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THE WEEKLY TELEGRAPH FOR WALTHAM ABBEY, CHESHUNT<sup>x</sup> DISTRICT.  
FROM Jan.1 1915.

Jan 1-SERIOUS FLOODS, Many workshops of the RGPF flooded several feet

Jan.19-Nobels pay system severly criticised

April 2-RGPF workman charged with theft

April 16 New dwellings for Nobels workers on Sew~~stone~~<sup>urstone</sup> Road

April 23-Soldiers entertained at Nobels

April 30-The King and Lord Kitchener visit to Waltham Abbey and  
Enfield lock

May 7-Account of the Kings visit to RSAF and RGPF.

Nobels factory workman fined for attempted fraud

May 14-The gov<sup>e</sup>rnment stores, case for Waltham Abbey

June 18-Mrs. Churchill visits Nobels factory at Farm Hill

August 27-Gunpowder Employees Union, Cubicle huts for the munitions  
worker, Parish hall is the recreation room

Nobels Fire Brigade, first annual competition

Sept.3-a.MRS. Churhill at Waltham Abbey to open cubicle huts and  
recreation rooms

b.Waltham Abbey Workers Union

c.Royal Ordnance Factories to be controlled by the Ministry of  
Munitions.

Sept.17-Gov<sup>ve</sup>rnment workers, rise of wages granted, 50,000 men benefit  
[includes those at RGPF]

Sept 24-Cordite presses fatal bather?

Oct29-Soldiers at Nobels

Dec 3-Charles Adams was accidently knocked down by a motor car driven  
by Col.Fisher, Supt of the RGPF

Dec 10-Darkened streets tradgedy; Mrs Young, wife of a RGPF worker went  
to the factory to hand in a medical certifate for her husband- fell in  
to the River because of the darkness and drowned.

Dec17- Emma Young of Milton street walked into the river and drowned

Dec24-The liquor order ;Waltham Abbey munitions workers protest

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Jan7-Blown into River-Government Workman Tragic Disappearance, Samuel Berry of the RGPF blown in to the river Lea.

Jan14-No news of missing factory worker[see Jan 7]

Feb4-Samuel John Berry, 27, inquest and verdict

Feb25-Motor bus for Factory[Nobels] workers

March 3-Mystery of Powdermill Stream: Unknown man's body found in the Powdermill stream below the entrance to the RGPF gate. Body of a man over 50 years old.

May5-Women in Royal Factories-Some 4,000 women are to be taken on at the RSAF, RGPF and other munitions factories in the neighbourhood.

June9-Plans for a temporary building at Nobels factory.

June16-Sir Frederick Nathan formerly Supt. of the RGPF and RSAF visited on Wednesday.

Sept8[Burial of crew of Zeppelin L21 at Potters Bar cemetery-THE FALLEN ZEPP:

Sept22- Child labour in Nobels factory

Oct6-4<sup>th</sup> Zeppelin destroyed-yet another Zeppelin bought down in flames

Oct27-Lights out within one mile of Waltham Abbey church

-W<sup>L</sup>aked into River, Munitions worker tragic death. [William Head, RGPF worker aged 63]

Dec22-RGPF Matron and errand boy Drowned-Waltham Abbey's Reputation. Two more drowning fatalities at Waltham Abbey Sidney Burton aged 13 ~~swam~~ and Miss Ada Youngman etc. ~~swam~~

1917

Jan12-Roads in terrible shape due to the heavy traffic and weather. Ministry of Munitions should provide Council with labour and grant railway facilities for bringing the necessary material to W,X.

-Worry about Blackditch at bottom of Quinton Hill ?

Feb2-Nobels Fire Brigade Dinner

-William James Pedder, 28, employee in the RGPF charged with cutting his wife's throat [Bernard Spillsbury called]

Feb23- CHEWING CORDITE, acetone and cordite being chewed in the factory.

March9-The Waltham Cross Murder-Pedder Trial-Death Sentence

March16-Widows Tragic Death, Mrs Florence Matilda Burgh 31 threw herself in to the river by the Old English Gentleman. Alec Chaplin on his way to work in the RGPF tried unsuccessfully to rescue her.

March23-Pedder Reprieved.

March30-Danger to the RGPF ,live match found in fiber bale sent from Edmonton factory