts for them for the Christmas season.

(Llanelly Star 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1917)

### CAPTURED GUNS.

#### Carmarthenshire Claims to War Trophies.

Llanelly steel smelters have sent a suggestion to official quarters that one of the three guns captured by Captain J. Evans and

his men at Mametz should go to Llanelly and a second to Carmarthenshire.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> December 1917)

### BURRY PORT

Miss Mary Ann Griffiths, the eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel Griffiths, of the Gwscwm Nurseries, passed away on Saturday, after a long and trying illness. She was 23 years of age.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> December 1917)

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### Pwll Notes.

Pumping operations are ill full swing at the Crown Colliery, and ere long the water will be cleared. The power house is being put in order, which augurs well for the near future.

We are very pleased to see Mr Brazell, junior, Post Office, amongst us on leave, looking well after his recent narrow escapes.

He has our best wishes for his safe keeping.

It is rumoured that an eisteddfod is to be held here on St. David's Day, or thereabouts.

Congratulations to Mr. Joseph Harries on his very successfully passing his matriculation examination in Tonic Sol-fa. Mr. Harries. is a faithful member of the Pwll Male Voice Party, and conductor of Cwmbach children's choir, where his services are gratuitously given, and very much appreciated.

(Llanelly Star 12<sup>th</sup> January 1918)

### FAITHFUL TO DUTY.

#### Llanelly Lady Who Stood Fast During Explosion.

The names of two more Llanellyites appeared in the second list of honours published in the "*London Gazette*" last week, viz., Miss Violet Ann Davies, daughter of Mr. T. O. Davies, Glanmor-terrace, Llanelly, and Mr. David George Morgan, Silver-terrace, Burryport, who is a native of Llanelly. They have been awarded the medal of the Most Excellent Order of the

British Empire for their heroism. The official record relating to Miss Davies reads as follows: "For courage in remaining at her post at the telephone during a severe explosion. Age 15.

The official record in Mr. Morgan's case is: "For courage and high example in picking up and drowning a shell which had become accidentally ignited."

(The Cambrian Daily Leader 14<sup>th</sup> January 1918)

### Another Military Medal.

News was received this week that Sapper Thomas John Thomas, Burry Port, had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery and devotion to duty on the night of November 30th. The gallant sapper is a married man and his wife resides at Scyborwen, Achddu. He was formerly a mason employed at the Achddu Colliery. He is serving in Palestine, and at present is recovering from fever in hospital.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> January 1918)

### UNUSUAL CASE AT LLANELLY.

William R. Ray. Pwll-road. Llanelly, a munition worker,

discharged from the Army. and formerly manager of a business in Oxford-street, London, was discharged by the Llanelly Bench on a charge of wrongfully obtaining 25s. subsistence allowance as a volunteer war worker.

(South Wales Weekly Post Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 1918)

### **Burry Port Boys in Trouble WILFUL DAMAGE TO A COLLIERY OFFICE.**

Six boys, Dd. John Morris, Pemberton Cottage, David Allen, 187, Colby road,; Vincent Gower, Mount Pleasant, Henry Williams, Mount Pleasant, Dd. Charles Hare, Kraig Chapel, and Stanley Walter Peters, Mount Pleasant, all of Burry' Port, were proceeded against at the Juvenile Court on Thursday for committing wilful damage to 24 panes of glass, 24 pieces of match boarding, a desk and drawers to the extent of £5.

R. G. Thomas, 1, Pemberton Avenue, Burry Port, a director of Messrs. Evan Davies and Co. Ltd., Achddu Colliery, said that he found the office had been broken into, entrance having been effected through a window. Considerable damage had been

done, and a bunch of keys was missing.

P.C. Evan Davies said he saw the defendants who made certain admissions.

The Bench fined Morris £1 9s. 6d. inclusive, while the other defendants were ordered to pay 19s. 6d. each towards the costs and damage.

(Llanelly Star 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1918)

### **PEMBREY.**

The Pembrey School Managers, 18 in number - 9 from Burryport, 3 from Pembrey, 3 from Trimsaran, and 3 from Pwll. For some months not a single manager has attended from Trimsaran and Pwll, and only on occasions one from Pembrey.

What is the matter?

(The Cambria Daily Leader 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1918)

### **Pwll Notes.**

The Pwll eisteddfod to be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at Libanus Chapel (near Tram terminus), promises to be a huge success. Record entries have been received in the literary section of programme, and the musical and

other miscellaneous entries will be received up to Thursday next.

It is common knowledge that the proceeds will be devoted in their entirety towards the funds of the local Soldiers and Sailors Committee, this committee having benefited already to the extent of nearly £100 from the efforts of the only really active body in the village, viz., the Male Voice Party.

It is to be hoped that all who have the cause of the fighting boys at heart will not fail to attend Libanus on Saturday next when a great treat will be in store for those who will be fortunate to find room. The eisteddfod commences at 2.30 p.m.

On Tuesday evening next at the Market Hall, Llanelly, the Male Voice Party will assist at a grand concert in aid of the R.A.O.B. Widows and Orphans fund.

Their many friends welcome their temporary return home of Lance-Corpl. A. J. Hughes and Gunners J. Jones, and H. J. Hughes. The two former have seen hard fighting on the Western front, while the latter has doubtless vivid recollections of exciting times at sea.

Pte. A. J. Hughes entered the bonds of holy matrimony on Thursday his happy bride being

Miss E. A. Hughes, sister to Lieut. D. J. Hughes, who has seen active service in Africa and France. All the villagers wish them joy. The bridegroom returns to France next week, but it is hoped that at the close of hostilities, Pte Hughes will settle down to a happy and prosperous life.

(Llanelly Star 9<sup>th</sup> March 1918)

### **PEMBREY.**

On Monday afternoon the remains of the late Mr Alexander Smith, headmaster of the Pembrey National School, was laid to rest at Pembrey Parish Church graveyard. The funeral was a military one, and hundreds of people came to witness it. The coffin, which was of unpolished oak with massive silver trimmings, was conveyed on a gun carriage from the house to the church. A detachment of Llanelly Volunteers under the command of Lieut. T. P. Jones, and the Burryport Detachment under the command of Lieut. A. A. Lewis, formed the escort.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1918)

## BURRYPORT.

It is stated that there will be no Sunday trains in future.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1918)

## THE MEMBER FOR PWLL.

To the Editor of the "Star."

Sir,

I shall be much obliged if you will make it clear to the readers of the "Star" that I was not the "William Rogers" who was put up for selection as member of the Board of Guardians in place of Mr I William Bassett. and who held a meeting at the Council School. In fact, I am a I strong supporter of Mr. ,D. L. Bowen who has been co-opted, and I would never allow my name to be used against such a prominent business man-the man in the right place. I may say that general I satisfaction prevails in the district that Mr. Bowen has been called to follow in the footsteps of his late father-in-law. I am, etc.,

WM. ROGERS.

Aelyhryn, New road,  
Pwll.

(Llanelly Star 6<sup>th</sup> April 1918)

## LLANELLY.

Lady Howard has been elected vicar's warden at Pwll Church, Llanelly.

A convoy of 53 wounded soldiers arrived at Steboneath Military Hospital, Llanelly, on Wednesday evening.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 12<sup>th</sup> April 1918)

## UNIQUE FUNCTION

### 14 Munition Workers Awarded the O. B. E.

At Carmarthen on Wednesday, the Lord-Lieutenant of the County (Mr. John Hinds, M.P.) as representative of the King, invested fourteen munition workers in the county with the medal of the Order of the British Empire, awarded for bravery at a West Wales munition factory. The Mayor (Ald. Wm. Evans) presided, and the investiture took place in Guildhall-square. Supporting the Mayor were the Lord Lieutenant (Mr. John Hinds, M.P.) and Miss Hinds, the Mayoress (Mrs. Evans), the High Sheriff of Carmarthenshire (Mr. Thos. Lewis, J.P. Nantgaredig), Col. J. V. Ramsden, D.S.O. (Ministry of Munitions), and

members of the Corporation and Bench.

The recipients were:- Alexander Cornelin, 19. Pemberton-avenue, Burryport; Ben Davies, 19 Russel-street, Llanelly; Violet Annie Davies (fifteen years old), 2, Glanmor, Llanelly; James Duffy, Dysgwylfa House, Pembrey; May Evans, 69, Pencoed-road Burryport; Jane Fisher, 55, Water-street, Kidwelly; Michael Fitzpatrick, 13, Charles-street, Llanelly; D. G. Morgan, 22 Silver-terrace, Burryport; W. H. Price, 42, Gate-terrace, Pwll-road, Llanelly; Ivor Pugh, Llanelly; Robert Roberts, 16, Mansel-street, Burryport; Lawrence Skinner, 67, Coldstream-street, Llanelly; J. Stewart. 60, Jersey-road, Llanelly; and E. Vass, 40, New-street, Burryport.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 18<sup>th</sup> April 1918)

### Illegal Killing of Sheep at Llansaint.

### BUTCHER FINED £10.

At the Carmathen County Petty Sessions on Saturday before Mr Dudley W. Drummond

(chairman), Mr W. Thomas and Major Dowdeswell,

Supt. J. E. Jones charged William Hughes, butcher, Llansaint (1) with slaughtering a sheep which had not within the previous 11 days been offered for public sale, and (2) with buying a sheep other than in a mart, and (3) with buying in excess of the quantity allowed by his certificate.

The Chairman said that he understood that no objection was taken to his sitting on the case, but that the defence wished him to act.

Mr H. B. White, who appeared for the defence, said that he had no objection at all.

P.C. D. J. Davies said that on the 16th March he found the defendant wheeling a barrow on the road. In the barrow was a dead sheep. In the defendant's shop he found some pork and mutton. Defendant said that they were there since the previous week. When the fresh condition of the meat was pointed out to him he said that he had bought them on Thursday from Mr Davies, Parcwyn. He added that he had been short of meat that week. Defendant afterwards produced a certificate entitling him to buy a quarter of beef and

three quarters of mutton. During the week he purchased two quarters of beef and eight quarters of mutton. He afterwards withdrew the statement about Mr Davies, Parcgywn, and said that he bought them from a local butcher. Defendant admitted the charges and said "I have only to face it."

Mr H. Brunel White pointed out that the certificate did not specify the weight of the meat as did the certificates in the Borough.

The Chairman said that a beast was supposed on the average to weigh 500lbs and a sheep 56lbs.

Mr White contended that the quantity bought was very little in excess of the permit the difference being 175lb and 167lb. The Chairman said that the point of the charge was that the defendant had bought two sheep otherwise than in a public mart.

Defendant said that there used to be two other butchers at Llansaint. Their customers had been transferred to him. Being short of meat he bought two sheep weighing 55lbs. That only made 155, and he considered himself entitled to 175lbs.

Mr Drummond left the court whilst the case was in

progress, and Major Dowdeswell and Mr Thomas adjudicated.

Major Dowdeswell stated that the defendant would be fined £10 on the summons for slaughtering. The other charge would be dismissed as there was an element of doubt.

E. J. Davies was charged with the illegal sale of a sheep to the previous defendant. Mr Wallis-Jones defended. The case was dismissed.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 19<sup>th</sup> April 1918)

#### **MATCHES IN THE WORKS.**

Arthur Hill, 4, Belfort-place, Swansea, and G. Roberts, New-road, Pwll, Llanely, were each fined £5 at Llanely Police Court, on Wednesday, for having a match apiece in their possession at a West Wales factory.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> April 1918)

#### **THE MERRY MADCAPS.**

The success of the performance by the Merry Madcaps at the Athenaeum Hall last night was so great that a repeat will be given to-night (Saturday) at 7 o'clock. The boys from Stebonheath and

Pare Howard, have been invited to be present.

(Llanely Star 27<sup>th</sup> April 1918)

#### **FALL OF COAL TRIMSARAN COLLIER'S DEATH.**

An inquest was held by Mr. W. W. Brodie at Trimsaran on Thursday, on the body of John Gravelle (14), son of Will., Gravelle, Laurel House, Waunyclyn, Trimsaran.

Wm. Gravelle, father of the deceased, said his son was a collier's assistant, and had worked at Waunhir Colliery for some months. On March 6th at 3.30 p.m., on his return from work witness saw him in bed. He had a cut on the right knee and on one of his hands. Dr. Vincent Williams was sent for and came that day. Deceased resumed work in about three weeks. He worked with the exception of a possible day or two until May 2nd, but at Caeduan pit. On that day about 3.30 p.m. he came home from work lame and said his leg was bad. Witness asked him if he had had a blow, and he said that it I had got wore

by kneeling on it. He was not able to go to work after that day and he died on May 6th.

Replying to Mr. Saunders, who represented the relatives of the deceased, witness said that after the injury on March 6th deceased was paid compensation for three weeks.

David John, 10, Gwscwm-road, Burry Port, a collier, said that on March 6th he was working at Wauncllyn pit and deceased was his assistant. He told deceased to throw the coal from the fall to the stage. Witness was passing the coal to him and deceased was sending it down to the stage. A lump came from the face two feet long and twelve inches in width. It fell from the face near the deceased and witness saw it strike him. Witness went down and found that deceased had rolled down over the stage to where the trammers were. Witness found that the boy's left leg had been bruised and scratched and he was taken to the surface in a tram and afterwards removed to his home.

Dr. Vincent Williams said he conducted a postmortem in the presence of Dr. D. J. Williams. The cause of death was septicaemia by infection of the

wound the deceased had on March 6th.

A verdict in accordance with medical evidence was returned.

(Llanelly Star 11<sup>th</sup> May 1918)

#### **Advertisement:**

**D. HUGHES**, Ironmonger, 11, Station road, Llanelly, has a very large stock of all Household Ironmongery, including Mangle and Washer combined, Mangles, both large and Table Mangles, 2 Gents' Bicycles and 1 Lady's second-hand ; portable Boilers & Stoves, Fenders and Coal Vases, Portmanteaus and Ladies Dress Baskets; also choice array of pre-sents. Good stock of Cartridges. See Windows. Bird Cages in stock; also Spring Wire Mattress. Second-hand Gent's and Ladies' Cycles and also new at lowest prices.

A large stock of Distemper and Calcarium, all colours: also "FLOORINE for VARNISHING IN ONE PROCESS," Paints, Varnishes and all Spring Cleaning Goods.

(Llanelly Star, May 18, 1918)

#### **TRAGIC LLANELLY STORY.**

E. Hughes, of Waunbaglan, Trimsaran, near Llanelly, accompanied by a friend, had cycled to Llanelly to consult a solicitor in connection with an appeal Hughes wished to make against the decision of the Medical Board in grading him Class 1. When ascending the gradient by Cwmbach, Hughes collapsed and expired.

A motor-car belonging to Mrs. Evans of West End, Llanelly was obtained in order to have the body conveyed home. P.C. Kennedy accompanied the occupants of the car, and while proceeding down the mountain road an unfortunate mishap occurred, the car rushed through the hedge and into a field near by. All the occupants of the car were thrown out, and P.C. Kennedy was underneath the car, as well as the corpse, when assistance arrived. Fortunately no one sustained severe injuries.

(The Amman Valley Chronicle and East Carmarthen News' 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1918)

#### **FERRY SIDE.**

There was a good rush of visitors on Monday last to the seaside, the weather conditions being ideal. The annual Sunday School treat at Salem Baptist Chapel took place on Whit-Monday.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Adviser 24<sup>th</sup> May 1918)

#### **Pwll Cottage on Fire. LLANELLY MAN'S PLUCKY CONDUCT.**

An exciting incident occurred on the afternoon of Whit-Monday in which Mr. Charles Jones, 31, Pottery street, played a plucky part. It appears that Mr. Jones, accompanied by his wife, was walking to Llanelly from Burry Port along the Valley line. When nearing Pwll Mr. Jones noticed flames lighting up the window of one of the upstairs rooms of a little cottage. He at once rushed to the front door only to find it locked. The adjoining house was also closed. Climbing over the side door, he reached the rear of the house, but was unable to gain access by this means. By this time the cries of children calling "Mam, Mam," could be heard. Before many minutes had elapsed, Mr. Jones, with the aid of his wife,

managed to reach a small upper window at the back of the house, and crawling through this, he entered one of the bedrooms where two children were lying with terror stricken faces. Flames were spreading all over the room and were within a few inches of the bed. Acting with commendable promptitude, Mr. Jones managed to get the fire under control and to remove the children to a place of safety.

(Llanelly Star Saturday May 25, 1918)

#### **LLANELLY.**

Speaking of the success achieved by the tank, Julian, who netted £440,725 at Llanelly, the Mayor (Ald. D. James Davies) said the town had achieved something which was beyond their wildest dreams. He added that there were further sums to come in.

At the meeting of the Llanelly Board of Guardians on Thursday, Mr. Gwilym Williams, manager of the Old Lodge Tinsplate Works, was co-opted as a member in the place of the late Dr. J. L. Davies.—Lady Howard gave notice of her intention to move at the next meeting that a lady member be co-opted.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 14<sup>th</sup> June 1918)

### **Carmarthen Deaf and Dumb Man FINED AT LLANELLY.**

Two munition workers were summoned at Llanelly Police Court on Wednesday in last week for being in possession of a match and tobacco respectively at a munition factory. Defendants were Sidney Phillips, 42, St. Catherine-street, Carmarthen, and John Anthony Davies, 4, Gwscwm Road, Burrv Port.

In the first case it transpired that the defendant was deaf and dumb, and it looked as if the Court was in a quandary in consequence, but the Presiding Magistrate (Mr. David Williams) was able to 'explain the 'charge to the defendant by means of the deaf and dumb language.

Defendant, in a written statement to the bench, stated that he had been a life long non-smoker, and was greatly surprised when the match was found in his possession. He used matches that morning before leaving the house to light the gas stove in order to prepare his breakfast, and must have placed one in his pocket while in a hurry to catch the train.

A fine of £3 was imposed.

In the case of John Anthony Davies, defendant stated that he only had about half- an-inch of

twist tobacco which he took with him as he was suffering from neuralgia.

A special constable spoke to seeing defendant chewing tobacco, and upon searching him found a piece of twist tobacco in his pocket. Davies was fined £2.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales  
Weekly Advertiser 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1918)

### **PWLL WELL DRIED UP.**

Sanitary Inspector Rees reported to the Rural Council that the well at Pwll, known as Ffynoncastell, had dried up. This had been known to have dried up before. It was believed to have been caused by the pumping at the Crown Colliery, and some of the inhabitants of the village who were inconvenienced asked that the main should be extended so as to provide more convenient public taps. The matter was referred to the Water Committee.

(Llanelly Star 10<sup>th</sup> August 1918)

### **For France Today HELP WANTED FROM LLANELLY.**

To-day is Flag Day in Llanelly for the French Red Cross, and we would appeal for a generous response. An energetic committee has been hard at work making the necessary arrangements, and we feel sure that their efforts will meet with the success which they deserve.

(Llanelly Star 17<sup>th</sup> August 1918)

### **Serious Charge against Girl ALLEGED THEFT FROM THE RAIL- WAY STATION.**

A young girl named Mary Hannah Field (10), was charged at the Juvenile Court on Friday with stealing goods of the value of £7 10s., the property of the Great Western Railway.

Detective James Mountjoy said that on Thursday afternoon accompanied by Sergt Roblin he went to Penrhiw, Cross Hands, where he saw the defendant in the presence of her mother. Witness informed her that they were police officers and that he was about to charge her with stealing a Japanese basket containing various articles of clothing and jewellery from the Llanelly G.W.R. passenger station

on Saturday last. After being cautioned, defendant replied "I took it about half past ten at night and took it to Glanmor terrace. David Morgan was with me at the time." The girl was then taken into custody.

Mr. Jennings who appeared on behalf of Mr. Ludford for the prosecution, asked for a remand until Thursday to which application the Bench acceded.

Mr. Mervyn Paton for the defence asked for bail, which was granted in one surety of £10.

(Llanelly Star 24<sup>th</sup> August 1918)

### **BURRYPORT**

The death took place of Mr. John Davies, a well-known agriculturist (formerly of Moreb Farm, Burryport), at the residence of his brother, Mr. Dd. Davies, Pelican Hotel, Kidwelly. Deceased was 72 years of age.

(The Cambria Leader 28<sup>th</sup> August 1918)

### **Llansaint Woman's Suicide HUSBAND'S DISCOVERY.**

No small sensation was caused in the district when it became known that Mrs. Sarah Ann

Jones, wife of Mr. Benjamin Jones, High Park, Llansaint, had committed suicide at 3 a.m. on Tuesday. It appears that the husband, who slept in a room adjoining that in which his wife slept, heard groans and proceeded to his wife's bedroom. In the darkness he could faintly discern a figure in white. One of Mr. Jones's hands came in contact with a sharp instrument, which proved to be the blade of a razor which his wife held in her hand. Lighting a candle the husband, to his horror, discovered his wife in a state of collapse. She was suffering from two big gashes on the neck, all of which had been self-inflicted. The woman bled profusely and died in a few minutes. Dr. Williams and P.C. D. J. Davies were summoned, but no assistance could be rendered as life was extinct. Deceased, who was a native of Pembrokeshire, was 33 years of age, and had only been married to Mr. Jones (who was a widower with two children) about twelve months ago.

(Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 30<sup>th</sup> August 1918)

### **MARRIAGE OF MAJOR HAROLD TRUBSHAW.**

The marriage took place to-day at Carnarvon of Major Harold Trubshaw, eldest son of Mrs. Trubshaw and the late Mr. Ernest Trubshaw, D.L., Aelvbryn, Llanelly, to Miss Lloyd Carter, daughter of the late Mr. Lloyd Carter, who was one of the best known gentlemen in North Wales. The auspicious ceremony excited much interest in the district, and the bridal pair were the recipients of the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Major Trubshaw has been on active service ever since the outbreak of war, being a highly popular officer attached to the Royal Engineers.

(Llanelly Star 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918)

### **QUARREL OVER RENT.**

Thomas Griffiths, Belmont House, Pwll, was charged at Llanelly on Wednesday with assaulting Sarah Ann Evans, Aston. House. Pwll, following a quarrel over the raising of the rent by Mrs. Evans. - Bench stated that it was a very cowardly thing for a young man to assault a woman, and defendant would be fined £1.

(South Wales Weekly Post 31<sup>st</sup> August 1918)

### **SUDDEN DEATH AT FERRY SIDE.**

Mr. John Davie, aged 64, died suddenly at his residence, the Ferry Hotel, Ferryside on Wednesday. He had been unwell since the 28th of August. His death was rather sudden.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 13<sup>th</sup> September 1918)

### **PWLL SPORTS.**

The above sports in aid of the local Soldiers and Sailors Fund will be postponed owing to the weather conditions, until Saturday, September 28th, and all competitions are left open until Sept. 26.

(Llanelly Star September 14<sup>th</sup> 1918)

### **LLANELLY.**

The marriage has been solemnised at the Greenfield Baptist Chapel, Llanelly, of Mr. Hubert Llewelyn Phillips (Customs and Excise Officer), younger son of Mr. D. Phillips, M.B.E., and Mrs. Phillips, Brynelli, and Miss Mary Irene Harries, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harries,

Garthowen, Alban-road, Llanelly. The officiating minister was the Rev. J. M. Gwynne Owen, and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Evelyn G. Harries, while Lieut. John B. Nield, of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, was the bridegroom's best man. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. W. B. Nield presided at the organ.

The Llanelly Rural Tribunal dealt with over 511 appeals on Tuesday, and in most cases six months' exemption was granted, with, further right of appeal.

The existing agreement for medical treatment which has been in operation between the Llanelly doctors and the men connected with the various works in the town has come to an end. New terms were proposed by the doctors, which involved among other things, increased weekly contributions, and a counter offer was made by the men. The medical gentlemen have rejected the men's terms, and the matter has now been referred, to the various branches.

The Llanelly Coroner (Mr. W. W. Brodie) conducted his first inquest without a jury on Tuesday at Llansaint. A labourer named Evan Wilkins (66) who lodged at

17, Cwm-terrace, Furnace, near Llanelly died under tragic circumstances at the Llanelly Steelworks on Tuesday morning. It appears that the deceased was in the act of shovelling ashes into a conveyance when he dropped dead.

(The Cambrian Daily Leader 25<sup>th</sup> September 1918)

### PWLL RECREATION FIELD.

A representative meeting was held at Salem Vestry, Pwll, convened by Mr. More, Stepney Estate agent, to consider the best means of carrying on the recreation field. A committee was appointed which will be responsible for the management of the field, and will arrange for its use for cricket, football, sports, etc. The presence of Mr. More was much appreciated, and the interest displayed by him in the matter augurs well for the future.

(Llanelly Star September 28<sup>th</sup> 1918)

**LOST** a Lady's Silver Wristlet WATCH between Holy Trinity Church and Stepnev road. Pwll.

Finder rewarded on returning to Star Office.

(Llanelly Star 12<sup>th</sup> October 1918)

### BURRYPORT.

On Sunday evening, at the English Congregational Church, Burryport, Pte. Tom Nicholson, R.G.A., of Stepney-row, Burryport, was presented with a cash gift. The presentation was made by Councillor T. Davies, J.P.

Mr. Wm. Lewis, The Elms, Burryport, was the adjudicator at Zion (C.M.) eisteddfod at Llan Saint on Saturday last.

On Tuesday afternoon a social was held at Bethany (C.M.) Chapel, Burryport, to welcome the new pastor, Rev. Price Jones.

The funeral of the late Pte. Harry Smelt, Welsh Guards, who died at Ashburnham Bungalow, Burryport, took place on Tuesday afternoon at the Parish Church, Pembrey. He leaves a widow and one child. The vicar and curate officiated.

Signaller Reggie Thomas, S.W.B., who is home on a few days' leave, was presented by the Burryport staff of the G.W.R. with a set of brushes. The presentation took

place at the Burryport Station office, the stationmaster (Mr. R. J. Fortune) presiding.

Mr. Ben Jones, booking clerk, G.W.R., Burryport, was presented by the railway staff of Burryport G.W.R. with a silver cruet on the occasion of his wedding. Mr. Fortune (stationmaster) made the presentation.

Influenza is very prevalent at Burryport at the present time. In one house at Elkington-road there are five persons ill, and at Pemberton-avenue there are four persons in one household suffering from influenza.

Little Louie Maunder (14), daughter of Mr. Wm. Maunder, librarian, Burryport, died on Saturday. She was talking with her parents in the kitchen when she fell back on the couch and expired. She had only been ill a few days.

The "Cymanfa Ganu" of the Methodist Churches of Bethany (Burryport), Bethel (Pembrey), and Hermon Wesleyan (Pembrey), was held at Bethel, Pembrey, on Sunday. The conductors were: Morning, Mr. Gwilym Evans; afternoon, Mr. Lewis Conwil Jones; evening, Mr. Thomas Williams. Accompanists: Mr. Maurice Evans, Mrs. W. Owen.

and Miss Gladys Davies. Presidents: Mr. W. Williams. Rev. Arles, and the Rev. D. E. Jones.

On Sunday evening a memorial service was held at Zion Chapel, Burryport, to the la to Pte. Walter Hughes, who was killed in France. The Rev. J. H. Rees preached.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouthshire Recorder 12<sup>th</sup> October 1918)

### ADVERTISEMENT

WANTED, two rough PAINTERS; 1s. 2d. per hour; only good climbers need apply.—J. Zammit, Llanelly Steel-works.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> October 1918)

### LLANELLY.

Mr. D. R. Williams, Clifton-terrace, Llanelly, whilst cycling home from work, at the Glanmor Foundry, on Tuesday evening, had a side-slip in Station-road, at the junction of Lakefield and fell heavily, breaking his right arm near the wrist.

Wm. and Hannah Healy, 3, Murray-street. Llanelly, were proceeded against at the Llanelly Police Court, on Wednesday, for cruelty to their four children. Mr. M. R. Richards, who represented the N.S.P.C.C., said the children were dirty, ragged, and covered with vermin marks. It was not alleged that they were beaten or badly fed, but they were allowed to run wild and barefooted about the streets. Defendants pleaded not guilty, and the Bench severely censured them, and also fined the female defendant £3, while the male defendant was fined £2.

Miss Carrie Davies, Tower Hill. Old- road. Llanelly, niece of Mrs. Dd. Evans. Bradford House, who died as the result of influenza at a London hostel, on Saturday, was buried at Llandovery, on Saturday. Miss Davies, who was attached to the "Wrens." was 22 years of age.

The wounded soldiers at Stebonheath Military Hospital, Llanelly. together with the nursing staff, were entertained by Messrs. Batchelor, Robinson, and Company, on Tuesday night, when numerous prizes were awarded in connection with a whist drive and also in draughts and billiards competitions, while lottery prizes were provided for the "cot" cases.

The prizes were distributed by Mrs. F. Collingridge, while Mr. F. Collingridge and Mr. J. R. Webb acted as M.C.'s.

Another convoy of 40 wounded soldiers arrived at Llanelly, on Wednesday, and were conveyed to Stebonheath Hospital, where there are now 170 patients.

Allotment Holders' and Food Production Exhibition November 6th and 7th, 1918. Entries Close Saturday. November 2nd,

(The Cambria Daily Leader 31<sup>st</sup> October 1918)

### **GERMAN COURIER DELAYED**

**Held up by Own Countrymen**

**NO REPLY LIKELY TO-DAY**

Owing to the heavy German barrage and machine-gun fire on the battle-front, the passage of the German Courier from Marshal Foch's Headquarters to Spa was so delayed that he is not expected to reach German Headquarters until this afternoon. Consequently it is unlikely that any decision in regards to the armistice will be reached to-day.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 9<sup>th</sup> November 1918)

### **250 WELSH HONOURS.**

The following is a list of the decorations won by the Welsh Regiment during the war:

V.C., 3; C.M. .G., 3; Legion of Honour, 1; M.B.E., 1; D.S.O., 22; Order of St. Valdimir of Russia, 1; Order of St. Stanislas of Russia, 1; Order of St. George of Russia, 6; Military Cross, 35; Distinguished Conduct Medal, 51; Military Medal, 66. - total, 250.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 13<sup>th</sup> November 1918)

### **END OF CONSCRIPTION**

The Secretary of the Local Government Board and Ministry of National Service make the following announcement:-

The Government has decided that all recruiting under the Military Service Act is to be suspended.

All outstanding calling-up notices, whether for medical examination or service, are cancelled.

All cases pending before tribunals should be suspended.

(Amman Valley Chronicle 14<sup>th</sup> November 1918)

### **FERRYSIDE'S FOUR FUNERALS.**

The body of a sailor was discovered by Mr. Henry Thomas, fisherman, on Sunday last in the Kidwelly river flowing into the Towy estuary, and reported to P.C. Davies, Ferryside. An inquest, was held by Mr. W. Brodie at the National School on Monday. The evidence showed that the body was that of a seafaring man of about 45 years. There were no marks or evidence of identification. The body had apparently been in the water at least three or four weeks. The funeral of this unknown man took place at St. Ishmael's Churchyard on Tuesday, the arrangements being carried out by the local coast watchers.

The funeral of Gwyneth John, aged six, daughter of Sapper Thomas John and Mrs. John, Royston Court, took place at Salem Cemetery on Wednesday, 13th inst., in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends including the teachers and scholars of Ferryside National School and the Salem Sunday School, to which the deceased belonged. The father, who is on service in France, was unable to be present. The Rev. Mr.

Pritchard officiated. There was a large number of wreaths sent out.

On Wednesday, the 13th November, the funeral of Pte. David Tom Davies, aged 19, son of Mr. Evan Davies, Glanmor House, took place at Salem Cemetery. The Rev. Isaac Thomas and Rev. T. R. Pritchard took part in the service. The chief mourners were:—Mr. Evan Davies (father); Mr. Ernest Davies (brother) and Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Evans (sister), Miss Hilda Davies (sister), Miss Gwen Davies (sister). A funeral party consisting of sergt.-major and six men from Carmarthen, attended, representing the regiment to which the deceased belonged. Some beautiful wreaths were sent.

On Thursday, 14th inst., the funeral of Mrs. Jeffery, Dorothy Cafe, took place at Salem Cemetery. The Rev. R. J. James, vicar of St. Ishmael's, officiated at the service held in St. Thomas's Church and at the graveside. The chief mourners were:—Mr. G. H. Jeffery (husband), Misses Edith and Minnie Jeffery (daughters), Master Fred Jeffery (son), Mrs. James Jeffery (sister-in-law), Mrs. Smith.

The fourth funeral of the week took place on Saturday last when

the remains of the late Mrs. Jones, Iscoed House, were conveyed from Ferryside to Clydach for burial.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1918)

### GREATER LLANELLY.

The Llanelly Borough Council are promoting a Bill in Parliament, the main object of which is to construct a storage reservoir at Cynhendre. Advantage is being taken of the opportunity to apply for the extension of the borough boundary, and it is proposed to include the whole of their water limits of supply, which roughly embrace Dafen, Felinfoel, and Llwynhendy. and the extended limits which embrace a line from Llwynhendy to the .Carmarthenshire side of Loughor Bridge on the east, and the Llanelly Steel-works to this side of Mrs. Speck's Nursery at Pwll to the west.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 27<sup>th</sup> November 1918)

### CHRISTMAS FARE. CURRANTS, SUGAR, AND COUPON FREE TURKEY

Christmas week is to be one-eighth more sweet than the weeks which precede and follow it. Each person, down to the smallest child, will be allowed a quarter of a pound of sugar above the ordinary ration, and sweet manufacturers get 25 per cent., over their ordinary supply. The roast beef of Old England stands where it did but turkey, goose, fowls, and rabbits, from December 16th to January 4th, are to be sold coupon free at prices fixed.

Currants, raisins, sultanas, which now are something like snakes in Ireland, are, it is announced shortly to be "released." All dried fruits in the country may be distributed in proportions according to the sales of 1916.

Herein a difficulty is perceived. There are traders who did not sell dried fruits at all in 1916, and it is feared that if existing proposals go through, hardship will be inflicted on those who are registered with such dealers. There is time yet to alter this, and it is hoped that in the interest of fair play, and to avoid legitimate grievance, the

distribution will be more general than that indicated

### WHITE BREAD.

Our bread is, and is going to be, whiter. The immediate reason for this is that the demand for cattle feeding stuffs is so great that purer flour is being made into bread and more offals released.

By the way, bakers are allowed to use 15 to 20 per cent. of potatoes, which many think improve the bread, and the same remark applies to boiled white rice.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1918)

### SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT AMMANFORD COLLIERY.

A serious accident occurred on Tuesday morning, at 9.20 o'clock, at the Ammanford No. 2 Colliery. Mr. James Picton, of 79, Margaret Street, Ammanford, who is employed as a fireman at the above colliery, was inspecting a face in the mine, when a stone dropped from a height of about 10 or 11 feet, which struck him on the head and back. He sustained rather severe internal injuries, and had to be conveyed home on a stretcher. First-aid was

rendered by Mr. Fred Rainford. On examination it was discovered that Mr. Picton had also sustained a slight fracture of the jawbone. Dr. Inman was soon in attendance. Mr. Picton's condition is serious, but strong hopes are entertained of his recovery.

(Amman Valley Chronicle December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1918)

### Central Control Board

The Central Control Board have fixed the following hours for the sale of drink on Christmas Day in the Welsh area and the West Gloucestershire area:—Between 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. and between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. for consumption on, and between 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. and between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. off.

(Amman Valley Chronicle December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1918)

### Leave

It is stated that all men on service in the United Kingdom will be given 12 days' Christmas or New Year's leave. To prevent further undue congestion on the railways, not more than one-fourteenth of any unit may proceed on leave on any one day. As not more than 25 per cent of men on the strength may be absent from camp together, the leave period, which starts this

week, will not end until well in January.

(Amman Valley Chronicle December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1918)

### Coal Control

Tests made by an expert in the experimental department of the Coal Control at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel shew that in eight hours 16½ lbs. of ordinary coal is consumed at a cost of 4¼ d., and in the same grate 8½ lbs. of anthracite, costing 2¾ d.—a saving of 35 per cent., with no diminution of heating value.

(Amman Valley Chronicle December 5<sup>th</sup>, 1918)

### BURRYPORT.

On Saturday a little lad named Harry Hancock, son of Mr. J. G. Hancock, accountant at the Burryport Docks, was playing near the Gwscwm Colliery along with other boys, when he fell on the tram-way, thereby breaking his left leg above the ankle. He is nine years of age.

On Sunday afternoon a military funeral took place at Burryport when the remains of the late Pte. T. Thomas, an old South African warrior, were laid to rest at Pembrey Church yard.

The Burryport Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Lewis Conwil

Jones, sang splendidly at Gorseinon eisteddfod. They were only 24 in number, instead of 46.

On Tuesday evening an organ recital was given at Jerusalem Welsh Congregational Chapel, Burryport, by Dr. T. D. Edwards. Madame Muriel Jones and Mr. W. E. Carston sang. The proceeds were in aid of the Burryport and Pembrey District Nurse Fund.

(Herald of Wales and Monmouth Recorder 14<sup>th</sup> December 1918)

### ACCIDENT

Thos. Davies, Wern, Llanelly, met with an accident to his head whilst working at the Llanelly Steel Works, the occipital artery being severed. Mr. W. Jones, another employe, who is a St. John Ambulance man, rendered first aid, and Davies was removed home, where he is progressing favourably.

(South Wales Weekly Post 28<sup>th</sup> December 1918)

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### BOY AND YOUTH.

David Charles Hare (12), Graig, and David John Morris (17),

Pemberton Cottage, both of Burryport, were charged on remand at the Llanelly Police Court on Monday with breaking and entering 50, Station-road, Burryport, and stealing a wallet containing £2 1s. 6d., the property of W. J. Arnold, grocer.

Defendants pleaded guilty. The Bench remanded Hare for a fortnight to enable steps to be taken to have him sent to a Reformatory School, while Morris was fined £2.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 28<sup>th</sup> January 1919)

### LIBANUS CHAPEL, PWLL.

A Grand...

### Welcome Home CONCERT

Will be given by the Pwll Ladies' Choir (conducted by Mr. T. Brazell), at the above place, on **TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 18th, 1919.**

The following Artistes will take part:

Sopranos Miss Anita Jones and Miss Maggie Bonnell, Pwll.

Contralto Miss Lizzie Treharne, Pwll.

Tenor Mr. J. Brazen Jones, Pwll.  
Bass Mr. Myrddin Evans, Pwll.  
Elocutionist Miss Eleanor A.  
Williams, Pwll.

Violinist Master Claude R.  
Daniels, Pwll.

Accompanist Mrs. S. A. Morgans,  
T.C.L., N.S.C.M,

The Choir will also render  
selections.

The Chair will be taken by D. W.  
Jones, Esq.

Doors open at 7, to commence at  
7.30 p.m Admission 2s., and 1s.

Proceeds towards Pwll Soldiers  
and Sailors Comfort Fund.

(Llanelly Star, February 15, 1919)

### **PWLL NOTES.**

This evening the village will have  
an opportunity of showing their  
sympathy with a very deserving  
case. A benefit concert is to be  
given to Mr. Henry Harries, who  
has had a long and trying illness.  
We hear the tickets are going  
well.

Our famous bass and tenor,  
Messrs. D. J Harries and T.  
Gwynfi Davies, fulfilled an  
engagement at Capel Gomer,  
Swansea, last week. They

delighted a large audience with  
their classical rendering of solos,  
etc.

We congratulate the company and  
management of the Crown  
Colliery on their recent success.  
We are told a fine seam of coal  
has been discovered, and some of  
the coal has been "banked." This is  
the more encouraging in view of  
the stoppage (owing to water) of  
the New Pool Colliery. We wish  
the Company every success.

(Llanelly Star 8<sup>th</sup> March 1919)

### **DROWNED AT SEA.**

News has reached Llanelly that  
Mr. B. Blumer Johnson, chief  
engineer, H.M.T., has been  
drowned at sea. The deceased,  
who was the son of Mr. E. S.  
Johnson, iron and steel merchant,  
Newcastle-on-Tyne, was married  
to Miss Gertrude Olwen Jones,  
fourth daughter of the late Mr. W.  
B. Jones, J.P., and of Mrs. Jones,  
Sunnyside, Tyrfran, Llanelly, only  
in January last.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 18<sup>th</sup> March 1919)

### **New De-tinning Works**

#### **A PROMISING LOCAL ENTERPRISE.**

As already reported, operations  
are now well in hand for the  
establishment of a new de-tinning  
works in Llanelly. The enterprise  
is backed by several influential  
local gentlemen, and the  
prospects of the undertaking are  
most promising. A capital site has  
been secured in the New Dock  
district, and here the latest  
machinery will be installed, the  
intention of the proprietors being  
to make the works a model of its  
kind. Llanelly has already  
flourishing de-tinning works near  
Nevill's Dock owned by Messrs.  
Batchelor, Robinson and Co.

The de-tinning industry is a fairly  
recent one in this country. For a  
long time it was a monopoly in  
the hands of the Germans. In  
Germany, fortunes have been  
made out of the refuse of the  
tinplate works of this country.

(Llanelly Star 12<sup>th</sup> April 1919)

### **Pwll Presentation**

#### **DEPARTURE OF MR. T. L. BONNELL**

A large gathering of workmen  
assembled at Libanus Chapel on

Saturday when a presentation was  
made to Mr T. Luther Bonnell by  
the officials and workmen of the  
Crown and New Pool Collieries.  
Mr. Bonnell has held the  
responsible position of under-  
manager here and is now leaving  
to take up a similar post at  
Gilfach Goch. The esteem in  
which he is held was shown by  
the representative attendance and  
the high tributes paid to his many  
good qualities.

The chair was occupied by Mr. R.  
G. Thomas, M.E., who spoke in  
warm terms of appreciation of  
Mr. Bonnell and ex- pressed his  
regret that not only the collieries,  
but the district as a whole was  
about to part with him. They all  
much appreciated what Mr.  
Bonnell had done in various  
capacities and wished him every  
success in his new sphere.

The presentation took the form of  
a gold chain and pendant, and a  
silver mounted walking stick,  
which were handed over by the  
Chairman. From the office staff  
came a fountain pen, this  
presentation being made by Mr.  
D. T. Edwards, secretary of the  
Company. Speeches were  
delivered by the Rev. R. Owens,  
Rev. T. Jones, Messrs. W. B.  
Rogers, Watkins, W. Rogers,  
Thomas Williams, and Richard

Price. Those who contributed to the programme included Mr. Rees Watkins, Miss M. A. Jenkins, Mr. Anaurin Harley, Miss Edna Evans. Miss M. A. Bonnell, Mr. Arthur Eynon, Misses M. A. and Emily Jenkins, Messrs Tom Davies, J. Morris, Dd. Lewis, and Master Claude Daniels. The presentation committee was composed of Messrs. A. Harley, W. Morgan, Ben Wilkins, and G. Daniells. Madame S. J. Morgan and Miss Edna Evans acted as accompanists.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> April 1919)

### **£2 10s. A WEEK AT SEVENTEEN.**

#### **What Lads Earn at Llanelly.**

Emlyn Griffiths, Cwmfelin-row, was charged, at the Llanelly Police Court on Monday, with stealing a quantity of steel, value 1s. 9d., the property of the Bynea Steel Company.

P.C. Hopkins stated that he saw Griffiths carrying an overcoat on his arm, and as he went along he dropped several pieces of steel. He admitted that the steel was taken from the works.

Griffiths stated that he was 17, and earned £2 10s. a week.

The Bench dealt with the defendant as a first offender, and ordered him to pay 23s. 6d. costs.

(South Wales Weekly post 19<sup>th</sup> April 1919)

### **EIGHT SOVEREIGNS.**

#### **Llanelly Charwoman's Theft.**

Gold is none too plentiful in these days, and it is a long time ago since most of us last saw a sovereign.

Nevertheless, at the Llanelly Police Court on Friday, before Messrs. R. Guest and W. Y. Nevill, on the Bench, Annie Owen, 6, King's-square. and formerly of Pembroke, was charged with stealing eight sovereigns and a scarf. the property of Mr S.H. Gascoigne, stationer, Market-street.

Prosecutor stated that he missed £8 from a drawer in the bedroom. The defendant was employed as charwoman in the house two days a week, and had access to the bedroom.

Mrs Owen pleaded guilty.

P.S. Davies produced the missing scarf, and said that when charged the woman admitted taking the money, and said she had spent all but 14s. 6d.

Inspector Nicholas said the defendant was a married woman living apart from her husband.

Mrs. Owen: My husband will not keep me and I am obliged to get money for food.

The husband of the defendant stated that the woman left him of her own account and he was

#### **Left £50 in debt.**

The Bench stated that the case was a rather bad one, but they had nevertheless decided to give the defendant another chance, and she would be bound over for 12 months.

(South Wales Weekly Post April 19, 1919)

### **INTENDED FOR PIGS.**

#### **Defence in Llanelly £20 Milk Case.**

A charge of selling milk 26 per cent. deficient in butter fat and 23 per cent. added water was heard at Llanelly against John Edwards, of Goodig Fach Dairy. There was a further charge of selling milk 26 per cent. deficient in butter fat and 24 per cent. added water.

Mr. F. M. Powell represented defendants, who pleaded not

guilty, and said that some milk had been accidentally emptied into a can of water, but they had not intended to sell it, but to give it to pigs and calves.

The Bench said they took a very serious view of the case, and a fine of £20 was I imposed.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 23rd April 1919)

### **PWLL SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.**

A general meeting of all demobilized I soldiers and sailors is to be held at Libanus Chapel at 3.30 p.m., on Sunday (to-morrow). All are earnestly requested to attend.

(Llanelly Star 10<sup>th</sup> May 1919)

### **PEMBREY COLONY.**

The Pembrey Farm Colony, 1,345 acres, cost the Government about £22 an acre. The Board of Agriculture regard the outlook of the colony as favourable.

(The Cambria Daily Leader May 19, 1919)

## BURRY PORT BOYS IN TROUBLE.

Two Burry Port boys, James Green, 18, New street, and E. Davies, Gwscwm road, were charged at the Police Court on Wednesday with breaking into a school, and stealing a quantity of bread and sweets, the property of Margaret Jane Thomas. There was also another charge against the lads, that of taking 3½d. from the desk of the master.

Green's father stated that his son was beyond his control. Arrangements are being made to send him to an industrial school; whilst Davies was ordered six strokes with the birch.

(Llanelli Star 17<sup>th</sup> May 1919)

## LLANELLY Y.W.C.A.

On Tuesday next, a Cafe Chantant and sale of work will be held in connection with the Llanelli Young Women's Christian Association at the Parish Hall. This organization has its headquarters in a large house at Mina street, and with Miss A Brodie as secretary, does much good in an unostentatious

manner. This sale of work is the result of much labour, and those who visit the Parish Hall on Tuesday will find only useful articles at reasonable prices. In addition there will be side shows and plenty of good music. A very successful event is looked forward to. The proceedings commence at 3 p.m., and a nominal charge of admission is made.

(Llanelli Star 17<sup>th</sup> May 1919)

## DEATH OF MRS. BRAZELL, PWLL.

Deep regret has been aroused in the district by the death of Mrs T. Brazell, Pwll, which took place on Monday afternoon after an illness of short duration. The deceased lady was well known and highly esteemed by her large circle of friends. She was a faithful member of Libanus Chapel and took a prominent part in the various activities of the work of this church. The funeral took place on Thursday.

(Llanelli Star 24<sup>th</sup> May 1919)

## Free Dental Treatment



**T**O demonstrate and prove that what I claim is an absolute fact, I will extract **TEETH FREE**. I claim **Absolutely Painless Extraction of Teeth**, by the very latest and most up-to-date method. Think of this, you, who are martyrs to Dental Troubles and lack the so-called nerve, can have this treatment **FREE** either at your own house (if you send a postcard) or at my Surgery (9 to 10 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. daily). Grasp the meaning and reason of this offer.—Simply to **CONVINCE YOU** that my Extractions ARE **PAINLESS**. Misfitting teeth of any make remedied to fit.—All branches of English and American dentistry.—Repairs.—New Teeth from 39/6.—All work guaranteed.—Terms and prices to suit all.

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**G. CLIFFORD-GERSHON**  
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DENTAL SURGERY,  
"HAFOD," 11, NEW ROAD, Llanelli.

## RICHARD THOMAS and COMPANY

### BOYS' SPORTS CLUB

Athletic SPORTS

Will be held

TO-DAY

At the CLUB'S RECREATION GROUND

(Pwll Cae to Bench Road).  
off Beach Road. Sandy  
First event 3 p.m.

Federation Band in attendance.  
Refreshments on the ground.

**Dancing in the Evening**

**ADMISSION ... .. SIXPENCE.**

(Llanelli Star, June 14, 1919)

## HANDRAIL GAVE WAY.

At the monthly meeting of the Burry Port Council on Thursday the Clerk read a letter that had been received from Sergt. Mitchelmore re the damaged signposts. Sergt. Mitchelmore stated that the signposts had been damaged by children throwing stones at them. Referring to the handrail which was broken at Dandorlan Bridge he (the Sergt.) stated that it gave way when a young lady was leaning against it. Mr. D. Davies: Was anybody with the young Lady at the time (laughter).

(Llanelli Star, June 14, 1919)

## FERRYSIDE.

On Monday of last week Mr. George D. Jenkins, for many years postman at Ferryside, was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes by the inhabitants in his postal district on retiring from office, as a mark of appreciation of obliging and long service, and also of sympathy with him in his illness which had accelerated his retirement. The presentation was made at his home on behalf of the subscribers by deputation consisting of Col. R. A. Nevill, Dr. D. L. Williams, and the Rev. Isaac Thomas.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 27<sup>th</sup> June 1919)

## ACCIDENT AT THE STEEL WORKS.

A young lad named Thomas W. Hughes, aged 18 years, residing at Glasfryn House, Bigyn road, received injuries to his leg whilst following his employment at the Llanelly Steelworks on Tuesday. It appears that he was employed as engine oiler, and received the injuries while crossing the rails whilst the engine was in motion.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> July 1919)

## Llanelly as a Munition Centre Shells, Shell Steel and High Explosives.

Apart from its contribution to the fighting forces of the Crown,—and no town responded to the appeal for men with such alacrity—Llanelly helped to win the war by transforming itself into a munitions centre. When war broke out, Nobels Explosives Co. were building a new factory for their own purposes at Pembrey. Later on, the Government called upon them to manufacture high explosives of which there was an alarming shortage at the front. High explosives were not a part of Nobels' original programme for Pembrey, but they quickly got to work, altered their plans, and in a short time had erected new plant for turning out high explosives in large quantities. In addition a Shell Filling Factory was elected in record time and here millions of shells of various calibres were filled and despatched to France and the other war fronts.

Of more local interest was the inauguration of a Shell Factory at the Burry Extension Works. This was primarily due to the initiative of the late Mr. Beaumont

Thomas, who pressed upon the authorities the suitability of the premises for the manufacture of shells. After some delay, orders came to "go ahead," and in a short time, the works was equipped with lathes, etc., and some hundreds of male and female employees were taken on. A local board of management was appointed including Mr. Beaumont Thomas, Mr. Dan Williams, Mr. W. J. Rees, Mr. F. R. Nevill, Mr. A. J. Burn, Mr. W. E. Clement and Mr. Jos. Holmes with Mr. D. J. Thomas as manager. The Llanelly Shell Factory gained the reputation of being the best managed and most economically worked Government concern in Wales.

Later on calls were made for shell steel, and here again Llanelly was able to lend the Government a helping hand. The Llanelly Steel Works, the Bynea Steel Works and the South Wales Steel Works adapted their machinery for manufacturing steel billets, and some thousands of tons were despatched to France there to be turned into shells for use by our French allies. It may not be generally known that Llanelly steel played a big part in France's immortal defence of Verdun.

Mention should also be made of the fact that most of the engineering establishments in the town were continuously engaged on work for the Admiralty and the War Office.

(Llanelly Star 19<sup>th</sup> July 1919)

## LLANELLY BOWLS.

The final round of the Llanelly Bowling Club tournament was played at the Goring-road green between A. J. Stacey (holder of the cup for the last two years) and A. Clark. After a keen tussle, Stacey ran out winner by five shots, the scores being Stacey 21, Clark 16.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 29<sup>th</sup> July 1919)

## FERRYSIDE.

On Tuesday the number of excursionists larger than ever, and the day was beautifully fine. No less than nine Sunday school outings from Llandefeilog, Ramah, Idole, Penygraig and district round Kidwelly. There was one party of 450 from Bankffosfelen. In the morning there were trips by boat from Ferryside to Laugharne to witness the annual regatta.

There was a great rush of people to the seaside on Monday by train and by road from the districts around. Unfortunately, the weather was unsettled, and there was a downpour at mid-day lasting for several hours. This was a great disappointment, and considerable numbers availed themselves of the first opportunity to return by the afternoon trains.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 8th August 1919)

### **OLD CASTLE WORKMAN'S DEATH.**

A man named Pritchard died at the Hospital last night following upon severe burns sustained while following his occupation at the Old Castle Works.

(Llanelly Star August 9, 1919)

### **CORPORATION OF LLANELLY.**

#### **Waterworks**

#### **Urgent notice to Consumers.**

THE attention of Consumers of Water is called to the **ABSOLUTE NECESSITY OF ECONOMISING** in the use thereof.

The Corporation make a **SPECIAL APPEAL** to all consumers to **PREVENT WASTE** and unnecessary use of water in order to ensure a supply in the continuance of the present drought.

The use of Hosepipes in gardens must be discontinued, and all defects in pipes or fittings must be reported to the Borough Engineer immediately, otherwise proceedings will be taken.

**HENRY W. SPOWART,**

Town Clerk.

(Llanelly Star August 9, 1919)

#### *Advertisement:*

### **PWLL**

**First Grand Annual Fete  
(Horticultural and Poultry Show,  
Amateur Sports, Musical  
Competitions, and Miscellaneous  
Entertainments)**

Will be held on

**THE STRADEY CASTLE  
GROUNDS**

(Entrance—Beach Road, Pwll),  
On **SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST,  
1919.**

Admission to Ground: 1/3  
including Tax.  
Children, 8d., including Tax.

### **The D and D. S. and S. Federation Band will be in attendance.**

Schedules and Music Programmes may be obtained from the Secretaries - Messrs T. J. and D. Samuel, Traveller's Well, Pwll; and S. V. Rees, Woodlands, Pwll.

(Advert in Llanelly Star 9<sup>th</sup> August 1919)

### **OLD CASTLE MEMORIAL.**

#### **Llanelly Works Tablet to Fallen Heroes.**

A fine memorial tablet to the fallen heroes of the Old Castle Tinplate Works, Llanelly, is now on view at the shop of Mr W. J. Colliver, Stepney-street.

It is a brass tablet mounted on fumed oak, and contains thirty names. The list is headed by the words "Lest we forget," and below is the Welsh Regiment's motto, "Gwell anegu na chywilydd" (Better death than shame).

(The Cambrian Daily Leader August 15, 1919)

#### *A Footnote:*

A correspondent writes suggesting that it is high time to give Pwll a new name. He expresses a preference for New Pool.

(Llanelly Star 16<sup>th</sup> August 1919)

### **PWLL GRAND FETE.**

The Secretary of the Poultry Show Committee wishes to inform intending exhibitors that entries for the poultry section positively close by first post on Wednesday morning. Entries received after that date will not be accepted. A special cash prize of 10s. 6d. will be given for the best bird in the show. Hon. sec. Mr. S. O. Rees, Woodlands, Pwll.

(Llanelly Star 16<sup>th</sup> August 1919)

**DON'T FORGET** the Treat which is in store by the Pwll Male Voice Party for the benefit of the Pwll Village Boys.

(Llanelly Star 18<sup>th</sup> August 1919)

### **MR. GEORGE HUMPHREYS.**

The death occurred on Tuesday after a long illness of Mr. George Humphreys, Pwll, in his 84th year. The deceased gentleman belonged to an old Llanelly family, being the son of the late Mr. Humphreys, Machynis. He is survived by a sister (Mrs. Dr. Paddon), and a brother, Mr. Dd. Humphreys, Pwll. The funeral

took place yesterday at Felinfoel, the officiating clergyman being the Rev, Geler Jones.

(Llanely Star 18<sup>th</sup> August 1919)

### Pwll Baby Show

In connection with the Pwll Fete, a most successful Baby Show was held at the Pwll Schools on Saturday last. The entries were numerous, and altogether there was a splendid show of babies. Below we give a list of the Classes and Prize winners.

Class 1. 1st, Cyril Davies, Pwll, 2nd, Desmond Rees, Pembrey; 3rd, Violet Bateson, 16 Caroline Street, Llanely; 4th, Robert John Lloyd, 3 Colliers Row, Pwll.

Class II. 1st David Robert Thomas, Trimsaran 2nd, Katie Thomas, 1 Cil-heol, Llanely; 3rd, Graham Lewis, Penllech Cottages, Pwll; 4th, T. M. Rees, Danderlan Road, Burry Port.

Class III. 1st, Donald McLaughlin, Sandy; 2nd, Thomas Leslie Lloyd, Enirglyn House, Loughor; 3rd, John Lundy Rees: 43 Prospect Place, and Gwladys Seward, 14 Robinson Street, Llanely; 4th,

Ieuan Davies, 68 Sandy Gate, Pwll.

Class IV. 1st, John H. Williams, New Street, Burry Port; 2nd, Palmer Phillips, Bassett Terrace, Pwll; 3rd, Sidney Bowen, Burry Port; 4th David Treharne, Bryndias, New Road, Pwll.

Class V. Ora May Edwards, Saddlers Arms, Llanely; 2nd, Cyril Boswell, 40 Penyfon Street, Llanely 3rd, Reggie Lewis, Alpha. House, Pwll 4th, Cecil Charles, Beach Road, Pwll.

Twins.—Only one pair of Competitors attended. 1st, Ivy and Lorraine Jones, 24 Havelock Street, Llanely.

(Llanely Star Saturday August 30, 1919)

**ALL TEETH** Extracted Free  
to those in want of **New Teeth.**

IT IS A QUESTION OF HEALTH IF MORE ATTENTION  
WAS GIVEN TO YOUR TEETH.

**ARTIFICIAL TEETH**  
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Teeth Fitted with or without Plates. Stoppings, from **2/6** Advice and Estimates **FREE.**  
Easy Terms of Payments. **OLD SETS** removed and repaired

**EVAN JONES,**  
CHEMIST,  
**Red House, Cowell St., Llanely,**  
(OPPOSITE TOWN POST OFFICE)

### Deficient Milk at Ferryside. FIRST OFFENCE IN 50 YEARS

At Carmarthen County Police Court on Saturday, Hugh Thomas, of Water-street, Ferryside, was summoned for selling to Inspector Roderick a sample of milk which contained 12 per cent, of added water.

Mr T. Howell Davies, who defended, contended that defendant and his wife, who were old age pensioners, being 84 and 75 respectively, had sold milk for 50 years without any charge being brought against them.

A fine of £1 was imposed.

(The Carmarthen Weekly Reporter 5<sup>th</sup> September 1919)

### PWLL, NEAR LLANELLY. Important Sale of Freehold Property.

WM. EVANS has been instructed by Mr. Thos. Williams, Bolahaul, Kidwelly, to offer for Sale by Public Auction at the TRAVELLERS WELL, PWLL, on FRIDAY, SEPT. 19th, 1919,  
**2 Freehold Houses**

Situate at the top end of Stepney road, Pwll, near the entrance to Cwmbach Rd. The Auctioneer desires to draw special attention to this unique opportunity of

acquiring freehold properties conveniently situated and within easy reach of the tram service between Llanely and Pwll. The houses are substantially built and have good gardens. Sale to commence at 7.30 p.m. For further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer at Leeswood, Burry Port, or to J. LEWIS PHILLIPS, Solicitor, Llanely.

(Llanely Star 6<sup>th</sup> September 1919)

### STRADEY CASTLE GROUNDS.—

Great attraction next Saturday. PWLL Second Annual Chair Eisteddfod.

(Notice in Llanely Star 13<sup>th</sup> September 1919)

### A TREAT FOR ALL AT STRADEY GROUNDS.

On Saturday next the Pwll second annual grand chair eisteddfod will be held in a spacious marquee on the above grounds. The organizers of the Pwll Recreation Committee are to be congratulated in obtaining the use of these grounds for their events this year. The arrangements are

well in hand and a treat to all music lovers is assured. Entries are coming in well and include the leading choral societies and singers of the district. For full particulars see posters and programmes. The latter may be obtained from the secretary, Mr. T. J. Samuel, Travellers Well, Pwll.

(Llanelly Star September 13, 1919)

### **LLANELLY POLICE COURT**

Thomas Howells, 17, Campbell-street, was ordered to pay 5s. 6d. costs at Llanelly on Wednesday for failing to produce a motor driver's licence.

Henry Howells, Brynhyfryd, Mynyddygarreg, was ordered to pay 11s. costs for driving a car without an identification plate, and also failing to produce his licence.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 18<sup>th</sup> September 1919)

### **SENDING CHILD FOR BEER. CASE AGAINST LANDLORD DISMISSED: MAN FINED.**

John Williams, Lamb and Flag, Mynyddygarreg, was summoned at the Kidwelly Police Court on Friday for selling beer to a child under 14 years of age. Mr.

Roderick (of Messrs. Roderick and Richards, Llanelly) defended, and pleaded guilty to a technical offence.

P.C. Davies stated that on Sept. 6th he saw a child under 14 years in the Lamb and Flag. The child was served with some beer.

Mr. Roderick pointed out that the real offender was not the child who served the beer, or the child who went for it, but the man who sent the child to the public house. The beer was served by a lad who had not left school. Defendant, therefore, was not morally guilty. The Bench in view of defendant's character, dismissed the case on payment of costs. David Anthony, Pistellnewydd, Mynyddygarreg, was fined 11s. inclusive for sending the child under 14 years to the Lamb and Flag with an unsealed bottle.

The Bench reprimanded the defendant for his conduct, the child being only six years old.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 20<sup>th</sup> September 1919)

### **Water for Works**

### **TAPPING COLLIERY SHAFTS AND OPENING WELLS.**

There is unfortunately no improvement to report in regard to the local water supply. September has, proved to be

abnormally dry and this coming on top of the earlier dry months has reduced the level of the reservoirs to an alarming degree. No water is now being supplied to the local works, and as a consequence several have had to be partially closed down. In other cases, successful attempts have been made to secure independent supplies.

The most successful of these seems to be the Old Castle Works. Some weeks ago, the management in anticipation of what has since taken place, made arrangements for tapping the Old Cille workings where it was known there was a great accumulation of water. The experiment proved completely successful an ample flow being secured, as a result of which, not only has the Old Castle Works being kept in full operation, but a supply has also been available for the adjoining Steel Works. Water has since been struck at the Old Castle Colliery workings. Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co. are experimenting with sea water, pipes being laid from the beach to their works. Old wells are being opened up at other works with more or less success.

(Llanelly Star 20<sup>th</sup> September 1918)

### **PWLL TRAGEDY.**

#### **Collier Killed by Fall of Stone.**

A collier named William Williams, of Brynffynon, Dafen, near Llanelly, was killed instantaneously at the Crown Colliery, Pwll, on Thursday.

Williams, who was 50 years of age, was following his employment when a huge stone fell from the roof and crushed him to death.

He was a married man. and at the inquest held on Friday by Coroner, W. W. Brodie, evidence of identification only was given, after which the enquiry was adjourned.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 24<sup>th</sup> October 1919)

### **KIDWELLY PETTY SESSIONS**

Held on the 21st inst., before Messrs. J. Morgan (mayor) John Thomas, and W. D. James.

The Carmarthenshire Education Committee charged John Jones, Glanymorfa Cottages, with not sending his child to school.—Defendant was ordered to pay 2s. 6d. towards the costs.

Wm. Davies, Newtown, Mynyddygarreg, was similarly

charged, and was ordered to pay 2s. 6d. towards the costs.

The case against Thomas Cole, 47, Water street, Kidwelly, was adjourned to next Court.

Edwin Hunt, 27, Lady-street, was charged with being drunk and disorderly in Pelican-square on 25th Octber.- P.C. Morgan proved the case, and defendant was fined J2s.

Horace Brinkley, a showman, was charged with working a horse whilst in an unfit state. - P.S. Hodge Lewis and Inspector Mullard having given evidence, the Bench fined defendant 5s. and costs.

Raymonct Bayliss, Keeper's Lodge, Trimsaran, summoned S. Evans, Gwendraeth Town, Kidwelly, with trespassing in search of game on the 30th ult. - Fined £1.

(The Carmarthen Journal and South Wales Weekly Advertiser 28<sup>th</sup> November 1919)

### NOTICE NOT TO TRUST

I, THE undersigned, do hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debt or debts contracted by my wife, Sarah Jane Williams, of 9, Park Eynon, after this date.

(Signed) JOHN WILLIAMS

X (his mark)

4, Mill Lane, Llanelly

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 1919

### RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

As the result of an accident sustained on the Mynydd Mawr Railway on Thursday, Winifred Davies, of the Bear Hotel, Velinfoel, has had one of her legs amputated at the Llanelly General Hospital.

It appears she was knocked down by a mineral train.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 11<sup>th</sup> December 1919)

### LLANELLY FIRM'S CHANGE.

**Head Offices to be Removed to Swansea.**

Messrs. Richard Thomas and Co., Ltd., the well-known tin plate and steel manufacturers. contemplate removing their head office from Llanelly to Swansea.

The scarcity of coal at Llanelly is very acute and some of the tin plate works have been seriously affected thereby this week.

(The Cambria Daily Leader 12<sup>th</sup> December 1919)

### BENEFIT MATCH ON TUESDAY.

A football match will be played at Stradey on Tuesday between Mr. D. J. Phillips (Llanelly Steel Works) team and Mr. Bobbie Evans (Llanelly) fifteen. It will be for the benefit of Mr. Harry Snape, a local steelworker, who has not been able, owing to illness, to follow his employment for the last 12 months. Kick off at 3 p.m. Albert Jenkins will take part as well as several other local 'stars.'

(Llanelly Star 13<sup>th</sup> December 1919)

### Llanelly Cinema.

Next week at this noted theatre the patrons have a treat in store. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the star film is entitled, "His Parisian Wife," featuring Elsie Ferguson. It can scarcely be denied that Elsie Ferguson is one of the most brilliant film artistes of the present day, and in this grand production she has a part which suits her abilities and temperament to perfection. William Desmond

has a fine role in 'Time Looks and Diamonds," as the cleverest crook in the world. Those who are interested in sport will have the pleasure of viewing the knock-out blow in the greatest and most sensational fight ever known—Carpentier v. Beckett. Episode 1. of "Fight for Millions" will also be screened. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, a magnificent Stoll-Goldwyn production, entitled, "The Keeper of the Door," featuring Peggy Carlisle. Another grand drama is 'Without Honour,' —a story of a strong sacrifice, a powerful play with a strong heart interest, featuring Margery Wilson. A very fine comedy is "The New Breakfast Food." Episode 7 of "Elmo, the Mighty," will complete a grand programme.

(Llanelly Star 13<sup>th</sup> December 1919)

