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## MEMORIAL TO WAR WORKERS.

### THIRTEEN VICTIMS OF A FACTORY FIRE.

#### UNVEILED BY MAYOR OF HAMMERSMITH.

In the presence of a large gathering, including relatives, Borough Councillors, and members of the Shepherd's Bush and Notting Hill branches of the Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers, who attended with banners and two bands, the Mayor of Hammersmith, Alderman H. Foreman, M.P., unveiled on Saturday afternoon a Runia cross of Cornish granite he has had erected to the memory of thirteen munition workers—11 women and 2 men—who lost their lives in a fire which occurred on October 31st, 1918, at Messrs. Blake's factory in Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush. The outbreak arose in a bomb-filling shed, where composition was heated for the making of incendiary bombs. Flames suddenly burst out in a central compartment, and in a couple of minutes the whole place was practically burnt out, so rapidly did the flames spread that the workers had not time to escape. The composition was not explosive, but incendiary. Eleven bodies were recovered from the ruins; one woman died the same night from her injuries in the West London Hospital, and another in Kensington Infirmary. There was a great and sympathetic crowd at the funeral of the victims, which took place on November 9th, 1918. Four of the deceased had resided at Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush; six at Notting Hill; one at Clapham Junction; one at Ealing and one at Parkington. All were buried in one grave with military honours.

At the unveiling ceremony on Saturday afternoon a short service was conducted by the Rev. G. N. Walsh, Vicar and Rural Dean of Hammersmith, who also officiated at the funeral of the victims. He offered the dedicatory prayer as follows:—"Almighty and Everlasting God, we humbly beseech Thee to bless and hallow this monument which we dedicate to Thy glory, in honoured memory of those who lost their lives in the service of their country. Grant that this memorial now to be unveiled, may stimulate many to a life of love and service here, so that hereafter we may all with them be counted worthy to enter upon our heavenly citizenship, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The Mayor then unveiled the monument, which was covered with a large Union Jack, and afterwards gave a short address, in which he remarked that during the seven years he had been in office he had had to perform many public duties, but the duty he had to carry out that day was the saddest; at the same time it was the most honourable duty that he had had to fulfil, during the seven years he had been their Mayor. They remembered the sad accident which occurred in 1918 at Blake's Munition Factory. A wave of sympathy went

through the whole of Hammersmith, and from one end of the nation to the other, when it was realised that thirteen gallant men and women had sacrificed their lives for their country. It came to his knowledge, a short time ago, that nothing had been done to place a permanent memorial in the cemetery of their bravery. With the assistance of ex-Servicemen, he had caused a memorial to be erected, so that they might have a permanent record of their gallantry years and years after those present would have passed away. Their friends did not die on the field of battle, covered with glory, but they died at their posts of duty, and gave their lives for their country. He wished to say one word of sympathy with the bereaved. They felt very acutely the loss of beloved relatives. To them there was one satisfaction in knowing that their friends died at their posts of duty. When the call came for them to give their services for the nation, they answered that call, and they know they died at their posts as bravely as it was possible to die.

The hymn: "Thine for ever, God of Love," was next sung, led by the band of the Notting Hill branch of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation. The service ended with the offering of prayers by the Rev. G. N. Walsh. It was noticed that some of the relatives were moved to tears during the unveiling ceremony.

The inscription on the memorial, which is the work of Messrs. Churcher and Co., is as follows:—

To the memory of those war workers who died for their country in the explosion at Blake's Munition Factory, in November, 1918.

- Ethel Bullock, 35 years;
  - Rose Brooks, 34 years;
  - Amy Fern, 46 years;
  - Lydia Guilder, 25 years;
  - Mary Graves, 26 years;
  - Eleanor Lee, 21 years;
  - Isobel Maguire, 25 years;
  - Florence Marrisby, 39 years;
  - William George Newton, 64 years;
  - Emily Pratt, 37 years;
  - Mary Ann Rumball, 31 years;
  - William Stanley, 42 years;
  - Ellen Elizabeth Woolgar, 41 years.
- Erected by Henry Foreman, O.B.E., M.P., Mayor of Hammersmith.

Amongst those present at the unveiling ceremony were Mrs. Walsh, Councillors Mrs. Pickett, W. A. Gillies, C. Moore, J. Bewsher, H. Harris, W. H. Harding, A. S. Leggett and R. W. Twitchett, the Rev. R. E. Young (Vicar of St. Thomas's Church, Shepherd's Bush), Captain Hodder (of the Salvation Army), Messrs. C. Dixon (Chairman of the Shepherd's Bush branch of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation), E. S. Morris (Chairman of the Institute), W. I. Baxter (hon. sec.), W. Miles, D. Flynn (Chairman of the Notting Hill branch of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Federation), J. Donnelly (hon. sec. of the same branch), etc. The Shepherd's Bush branch contingent was accompanied by the South Street Mission Band.

Several of the relatives brought handsome wreaths which were placed in front of the cross.

## CHISWICK EMPIRE.

Miss Cecily Courtneidge, the charming West-end actress, will appear at the Chiswick Empire next week in three comedies written by her husband, Mr. Jack Hulbert.

Miss Courtneidge, is well known to West-end audiences, having played the principal parts at the Shaftesbury Theatre in "The Cinema Star," "The Pearl Girl," "The Arcadians," etc. Miss Courtneidge is, perhaps, the youngest leading lady in the country. Her first appearance of importance was in "The Arcadians," at the Shaftesbury Theatre, where she took up Miss Phyllis Daro's part when that lady left the cast. Since then she has scored success, after success, and is now in the first flight of musical comedy favourites.

The Elliott-Savonas in "The Palace of Harmony," are also engaged. They are brothers and sisters, and brothers' wives. They are remarkable for being able to make music out of almost anything. The Elliotts have travelled with their show all over the world.

The other new arrivals include Gaston Palmer, who makes juggling an art; Terry Wilson, the light comedy star; Haywood and Hay, the artistic entertainers in "Sixty Years Ago"; Gillis Potter, comedian; Groggle, the South Coast countryman; and Frederick Sylvester and Co., the world's smartest hand balancers.

## SHEPHERD'S BUSH EMPIRE

Fred Lake and Tom Barrasford are to present a turn at the Shepherd's Bush Empire on Monday that is as novel in "vivacious vocalism" as it is up-to-date. Mr. Barrasford is the son of the late Tom Barrasford, the owner in the early nineties of a long chain of music-halls.

Another important engagement is that of Tom Handley and Co., in "The Disorderly Room."

The charming art of M'Lita Dolores will also be seen. Miss Dolores is an Anglo-French entertainer and dancer of exceptional ability. She is widely travelled, and her collection of Eastern curios is quite extensive.

Cornalla and Eddie, a fine pair of tumblers, suffer a good deal of buffeting in their act. Carrodas, Lauri Howard, and Jack Barti complete the list of new arrivals.



## BALACLAVA

well filled on Monday night, when the Hammersmith Club gave a concert for the benefit of Mrs. who is now in the only survivor of the Dragoons, who was a sergeant in one of the oldest and a pioneer work-convalescent Home members have benefited with which he has the institution. The feature of the was the presence Pensioners, who the club members' enjoyed them- one of their num- Colour-Sergeant presented the best of and their com- the principal guest of pairs, an average of 100 and hearty. and from the of the club, who services for occa- such is the esprit carried out to the Hammersmith Club. Mr. Fred Tom with his amusing Mrs. Reg. Brown, Miss, the Razzles, Mr. Baldock, Pielch Mrs. Geo. Bates, Mrs. Winnie (quartet), Mrs. Thelma Red- Mr. Fred Dutcher, Mr. R. H. Pearce and is to be con- sence of the pro- gress acted as hon- by Mr. Lewis of Station.

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day next will be:  
6.15, Rev. W. R.