OUR LONDON LETTER.

Economic Problems.

Wednesday Night.

Some of the more important of the Supreme Council's decisions on high prices and other economic questions are foreshadowed here to-night. A manifesto which has been prepared is divided, it seems, into a preamble and a series of specific decisions and will be issued as soon as the French Premier has been able to review it. The preamble recommends the despatch of raw materials to Germany in greatly increased quantities. and lays it down generally that the reconstitution of German industries is a European matter in which it is the Allies' duty to help, that the reconstruction of devastated areas in France and Belgium is not a national but an international matter, and that all of the Allies must participate in the work and that the re-establishment of the economic equilibrium of the Continent is dependent on Germany and France being put into some-thing like a pre-war condition to pursue their industries. Russia, according to a diplomatic cor-respondent of the "Evening Standard," was in-cluded in the first draft of the peramble, but may have been omitted from the last, in deference to French bjections. The second part of the manifesto is said to include decisions touching (1) a revival of the system of barter in countries where the currency is in a chaotic condition, (2) the placing on a common basis of the business of the newly founded European countries under the Treaty of Paris, and (3) some approach to a stabilisation of exchanges through a manipulation of Allied loans, deposits, and the issuing of paper currency. In addition, there are recommendations with reference to the development of water and the conservation of coal in industrial

Home Rule Bill. The Government hope, as Mr. Bonar Law told Major O'Neill to-day, to take the second reading of the Home Rule Bill before Easter. Official anxiety to expedite this critical stage is attributed, rightly or wrongly, to a desire to anticipate the organisation of opposition within the Coalition ranks. That movement, however, has begun already, for Mr. Jellett, K.C., who, in association with Viscount Wolmer and Colonel Aubrey Herbert, has tabled a motion for rejec-Guinness contemplates the putting down of an | Chief Secretary in this House if this Bill. ever other rejecting amendment, but has deferred passes? action for the moment. The London Committee of the Irish Unionist Alliance will meet to-morrow to consider questions of policy. Dr. Addison's Legislative Activity.

A Bill introduced in the House of Commons to-day by Dr. Addison is designed to prevent the disfranchisement of ex-soldiers who are still under 21 years of age. On the principle that "those who are old enough to fight for their country are old enough to have the vote," youths called up in 1918 were enfranchised, and the new measure is necessary to safeguard their position. may say here that Dr. Addison's legislative activities hardly suggest that a change at the Ministry of Health is pending, as has been rumoured of late. Yesterday he presented the Bill embodying his new proposals for national insurance, and he has also on the stocks for early delivery at least three other measures, including a Patent Medicines Bill and a Dental Registration Bill. Soon, too, he must introduce a Tuberculosis Bill, now that the whole question of sana. torium treatment is being removed from the purview of the Insurance Commissioners. Housing Bonds.

with the Housing Bonds' campaign. Primarily a Rule Bills. local problem, housing has become a national one, simply because it is universal, and in its respon-affirmative ranks it equal with the problem of high prices. But he declares that the Treasury can do no more in this matter than it is doing, and appeals to local patriotism. The Exchequer, he said, to-day proposition to do this for the larger authorities. The market was now full of Government securities, and it was desirable to attract people who would favour another form of security. Local authorities had a certain credit of their own among their own people, and housing must come the house that he might buy. He wants members vernment by advocating the new scheme. Irish Flax Growers' Deputation.

The deputation from the Irish Flax-Growers' Association duly arrived at Westminster to day, but do not appear to have made much progress with their mission. They saw Mr. W. A. Lindsay and Sir Maurice Dockrell, and were advised to return to Ireland and get into touch with the and Sir Edward Carson, both of whom will be in Ulster for probably not less than a week. The deputation intend. I understand, to return tomorrew.

Coal for Belfast.

In response to representations made by Mr. W. A. Lindsay and Mr. Thompson Donald at a private interview this evening, Captain Leslie Wilson, M.P., of the Shipping Controller's epartment, promised to take immediate steps and this was accentuated by the refusal of aspect. dockers at the Clyde to load coal boats for Ire-Coal Output.

In a review of trade conditions the "British Commonwealth " explains the coal shortage on four grounds which fall into two distinct categories-(1) Lack of development during the war and shortage of mining materials and railway waggons: (2) the psychological effect of the nationalisation campaign and the reduction of hours. Statistics given are illuminating. There are 1,170,000 persons at work in the coal mines as compared with 1,111,000 seven years ago. If these worked as effectively as in 1913 the average output during the weeks that are undisturbed by holidays should be about 6.150,000 tons, whereas the greatest output during seven weeks under review was 4,902,906 tons. For the first five weeks of this year output shows a shortage of 20 per cent. as compared with the 1913 basis.

STEELWORKERS' STRIKE 50,000 Men Now Out.

The South-west Wales steelworkers' strike, now involving 50,000 workers, shows no sign of immeclate settlement. The divisional sub-committee of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, at a meeting at Swansea yesterday, decided to support the men, provided they worked their notices out constitutionally. A delegates' meeting called for to-day at Swansea is expected to follow a similar course. The strikers, however, discard all advice to return, and intimate their intention of not returning until they obtain the 40 per cent, advance for which they are out.

THE CAIRO-CAPE FLIGHT.

The "Times," in a telegram from Captains Cockerell and Brawns, dated Dar-es-Salaam, 3rd March, publishes the day to day log of the flight of the "Times" machine from Cairo. The aviators give the following concluding sum-

"Throughout the whole trip no trouble of any conclude that climatic conditions or some other | right honourable gentleman will have an opporcause affected the engines. Aerodromes at high tunity of meeting the members of that organialtitudes are rather small for large machines, but sation and their wives. were all well kept, with good surface. Large The Marquis of Londonderry left London yesherds of elephants, hippos, and other game terday evening en route for Balfast. His Lordobserved from the air along the route. Impos-sible to photograph low down owing to the bad condition of the low down owing to the bad ments, including a demonstration in Birmingham, condition of the engines. All disgusted with my to enable him to take part in the deliberations to the luck. Nothing would please us more than of the Ulster Unionist Council. for the same party to try again, notwithstanding the discomforts and disappointment. All five The greatest possible assistance was given all Ministry of Pensions, and Captain C. C. Craig, along the route by the military, R.A.F., civilians, D.L., M.P.

and natives, including dickas and cannibule. and natives, including dickas and cannibals."

THE HOME RULE BILL.

GOVERNMENT'S INTENTIONS.

Second Reading Before Easter.

CONCURRENT LAND PURCHASE MEASURE.

Mr. Bonar Law answered a number of questions with regard to the Home Rule Bill in the House of Commons yesterday. He informed Bereaved Widow's Tragic Plight. Sir W. Mitchell-Thomson that it was hoped to take the second reading of the measure before Easter.

in reply to Major O'Neill, that it was the shot dead yesterday morning near his residence, intention of the Government to introduce a Bill Moorfield, Athenry, County Galway, while motorfor the completion of land purchase to be passed ing to Galway fair. concurrently with the Home Rule Bill.

Major O'Neill (U.) asked the Prime Minister whether it was intended to retain in the British Government the office of Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland after the passing into law of the Government of Ireland Bill; and whether, in the case of constituencies returning more than one member of Parliament of the United Kingdom under the provisions of the Government of Ireland Bill, it was intended that such constituencies should be divided?

Mr. Bonar Law, who replied to both questions together, said that the points which the honourable and gallant gentleman raised were matters which could only be dealt with adequately in debate during the passage of the Bill. Major O'Neill-Is it not a fact that the Bill

contains schedules with regard to the number of members to be returned to this House, and cannot the right honourable gentleman give us some indication as to the manner in which two members are to be returned for the same constituency?

Whose daughter conveyed the news of the tragedy to Mrs. Shawe-Taylor. The distracted widow, it is stated, appealed to some men to fetch the body, and the reply was: "What's the use when he is dead!"

She thereupon proceeded on foot to the scene, Mr. Bonar Law-It would really be impossible for members to go through the Bill bit by bit and tion, was taking preliminary steps this afternoon with a view to calling together a general meeting of Unionist members to hear the Southern (Captain Redmond (N.)—Have the Government ing of Unionist members to hear the Southern | Captain Redmond (N.)—Have the Government Irish Unionists' case against the Bill. Colonel | yet made up their minds whether there is to be a

> Mr. Bonar Law-That is another question which can easily be raised in debate. Captain Redmond-Don't you think it is vital question, affecting the future government of Ireland? Mr. Bonar Law-I think there are other ques-

tions more vital. Captain Redmond-And so do I. Mr. Bonar Law-But the honourable and gallant gentleman has not the same recollections of previous Home Rule debates, where the same point was raised over and over again in the dis-

Captain Redmond-Perhaps the right honourable gentleman would inform the House whether the words " Mr. Attorney-General," on the back of the Bill, mean the Attorney-General for England or for Ireland

Mr. Bonar Law-It means the Attorney-Gene ral for England Sir W. Mitchell-Thomson (Co.U.)-Is it the intention of the Government to take the second reading of the Bill before Easter?

Mr. Bonar Law-I hope so. Major O'Neill asked whether it was the intention of the Government to introduce a Bill for For the most part Mr. Chamberlain's address | the completion of land purchase in Ireland, to be to the Parliamentary Housing Committee this passed concurrently with the Government of Ireafternoon was a plea for assistance in connection land Bill, as was done in the case of former Home Mr. Bonar Law said the answer was in the

THE REAL ISSUE.

value than £200,000; but it was not a practicable Irish Unionist Alliance Manifesto.

SOUTHERN LOYALISTS' DANGER.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the first in their financial programme. A point which Irish Unionist Alliance in Dublin yesterday, the Chancellor emphasised was that bonds taken | Colonel Sir Frederick Shaw, Bart., D.S.O., pre by a citizen could be used by way of payment for | siding, the following statement was adopted :-"As Irish Unionists our objection to Home to go to their constituencies and assist the Go- Rule is fundamental and one of principle. Under the Union we stand on a footing of equality with all other citizens of the United Kingdom. If

any partnership is to exist between the two islands no fairer terms can be suggested for all. " Home Rule, on the contrary, in any form, places Irishmen in a subordinate and inferior position. Nationalist Ireland now realises this and has therefore deserted Home Rule for Repub-Vice President of the Department of Agriculture | licanism. The real issue is therefore between the Union and an independent Republic.

"The present Bill contains no elements of permanent or even of temporary settlement. "If it be passed into law, either the Sinn Feiners will boycott the Parliament sltogether and will attempt to carry on their own Government alongside of it, or they will be elected and use it for establishing a Republic.

The Inevitable Issue. "Even if the Act be ultimately imposed by

by telegraphing and otherwise-with a view to the Imperial Parliament, the constantly recurspeeding up the delivery of supplies of coal to ring difficulties of maintaining any Imperial con-Belfast. Earlier in the day Mr. Bridgeman, of trol, even for the purpose of defence or taxation, the Board of Trade, informed Captain Charles | against the will of a hostile legislature and exe-Craig that arrangements had been made to cutive, must inevitably produce a situation to supply additional quantities of coal to Ireland as | which Great Britain will no longer be able to soon as the necessary thipping was available. resist the demand for complete separation. The The existing strike in Beliast, he pointed out, Irish question, so far from being settled, will nizde the matter one of considerable difficulty, then assume a new and far more formidable

> " Meanwhile the liberties and property of all Southern Loyalists would be placed under the unrestricted control of a single-chamber Government elected by a Sinn Fein majority, and their betrayal would then be complete.'

SIR EDWARD CARSON'S VISIT.

Arrival in Belfast To-day.

PROGRAMME OF ULSTER LEADER.

Sie Edward Carson left London yesterday for Belfast to take part in the important series of meetings and conferences in connection with the new Home Rule Bill. The right honourable new Home Rule Bill Rule Bi gentleman, as already announced, will attend a

meeting of the Standing Committee of the Ulster Unionist Council in the Old Town Hall at 11-30 to day, and at the same hour to-morrow he will preside at a meeting of delegates to the Ulster Unionist Council which will be held in the Wellington Hall of the City Y.M.C.A. In view of the importance of the proceedings it is expected that there will be a very large attendance at this assembly. After the meeting the delegates will be entertained to luncheon by the Marquis of Londonderry in the Ulster Hall. On Saturday evening, Sir Edward Carson will be present at a meeting of the Ulster Unionist Labour Association, and next week he will hold a number of conferences with the object of discussing the position with representative organisations. The Ulster leader will address a meeting of Unionist business men in the Y.M.C.A. at 2-30 p.m. on Tuesday, and at 7.30 p.m. on the same day he will attend a reception to the members of the Ulster Delegation on the occasion of their return from their campaign in Canada and the United States. Sir Edward Carson will attend a conversazione to be beld under the auspices of the Ulster Unionist Labour Association in the description by the seroplane itself. Can only Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday at 7-30 p.m., when the

of the Ulster Unionist Council. Amongst vesterday's arrivals in Belfast were the Duke of Abercorn Sir James Craig, Bart., cincts as well. Several names were taken.

During their stay in Belfast Sir Edward Carson, the Duke of Atercorn, and Sir James second time in the House of Commons yesterday. | channel last night, will also stay at Lismara.

SHOT FROM BEHIND A WALL DUBLIN, CASTLE

BRUTAL MURDER IN GALWAY.

Well-Known Estate Agent Killed

VICTIM OF TERRORISTS.

Mr. Frank Shawe-Taylor, estate agent and a The right honourable gentleman further stated, well-known figure in the West of Ireland, was

It appears that Mr. Shawe-Taylor, acompanied by his chauffeur, John Barrett, left home in notor car at six o'clock in the morning. Bot road is flanked by stone walls, they found their way obstructed by a wooden gate and a donkey cart from which the wheels had been removed The chauffeur alighted to remove the barricade, and immediately a volley was fired from behin a wall scarcely four yards distant from the car. Mr. Shawe-Taylor collapsed in his seat, his face and head being lacerated with pellets. Death must have been instantaneous. About half a dozen shots were fired, and it is thought that eight or nine men were concerned in the outrage. The chauffeur, who was himself hit in the left cheek, made his way to the house of a herd, whose daughter conveyed the news of the tragedy to Mrs. Shawe-Taylor. The distracted widow She thereupon proceeded on foot to the scene, and with the chauffour drove the car back to

been shot until the car had returned to the house from which it had conveyed him alive less than An inquest will be held to-day. The deceased leaves two young widow is a sister of Mr. Harry Useher, the wellknown racehorse owner and trainer. Deceased was a brother of the late Captain John Shawe-Taylor. There had been an agitation.

in connection with his administration of several

estates, and attempts on his life had been made

on a number of occasions. He was the subject

of a boycott, and was living under police protec

doorfield with its sad burden. The dead man

was not removed from the seat in which he had

Later in the day the police arrested three your men, and other arrests are expected after the

NORTHERN RAILWAY OUTRAGE

County Donegal Train Held Up by

Armed Men.

FUTILE SEARCH FOR AMMUNITION.

An extraordinary affair took place on Tuesday night on the Burtonport section of the Darry and Lough Swilly Railway, the outgoing passenger train from Derry being held up in a most daring manner at Kincasslagh, a lonely station five

Shortly after ten o'clock and just before the train from Derry was due to reach the station a gang of armed and masked men, numbering fifteen, marched on to the platform. The stationmaster and porter were scized, and being bound with ropes were locked in the waiting-

As soon as the train steamed in two armed raiders boarded the engine and, presenting revolvers at the engine-driver and fireman, placed them under arrest. In the meantime other raiders subjected the

rest of the train to an exhaustive search, during which articles were strewn about. The search occupied half an hour, boxes being opened and possession of permits who completed their turns Miss Mulligan, and Colonel Andrew Deane (superheir contents examined The men were evidently in search of ammuni-

to the police, but the search was futile, and the marauders decamped. The only thing missing this position? marauders decamped. The only thing missing

carefully, and after seizing the stationmaster the telegraph instrument was smashed. They went about the work of ransacking the luggage in a leisurely fashion. The passengers were greatly alarmed, but no violence was offered them. The police in the nearest barracks, five miles away, were communicated with, but no arrests

have been made This is the third attack on trains in the same

THE DUBLIN MURDER.

Victim's Identity Established.

The mysterious death of an unknown young man Glasnevin on Tuesday evening was the subject f an inquiry by the Dublin city coroner and a jury Timothy O'Mahony, hall porter at the Granville Hotel, Dublin, identified the body as that of a man named Jameson, who had been a visitor at the

The Coroner-What was his Christian name? Witness-I don't know; Jameson was the only name he registered under District-Inspector Lownden, who represented the authorities—How often had he stayed at the Granville Hotel?-This was the third journey.

Do you know that he served in the army?-He told me that he had served . the army Medical evidence was given to the effect that the body had been struck by two bullets-one in the heart and the other in the head. The former was fired from behind, scorching the trench coat the man was wearing, and the latter from the side. A verdict was returned accordingly.

COUNTY CLARE SENSATION.

man shot in the collision between a polico patrol and raiders in the Inagh district last week. There

CRIME IN IRELAND.

Mr. Justice Pim and Excuses.

Addressing the Grand Jury at the opening of Louth Assizes at Dundalk yesterday, Mr. Justice Pim said there were only five cases to go before them, but there was a small increase of crime in the county. Lurceny was increasing, and there were instances of malicious injury and intimidatory letters. His Lordship then went on to refer to the unsettlement caused in mon's minds after a great war, and drew attention to the numerous crimes of violence which were being committed, not only in England, but in France. In that connection, however, he endorsed what the Lord Chief Justice had said at Trim-namely, that it was unwise for people in Ireland to find excuses for crime in this country on the ground that the state of affairs was no worse than elsewhere. If and have taken up their residence at The Mall mitigated.—Reuter. crime was increasing elsewhere that was no House, Admiralty. excuse nor comfort for thom in Ireland. The Judge also referred to the shooting at a girl, and the murderous attack on a mail van

SEQUEL TO QUEENSTOWN AFFRAY. Dock Labourers Searched.

driver between Newry and Carlingford.

A large party of soldiers of the Notts and Derby Regiment marched from Queenstown to Rushbrook Docks yesterday, surrounded it, and with the aid of a number of policemen subjected every worker in the yard to a close personal search, also the pre-

A DARING THEFT.

Amazing "Hold-up" by Armed Turkish Treaty may be Presented Men.

LETTERS FOR VICEROY STOLEN.

sensational affair took place in Dublin early yesterday morning, when a mail van, containing letters for the Viceroy, the Chief Secretary, and the military and police authorities) was "held up" by armed and masked men. The letter-bags were opened and denuded of their

The van was proceeding from the Rotunda rink (which has been used as the sorting department of the G.P.O. since the rebellion in 1916), and occupied the front seat. At Coshla, where the road is flanked by stone walls, they found their Britain Street) from Rutland Square. It was in charge of a driver and a postman, and when the vehicle had reached the corner of Dominick Street two men—who had clearly been in waiting— rushed from either side of the street. One seized the bridle of the horse and caused the van to come to a standstill. The other man then clam-bered up beside the driver, and, putting a re-volver to that astonished official's head, ordered him to hand over the reins. At this juncture a third man rode up on a

bicycle to the rear of the van and threatened the postman with a revolver.

The van was then driven up along Dominick Street, and turned into a narrow cul-de-sac known as Dominick Lane. Here the mail bags were ripped open, and the letters removed. The business of ransacking the bags occupied only a very

The laneway into which the car was driven i a little-frequented place, but contains several small dwelling-houses. A resident in one of the houses stated that she heard the van being driven away, and, lookisg out, she saw it vanishing around the corner. This, of course, was at the conclusion of the robbery.

MILITARY RAIDS FOLLOW THEFT. Great excitement prevailed in the city during the Although the Peace Conference has adjourned, their anxiety to deal with the problem of day, and, following upon the theft of the mails, the Ministers remaining in London, with the change. Credit means confidence, and if Europe be avoided; but this had to be treated as a busimilitary and police made an exhaustive search of Ambassadors of the various countries concerned, is to obtain on credit the means of restoring her ness proposition. Balancing one consideration the whole neighbourhood. Practically all the houses Street were searched, and in one of them a number presidency of Lord Curzon, to deal with outof bombs were found. Several arrests were made, standing questions concerning the Turkish and The military and police had also been busy in the Hungarian Treaties. early hours of the morning, in various parts of the It is hoped that the final draft of the Turkish city, and the houses searched included those of Alderman Cosgrave, Alderman Joseph M'Donagh, and J. J. Walsh, all Sinn Fein M.P.'s. Notwith standing the hour at which the raids were made, the men wanted were " not at home."

of the Corporation who made himself notorious by The Press Association adds that the report of his activity in connection with the removal of the the Council on high prices and exchanges has civic sword and mace from the Council Chamber, not been completed. It may, however, be ready was arrested in the early hours of the morning by for publication by the end of the week.

Thomas Hunter, Sinn Fein M.P. for North Cork, was also arrested The premises searched included the North Sinn Fein Club, the Gaelie League Rooms, the headquarters of the Grocers' Union, and premises known as "The Republican Outfitters." here that Hunter and a man named Clancy were Liberty Hall, the headquarters of the Transport

Workers' Union, was also raided and searched. SOME LETTERS RETURNED?

It was stated in Dublin last night that during the miles from Dungloe, the scene of the recent shoot- day some of the letters that were taken from the were taken to effect their return have not been

THE CURFEW ORDER.

Chief Secretary and Railwaymen's Grievance.

In the House of Commons vesterday, Mr. J. H. homas asked the Chief Secretary whether he was aware that in consequence of the recent order of F.R.C.S.; J. S. Morrow, O.B.E., M.D.; Fred plained of the insecurity of life; that even those in Mrs. Ferrar, Mrs. S. Cunningham, Mrs. Marsh, of duty between the hours mentioned, and had to travel considerable distances to their homes, were in fear of being shot by the military; and whether

Mr. Macpherson-No complaints have been rewas a cash-box from the guard's van, but it was | ceived by me in this matter, whether from railwaymen or from any other persons. Railwaymen The raiders had evidently planned the attack holding permits suffer no inconvenience beyond that oacasioned by the darkness of the streets. owing to the action of the Corporation in extinguishing all street lamps from 11-30 p.m.

REMANDED FOR ELEVENTH TIME.

in the hospital. Yesterday, at Derry, Mr. W. J. Hardy, R.M. " Yours faithfully, emanded for the eleventh time Anthony M'Ginley. the Dungloe shop assistant who is charged with soliciting funds for "Dail Eireann," the chief witness, Sergeant Farrell, still being unable to leave hospital. M'Ginley was recently found not guilty by a court-martial on the charge of having decided to return cordial thanks and name the

COURT AND SOCIETY. INVESTITURE AT THE PALACE.

Buckingham Palace, Wednesday. The King held an investiture in the Ballroom f the Palace at eleven o'clock this morning. Mr. Buchan (of Alloa) had the honour of being re-Buchan, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Admiral of the Fleet Earl Beatty had audience

Their Majestics, accompanied by Princess Mary isited the Hunters' Show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington, this afternoon The Duchess of Albany visited the King and

The official record in connection with the award the V.C. to the late Second-Lieutenant Buchan of the V.C. to the late Second-Lieutenant Buchan states that when the Germans called upon the late Trade Union and Alleged Victimisation BRITISH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION. officer (who was associated with his father in the newspaper business) to surrender, he replied. "To bell with surrender." The King told Mr. Buchan (to whom, as stated above, the decoration was handed yesterday) that his son had done his duty

The King and Queen will spend Easter at

Queen Alexandra, accompanied by Princess Maud, and attended by Colonel Sir Henry Streatand a black hat finished with a large bow of silver appeal which will be made to them "if this sequin work and a black feather sigrette. The Grand Duchess George of Russia and the Grand | victimisation does not immediately cease." Duchess Marie were also present, as well as the The railway service is still not quite regular on Duchess of Somerset, the Marchioness of Sligo, several lines, but it is hoped the passenger ser-Counters Torby, Priscilla Counters Annesley, Lady vice will be normal to-morrow. The effect on the constance Butler, Lady Newnes, Lady (Howard) goods service is naturally very serious, and some incent, and many more. Christie have joined the Lord Lieutenant's house party at the Viceregal Lodge, where the dinner relieved.

guests on Tuesday night included Lady Eva and A trag

The Earl and Countess of Kilmorey are to re- In a letter to his family he explained that he was ceive a public welcome when they arrive at Mourne filed with remorse at having been the indirect Park, Newry, Co. Down, after their honeymoon, author of a strike in that region by executing the which they are spending in the Italian Riviera.

The Earl of Ossory has arrived in London from Kilkenny Castle.

HIGH SHERIFF OF DERRY CITY. Mr. Horace Bayer has for the fifth year in suc- sume work after the release of MM. Chardon and

tion, in which Nationalists are now in the majority. declared at the annual meeting not to make any nomination for this office. THE LORD PRIMATE.

Our representative was informed yesterday that

his Grace the Lord Primate had a fairly good night, and that the improvement in his condition was maintained. EXPORT OF IRISH BACON AND BUTTER.

LONDON SESSIONS END.

on 22nd March.

HIGH PRICES REPORT THIS WEEK.

The work of the Peace Conference was coning official despatches for Dublin Castle (includ- tinued in London yesterday. The following communique was issued during the afternoon :-

> The Supreme Council of the Allied Powers met at 11 o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, and was attended by Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Curzon, Mr. Winston Churchill, Field-Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, and General Thwaites, M Paul Cambon, M. Berthelot, and General de la Panouse, Signor Nitti, Signor Scialoja, the Marquis Imperiali, and General Cavallero, Viscount Chinda, and military and other experts.

The session was devoted to the consideration of a report by the Commission under Marshal Foch on the military and air conditions of peace with Turkey, and connected questions. Last night the following report of the afternor session was issued from the Foreign Office:-The Council first considered the future o

Bessarabia, after which certain aspects of the remarks of the Hungarian delegation on the Treaty of Peace were discussed. Subsequently the Council was joined by eco-nomic and financial experts, and resumed the examination of the draft resolutions in regard

to high prices and exchanges. The Central News learns that at the conclusion of yesterday afternoon's session of the Allied Peace Conference, it was decided to adjourn the proceedings for an indefinite period. Signor Nitti is returning to Rome to-day, and the other Allied delegates from abroad are shortly to leave London. M. Millerand, however, may return to London next week for the purpose of studying the final draft of the Peace Treaty with Turkey; but if he cannot afford the time to visit London, the final draft will be sent to him in Paris.

Eccles Street, Parnell Street, and Dominick will meet daily at the Foreign Office under the production, and thereby of saving her life, she against another, he was satisfied that, having re-

a few days, and that the document will be formally handed to the Turkish delegates in Paris Alderman William O'Brien, the Labour member on or about 22nd March.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL £10,000 to Name a Ward.

At the bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Management of the Royal Victoria Hospital, held mail van were cont to the Castle, but what means | yesterday alternoon, a letter was read from | Sir Robert Kennedy, K.C.M.G., D.L., chairman of the Ulster Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John, announcing the allocation of a sum of £10,000 to the funds of the institution, and thus qualifying that body to

RED CROSS AND ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Professor J. A. Lindsay, M.D., occupied the chair, and the other members present were-Messrs. Andrew Fullerton, C.B., C.M.G., Dublin Castle to enforce martiel law between the Huey, Robert Boyd, James Bracegirdle, William hours of 12 midnight and 5 a.m.; railwaymen com- | Carson, and R. M. Young, J.P. (hon. secretary); intendent).

Sir Robert Kennedy's letter was in the fol-"R. M. Young, Esq., Belfast.
"DEAR SIE-I beg to enclose a cheque for

£1,000, which was voted yesterday at the meeting of the Ulster Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John. This £1,000, together with the £9,000 already allocated by this committee to the Royal Victoria Hospital, makes up a total of £10,000, which we understand will entitle us to name a ward

ward as requested. Colonel Deane reported the receipt of £50 from Lady Pirrie to qualify Mr. Kenneth Moore, M.C. (The Finaghy), a life governor; £50 from the Belfast Rotary Club, to qualify Mr. J. F. Newel a life governor; £50 from Mr. Robert Neill (Duncairn Gardens), to qualify himself a life governor; £50 from Mr. Samuel Gray (Pilot Street, to qualify himself a life governor: ceived by the King, when his Majesty handed to £21 from Messrs. J. A. Thompson & Co. (Hope him, as next-of-kin, the Victoria Cross awarded to Street), net proceeds of a concert by the emhis son, the late Second-Lieutenant Crawford ployees, Mr Thompson paying all expenses; and a legacy of £50 from the late Mr. P. F. Hart, of Sydney. For all of these sums the Board cordially returned thanks, and directed that the

THE FRENCH RAILWAY TROUBLE!

names given be added to the list of life governors.

Paris, Wednesday. The secretaries of the railwaymen's unions ar-Body of Supposed Raider Found in Bog Windsor Castle, and probably will stay there dur- rested after the issue of the order to strike were provisionally released by the examining magis-The King and Queen are holding a party at trates this afternoon. The five railwaymen-

PROVINGIAL LEADER'S SUICIDE.

missed by the railway companies delegates of the is a bullet hole in the head. An inquest is to be feild and the Hon. Charlotte Knollys, went to the Paris trades unions met this afternoon to consider sale held on Tuesday by the Duchess of Somerset the situation. At the conclusion of the meeting firms, and had been transferred to the Royal Dock at 35, Grosvenor Square, in aid of London's Invalid they made a statement to the Press protesting Kitchens and several other meritorious organisa- strongly against "this flagrant violation of the cost were not yet available. tions. Her Majesty was wearing a coat and skirt agreement," and requesting that all railwaymen of black velvet, the former trimmed with sable, shall hold themselves in readiness to answer an

> estimates state that it will take a month before General Sir Arthur Paget, Mrs. Green, and Miss the congestion occasioned by the strike is finally A tragedy consequent on the strike is reported from Braguignan, where a striker shot himself.

> > orders of the Strike Committee. The disciplinary punishment imposed on the man Campanaud, who was the original cause of the railway strike, has neither been cancelled nor Konia and Anatolia the situation is abnormal, and Nimes, Wednesday.

cession been appointed High Sheriff for Derry Chaussignan, the strike leaders, who were ar-City. It will be recalled that the new Corpora- rested the day before yesterday.—Reuter.

Copenhagen, Wednesday.

SOVIET DELEGATES FOR LONDON. for London.-Reuter.

Announcement by Lityinoff.

An important Statement.

LONDONDERRY CORPORATION BILL.

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COUNCIL. EUROPE'S GREATEST NEEDS COMMONS AND ECONOMY.

INTERNATIONAL AMITY.

Italian Premier's Plea for Reconcilation.

PRODUCTION AND HOW IT CAN BE ATTAINED.

In the course of an interview in London, Signer Nitti has given his views on the present international situation. Regarding the Adriatic problem he is convinced that the Adriatic question will be satisfactorily settled, and that Italy and Yugo-Slavia will in future be good friends. The Peace Conference has lasted too long, from causes which are admittedly unavoidable, but the consequences have been serious. Europe's

ation between the nations. Hate must be got rid of, and the present tension relaxed. PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN SPECIAL. The "Manchester Guardian" to-day publishes an interview with the Italian Premier, which Signor Nitti granted before leaving London. Alluding to the Adriatic question, he said:—

this in view he pleads for a policy of reconcili-

We shall find a way out, and we and the Yugo-Slave will be friends—yes, and loyal friends. Do not magnify this frontier controversy by talking of Imperialism. As a matter of fact, the futility of this allegation of Italian Imperialism is also the item proved by our persistent demand for the neutralisation of the Eastern Adriatic coast.

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"What after all is Italy demanding on the Adriatic? A strip of territory the population of which is less than the number of Italian casualties during the war. And do not confuse the issue by talking of 'secret Treaties.' The London Treaty of 1915 was kept secret as a military precaution; but the necessities of the war, as well as its spirit, are foreign to the present situation. At any rate I will observe," added Signor Nitti with a smile, "that those who might complain of the secret are indeed after all the Italian people."

has to convince the rest of the world that she gard to all the facts, it was in the interest of the means to use the commodities they lend her for nation to have this building, in order to get productive ends. She must make it clear that the revenue properly collected. He did not want to next half-dozen years in Europe are not going to give the impression that the Government were be like the last-that Europe is not going to make trying to bully the House, but the House must war agait.

Sixteen Months of Suspense. "But this conviction outside Europe cannot be created without a real change in the European situation. The fighting ceased sixteen months ago, but Europe has still been dominated by the war

The Conference has lasted too long. Of course

it is no one's fault-the mere complexity and

importance of the issues would account for the

delay, but none the less the psychological con-

sequences among the nations at large have been

"We have had sixteen months of suspense without real peace, and now at all costs we must put the war behind us. The war is over, and we cannot live on the war feeling. We must somehow produce a change in our state of mind, for consider the change in Europe's world position! Millions of her producers are out of work. Germany, which was the focus of European productivity, is paralysed economically; South-Eastern Europe and Russia are not only stagnant economically, but are in social and political confusion. How can Europe live if half her energies remain suppressed? And how can her energies be revived unless victors and vanquished realise and feel that they have a

common task to accomplish? Possibilities of Revolution.

suffering humanity in movement throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Here, indeed, there | He wanted the Committee to sanction now only are possibilities of revolution-possibilities which the acquisition of sites, the adaptation of premises threaten us all. At all costs the hate must be got | already acquired, and the construction of temporid of, the tension relaxed. How can the van- rary huts. £235,000 had been spent in acquiring quished pay the indemnity unless their productivity | Queen Anne's Chambers. Westminster, a block of is restored by the allocation of raw materials? And | buildings held on lease by the Ministry. this question of allocation also concerns the relations between the Allies. Between the Allies, as lain (Co.U.) expressed satisfaction that the Minister between all the nations of Europe, economic com- was not proceeding with the erection of the buildpetition must be replaced by co-operation for the ling restoration of our common life. There must be must set the example. There must be credits from

the non-European countries, with proper guaran-Europe's immediate need is to rectore her prohas to calculate the two great movements in her international life-the working-class movement and the movement of nationality."

In pleading for reconciliation, Signor Nitti mentioned the Moslem question as an anxiety to the world. "It is a great thing," he said, "that we are not going to suffocate the Turk, but to help him on to his feet, like the other ruined peoples." The interviewer put it to him whether the right-of-way through the Straits was going to be made permanent and secure for the restoration of international trade. Signor Nitti did not seem to have any doubts that the measures decided upon by the Conference would secure this end, which coincided with his own policy, and he gave some hint of his well over 1,000,000.

views about Russia. He stated plainly and strongly his own convic- progress reported, and the debate adj tion that normal relations with Soviet Russia ought to be established, under the proviso that the Soviet Government should give a guarantee to respect the rights of her non-Russian neighbours, to refrain from stirring up revolution in other countries, and in fact to do nothing calcu-

lated to trouble the peace of Europe. "One of the essential things," he added, "is that there shall be no more meddling with the internal affairs of one country by other countries." In conclusion, Signor Nitti emphasised the chief points he wish d to make clear-the serious and sober spirit in which the Italian people was setting out to repair the damage of the war, the harm done by lalse reports abroad about the Italian situation, the necessity for moral and practical unity instead of division between the nations of the Continent, and the part which Britain might play in

giving a lead to Europe in this direction

Mr. Long and the Admiralty Programme.

Mr. Walter Long informed Lieut. Commander Kenworthy, in Parliament yesterday, that the ships and vessels at present under construction for the Royal Navy were one battle cruiser, nine light cruisers, two flotilla leaders, eight torpedo boat destroyers, thirteen submarine boats, two aircraft carriers, and five auxiliary vessels. The majority of these ships were under construction by private yards for completion. Definite figures as to their

TURKEY AND THE ENTENTE. Provincial Authorities Asked to be

Careful.

Constantinople, 27th February. As the result of energetic measures taken recently by the Entente representatives at the Sublime Porte the Minister of the Interior has addressed to the provincial authorities of Anatolia a circular letter asking them to avoid anything likely to cause complaints from the Entente Powers. It is generally believed, however, that they will not prevent the action of those who on the orders of the Nationalist leaders are enrolling all able-bodied men, levying war taxes, and taking military measures contrary to the terms of the armistice. In the provinces of unlawful practices are taking place. The populaforces, but is obedient, not being supported by the Central Government. The latter is powerless to Only three railwaymen returned to work here to day, the others declaring they would only recontrol the Nationalist movement, which olaims to CHANCELLOR AND NICKEL COINAGE through the bitter resistance of the army.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

To day's debate in the Senate on the Peace issue five shilling notes. M. Litvinoff announces that a notification has reached Moscow that a ship is being sent to an Treaty again gave rise to sharp passages. Oppo-Esthonian port on Friday to fetch the Russian nents of the Treaty asserted that the old regime

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES.

Government's Building Programme.

M.P.'S SHARP CRITICISMS.

The House of Commons yesterday went into Committee of Supply on the Civil Service Supplementary Estimates. On a token vote of £25 for Inland Revenue buildings,

Mr Baldwin defended a proposal to erect new Inland Revenue offices in Manchester, on the ground that they were needed to facilitate the collection of income tax.

Mr. Marshall Stevens (Co.U.) protested that houses were more needed in Manchester than were Government buildings.

greatest need now is production, and bearing (Co.R.), Mr. G. France (Co.R.), Mr. Spencer (Lab.). Mr. Colin Coote (Co.R.), and other members protested against the proposed expenditure, and demanded the withdrawal of the estimate. Sir A. Mond, First Commissioner of Works, stated that the Minister of Health had been consulted on this subject, and he raised no objection to the scheme going through, as it would save £2,000 a year now being paid in rent, and would lead to the collection of more revenue. This was only a token vote to enable them to obtain a site. He undertook not to go on with any buildings until the Minister of Health consented. (Cries of

Mr. Charles Edwards (Lab.) opposed the vote. Colonel Gretton (Co.U.) moved the omission of the item relating to the Manchester building from Major Molson (Co.U.) said he was only follow-ing the advice of the Chancellor of the Exchequer

in opposing the expenditure. Colonel John Ward (Co.R.) favoured the proposed expenditure, because it was for works of Major Hills (Co.U.) denounced the proposal as luxury expenditure. Major E. Wood (Co.U.) appealed to the Leader of the House to intervene and satisfy the Com-

Mr. Bonar Law Intergence. Regarding the general situation in Europe, he said: "I was delighted to find my colleagues on the Supreme Council in agreement with me in the Supreme Council in agreement with me in this kind of building very undesirable if it could realise that the Government had given this matter

the closest attention, and they must be prepared

to trust them. He stated emphatically that the

Government would not consent to the vote being

withdrawn; but he would repeat the undertaking already given that no buildings would be pro-

ceeded with until the House had been consulted. Colonel Gretton asked leave to withdraw his amendment, and it was by leave withdrawn amid Commnader Kenworthy (R.) taunted Coalition members with running away at the crack of the whip, which, he said, they feared more than heaven and bell. (Laughter.)

The vote was sgreed to

New Employment Exchanges. On a vote of £235,000 for Employment Exchanges and insurance buildings. Sir R. Horne explained that £70,000 was required for the purchase of premises in Leeds, and £32,000 for the purchase of a site at Manchester, on which t was proposed to erect temporary buildings for the accommodation of the staff. The number of token items in this vote undoubtedly disclosed a very considerable building programme. It had been gone into with considerable care many times by the dinistry of Labour, the Treasury, and the Office of Works. It represented the absolute minimum of what must ultimately be contemplated for the purpose of carrying on the expanding business of the Ministry. He had no idea "Think of the danger of putting this huge mass of carrying out the programme at present; but would wait until favourable opportunities occurred

Mr. Tyson Wilson (Lab.) said if the Labour Exprivate and public economy, and the Governments | changes were run on more businesslike lines, much expenditure would be avoided Major Barnes (Co.R.) urged the employment of the Inland Revenue valuers in acquiring sites, and that the Labour Exchanges should not be too cenduction to the utmost possible degree. She has tralised. The offices where applications had to be to recover her world position, and for this she made should be in the areas in which the men lived.

Major Lloyd Greame and Mr. Neville Chamber-

Sir A. Mond said that the Inland Revenue valuers were consulted. Decentralisation was also being carried on in the way suggested. Sir R. Horne, replying to criticisms, said that when trade was moving forward in the great centres of industry, the competition for sites was very keen. For that reason he put before the Committee the necessity of being clothed with powers to deal with the site question, always making it clear that t was not committing them to the policy of necessarily building upon them. The people who were concerned with finding employment at the Exchanges numbered altogether, in the various locali-ties and districts, something like 10,000. The number of places found during the last 12 months was

BOLSHEVIST FOREIGN POLICY. Trotzky Advocates War in Asia

After further discussion the vote was agreed to,

AWAITING LENIN'S DECISION. Paris, Wedneeday. According to a Warsaw telegram published here the "Prayda," the official organ of the Bolshevists. states that a conference was recently held at Moscow between the Bolshevist leaders and the heads of the different armies at which the future policy of the Soviets to foreign countries was discussed. M. Trotzky proposed the temporary suspension of military operations in Europe and the initiation of operations against Persia, India, and China. The Chief of Staff opposed this suggestion, and proposed, on the contrary, a hig offensive against Poland, pointing out that should the troops be transferred to Asia Poland would strengthen her army. As, however, Lenin had not made known his views on the subject the matter was

adjourned for further consideration.-Reuter. 1919 FLAX CROP.

February Percentages. The following statement shows the percentages of grades of flax purchased during the month of

February, 1920:-Grade 1 932 Grade 5 Grade 0 0.61

MOTOR LIFEBOAT FOR PORTRUSH

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has recently stationed at Kingstown, Co. Dublin, a powerful new motor infeboat. She is called the Dunleary," and has been provided and endowed by the Civil Service Lifeboat Fund, an important contribution to the cost having also been received from the trustees of the Tayleur Fund. There are now five motor lifeboats stationed in Ireland, the other four being at Arklow, Baltimore, Donaghadee, and Wicklow, and additional boats of this powerful type will be sent to Ireland to be stationed at Wexford, Port Oriel, Dunmore East, and Portrush as the Institution carries out its programme, laid down at the end of the war. of adding another 50 to the 19 motor lifeboate

which were then on the coast.

Sir Adam Blonck, President of the Council of the Administration of the Ottoman Public Debt, on the invitation of the London Conference, has left issue of nickel supences and threepenny pieces.

The Chamberlain writes in reply that this questions are the chancellor of the London Conference, has left issue of nickel supences and threepenny pieces. Mr. Bottomley asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether he was prepared to consider the Mr. Chamberlain writes in reply that this question was fully considered before the Coinage Bili was introduced, and it was thought best to retain tilver for these coins. The right honourable gentleman writes, in answer to another question by Mr. Bottomley, that he

U.S. FREIGHTS FREE FROM CONTROL.