FEIN CRIMINALS. MURDER IN CO. DUBLIN. THE ARRESTS IN IRELAND.

Night of Raids and Burnings. BARRACKS DESTROYED.

Sensational Outrage at Downpatrick.

KNOWN CLERGYMAN

It now transpires that the daring Sinn Fein outrage in Belfast on Wednesday night, when the district income tax office in the Scottish Provident Buildings was raided by masked men, was but a part of an extensive scheme of raidings and burnings throughout Ireland.

An official list of outrages issued in Dublin last night chronicled 101 crimes, and it was added that since Tuesday 45 police barracks--mostly unoccupied---had been attacked and wholly or partially destroyed. A raid on Ballybrack Barracks, Co. Dublin, was attended by a murder, a gardener in the employment of Mr. L. Waldron having been fatally shot.

So far as Ulster is concerned, the most sensational happening was at Downpatrick, where the local Excise Office was raided by eight or ten armed men, and the pensions papers and other documents seized, The Rev. T. G. Wilkinson, a minor Canon of the Cathedral, who pursued the criminals, was shot in the thigh, and now lies in the County Infirmary.

DARING RAID IN DERRY.

Income Tax Collector's Papers

Burned.

CARETAKER AND FAMILY

TERRORISED.

Up till the present Derry city had been immune

from attacks on income-tax offices, but on Wednes-

day night a daring raid was carried out by air

armed men on the premises of Mr. T. A. Mc-

Neary, who is an income tax collector for the

peninsula of Inishowen. The office is situated in

a block of buildings in which are also the offices

of Mr. Stuart C. Ross, solicitor, brother of Mr.

Justice Ross. The whole premises are in charge

of a carctaker named James M'Guinness, who

resides on the top floor with his wife and children.

together with a lodger named William M'Manus.

rang late on Wednesday night be answered it with-

out any hesitation, believing it was a call from

his employer. As soon as he opened the front

door he was covered by several armed men with

revolvers, who stepped into the hall and closed

warned that he would be shot if he uttered a word

Ho was escorted by the raiders to the kitchen on

in the kitchen, keeping M'Guinness covered with

During the work of destruction M'Manus arrived

home and rang the front door bell. The Sinn

revolvers, told him he would be shot if he gave

any alarm. He was taken to Mr. M'Guinness in

the kitchen, and there both of them were guarded

by two raiders while the interrupted work of

destruction was completed. The miscreants re-

mained nearly an hour, and, on leaving warned the occupants of the premises that they would

The police were afterwards informed of the out

Constable M'Govern, quickly arrived on the scene

but found no clue as to the raiders' identity. Later

Derry city with Inishoven and other parts of Co.

was discovered that all telephone wires linking

The wires at Carrigans were also cut, and early

yesterday morning an attempt to burn the vacated

police barracks there was made. Petrol and inflam-

mable material were thrown into the building and

fired, the attackers decamping immediately. The

fire was discovered by a villager, who gave the

alarm, and the flames were extinguished before

DUNGANNON HAPPENINGS.

Exciting Incidents During a Raid

LADY'S PLUCKY ACTION.

Interse excitement was coused in Dungannon

yesterday morning when it was ascertained that the

of Dungannon Urban Council and local collector of

income-tax, had been raided by Sinn Feiners dur-

ing the night. It appears that at about 1-20 a.m.

Mrs. Beatty, hearing a noire, opened her bedroom

door when she was astonished to see the reflection

downstairs and found a man on the stairs, ap-

parently acting as guard. The man ran to the

shouting to his companions: "Curse you, let me out." Mrs. Beatty was just at his beels as he bolted

through the office window into Thomas Street.

Mr. Beatty tried immediately to telephone to the

police barracks, but found that the wires had been

At this juncture a loud signal whistle was heard,

and the raiders made off in the darkness. A big

pile of papers was meanwhile blazing away on the

floor of the office, but the flames were quickly ex-

tinguished. Shortly afterwards Head Constable Lester, accompanied by Sergeant Williams and

Constable M'Hugh, arrived on the scene, and it

was evident from an examination of the premises

that a large number of men must have been con-

corned in the outrage. Entry had been effected by

smashing the catches of two of the office windows,

and almost all the stock of income tax books and

forms had been carried away, together with a large

number of books and papers belonging to the urban

council. The old-age pension register and other

books had been thrown on the fire, but were

A fire was shortly afterwards reported to b

burning at a disused quarry about a quarter of a

mile distant. The police hastened there, and found

a huge stack of burned out books and papers, while

the entire district between the office and the quarry

About midnight on Wednesday a party of dis-

guised men entered Creeknashums House, Beach-

more (about 12 miles from Cookstown), and, under

SINN FEINERS BUSY IN

ENNISKILLEN.

Attempt to Burn Income Tax Office.

On Wednesday night at 11-50 a fire was discovered

in the Income Tax Offices at Enniskillen, and

within a few minutes the military, with their fre-

engine, were on the scene. The offices, which are

over the Excise Offices, were soaked in petrol, but

and the income tax papers and returns were all de-

stroyed. These papers, however, were not connected

latch-key, and the perpetrators of the outrage, who

got under control, but the damage hy water is ex-

RAID AT NEWTOWNSTEWART.

collector, burning them in the adjoining field.

was strewn with loose papers.

with the current year.

the ground floor suffering.

Cailing to her husband she immediately rushed

very serious damage had been done.

Feiners on guard cautiously opened the door.

seized and burned.

Donegal had been cat.

of a light from the office.

M'Guinuess is a motor driver, and when the bell

THE DOWNPATRICK OUTRAGE.

Rev. T. G. Wilkinson Shot WEILE PURSUING DISGUISED BAIDERS.

The Downpatrick outrage occurred about three schet yesterday morning. Eight or ten Sinu lines, anned with revolvers and disguised, who an supposed to have arrived on bicycles, broke isto the local Excise Office and carried away penmes papers and other documents. Aroused by the screens of the caretaker, Mrs. M'Bride, the br. T. G. Wilkinson, Minur Canon of Down (chedral, who resides next door, rose hurriedly ad brokelly pursued the miscreants. The lattr, shrmed at the possibility of capture, immecately fired at the reverend gentleman, who sank the ground, wounded in the thigh. He was he conveyed to the County Infirmary, where te balkt was extracted. The wounded gentlehas, who is reported to be making progress tosets recovery, is a son of Sir Hiram Wilkinst LL.D., D.L., Pro-Chaucellor of Queen's farmity, Belfast, who resides at Tobermore, the door. M'Gunness was promptly seized and tomy Derry. He was ordained in 1896 for the rang of St. Paul's, Belfast, and served in the the top floor, his wife and children meanwhile of usil 1906, when he was appointed Diocesan being in a state of collapse. Two raiders remained tricited Assistant Inspector of Religious Edu- their revolvers, two took up duty at the outer door, aim in the Diocese of Down and Counter and while the remaining two broke into Mr. Mac-Denoce. In 1918 he was appointed a Minor | Neary's office. Here the drawers were opened and ters of Belfast Cathedral, and subsequently emptied, and all the papers relating to income tax In Canen of Down Cathedral.

The Story of the Crime. The caly occupants of the Excise Office were h M'Bride, the caretaker, and her five chil- dragged him inside, and covering him with their -dl members of the Cathedral congregation. 1 to o'ckek in the morning, when the inhabithe town were asleep, the attack was said sgainst the office. As stated, eight or sent and disguised men participated in the di tol so a preliminary operation but all the remit and telephone wires in order to prevent | meet their doon if they moved within an hour. produce in their plans. Once an entrance su need to the premises, guards were placed | rage, and a force of armed constables, under Head at kaor and at the corners of the neighbouring and, waile other ruthans went inside to de and and destroy. Alarmed by the noise Mrs. White rose hurriedly, and called for Mr. Wil luce. Aroused by her screams, the reverend protection put on a dressing gown and slippers, and the only weapon at hand-a poker-and vest out to the street. Here he was instantly charged by the Sinn Pein guards, who told him that it be did not retreat he would be shot. These bra, at the same time, shouted to the men inside,

wrant them of Mr. Wilkinson's presence. The Rev. Mr. Wilkinson's Bravery. Apparently fearing that they might be recoghed, the guard then took to their heels, pursued is the coursecous clergyman, at whom they fired sen shees. As this was going on, the ecouners muscking the office came out with the inenion of beating a retreat, and seeing Mr. Wilhave suo began to tire. At that moment the auricous clergyman was between the two paties, both of whom were firing at him, and Elaturately he was wounded in the thigh by a moler bullet. As soon as be fell the whole of gang decomped and were quickly out of sight serent maids in Mr. Wilkinson's employment seed from their slumbers by the shooting and deting, seeing what had happened, came along Mrs. M'Bride, and took the injured man into is own bouse. Dr. Murray was summoned, and ea his arrival the sufferer, who had lest a constraits quantity of blood, was removed in the exter's motor car to the county infirmary. Here the bolles was extracted. Inquiries at the infirbuy pesterday evening showed that Mr. Wilkin-. was in a very weak state, but that he was pur on as well as could be expected.

ladiguation was expressed on all sides when the area of the outrage got abroad, and the wicked being of the Sinn Feiners were the subject of recal condemnation. During yesterday aftersoo Mr. Wilkinson was visited in the infirmary the Right Rev. C. T. P. Grierson, Bishop of love and Connor and Dremore.

THO BARRACKS DESTROYED IN COUNTY DOWN.

Larly resterday morning the disused parracks at out and Strangford were burned to the ground. building at Clough was portially destroyed tring the Easter fire-raising outrages.

IN COUNTY ANTRIM.

Barracks Burned near Toomebridge.

DASTARDLY SINN FEINERS.

Interday morning, between one and two o'clock, ergrant in charge of the Millquarter barracks, tar Toonsbridge, was ruduly awakened from his majors by the arrival of a party of masked and Sinn Femers, who set tire to the building remained about the place until its complete sanction had been accomplished. The criminals on their arrival ordered out the of the building, and was the only police to to the up a position with his face to a and was forced to remain there on pain of had the little ones was unwell, but the appeals de be father that the child should be unmolested marailing. The sergeant's furniture and all burack equipments were completely burned; ferturately the raiders found no arms, as the pare force formerly stationed in the barrack had

drafted to other centres. The premises were med by a local farmer named Kennedy, and it meda for the destruction of the larrack and the d Sergrant Rourke's farniture. The preatest indignation is expressed in the diste at the perpetration of such an outrage. The sans sesterday reported to the constabuar hadquarters at Ballymena. District Impector and accompanied by a body of police, visited the Sergeant Rourke and his family, who are

state of prostration, have been given accommotation by a local farmer.

MAN KILLED BY RAIDERS.

Because He Failed to Answer a Challenge.

GRUESOME FIND AT BALLYBRACK

During Wednesday night a large number of barracks in the South which had been evacuated by the police were destroyed, or partly destroyed, by parties of men, who in some cases were arms and masked. Among there may be mentioned:-

Crumlin (Co. Dublin)-Partly destroyed.

Hallybrack (Co. Dublin)-Bare valls left.

Kill-o'-the Grango (Co. Dublin)-Baro walls

Blanchardstown (Co. Dublin)-Very badly damaged.

Moynal'y (Co. Meath)—Completely destroyed. Carrickbeg (Carrick-on-Suir)—Completely de-Upton (Co. Cork)-Blown up.

In the case of Ballybrack barracks the work of destruction was attended by a murder, the full details of which are unknown. The victim was a man named William M'Cabe, head gardener to the Right Hon. Laurence Waldron, who was shot dead in the Strathmore Road, Killiney, near his employer's residence. It is believed that M'Cabe failed to answer a challengo or disregard a warning given by the scouts of the party who destroyed the Ballybrack barracks, and who were stationed the Ballybrack barracks, and who were stationed around the district. Deceased, who was aged about 39, was single, and resided with his sister in a gate-lodge attached to Mr. Waldron's residence. M'Cabe had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Coyle, who occupied a gate-lodge attached to Strathmore House, in the vicinity, and left about ten o'clock A few minutes after seeing him off Mrs. Coyle heard shots close to the rear of the lodge on the Strathmore Road. She thought three or four shots were fired. She and her hurband went out on the roadway, and about 40 or 50 yards from the lodge gates they saw the body of deceased lying on the left side of the road. They saw no one in the vicinity. Attempts to telephone for medical assistance failed owing to the wires in the vicinity being destroyed. It was not till about three hours later that the body of the unfortunate victim was re-moved from the readway and conveyed to a green-house in the grounds of an adjoining house. According to one story whatever happened, two of the raiders were in some way badly injured. It is reported that two men had been conveyed to a Dublin hospital, but close inquiries failed to supply any confirmation of this. The etatement is made, however, that a man was seen in Westmoreland Street late on Wednesday night without one hand; as a Government we have decided to reinforce and it is an undoubter fact that yesterday morning these men by every means in our nower. We a hand, with part of the forearm attached, was picked up outside the ruins of the Ballybrack

MORE DUBLIN SENSATIONS.

A Daring Robbery.

About 11 o'clock last night six armed and masked men entered the garage of Mesars, R. W. Arche Co., Wentworth Place, Lower Mount Street Dublin, and overpowered the watchman, William M'Carthy, bound him with ropes, and placed him in a corner. A few minutes later the night watchhan, William Fitzpatrick, his brother in-law, and a and times. boy arrived to take up duty. They were also overpowered. The men then purhed a motor car into

the street, started it, and drove away. The official record of crimes issued in Dublin last night stated that at 6-20 p.m. on the 11th May a man wearing motor goggles entered Mesers. Lyons & Co.'s premises, 22, High Street, Dublin, presented a revolver at the manager, and made him tie up an assistant who was in the place. The raider then tied up the manager, and took from the safe a cush-box which contained £28 in cash and cheques. The cash was taken and the safe was locked, the key being taken. It is believed that about £345 which was in the safe was also stolen, but until the safe is opened this cannot be verified.

ACTIVITIES IN CO. CORK.

100 Masked Men Destroy Barracks.

Late on Wednesday night several vacated police barracks in the Liberties of Cork city were destroyed. About 100 argued and masked men attacked the Commons Road batracks, which was occupied by Mrs. Collins, wife of a police constable, and eight young children. They were put out on the roadside, their furniture smashed and thrown out, and the house then saturated with petroleum and set ablaze. Mrs. Cellins, who protested against her eviction, was driven across a a portion of the basement, went back into it with

The Barrow Bridge barrack, four miles from the city, was occupied by an ex-policeman named ladell and his family. He was ordered out by 100 a short time nothing was left of the building but | port of the British public; (2) to offord temporary the night by a neighbour.

barrack, near Bandon, were also destroyed. Cashel courthouse was almost completely burned out early yesterday morning, as were also the Customs office at Bandon.

AN EDITOR TARRED. Sensational Affair at Skibbereen.

Mr. P. Sheehy, solicitor, editor of the "County Eagle," Skibbereen, was tarred by armed men on | and laid claim to the farm. about midnight, and was alone in the house at the in possession of the farm. time. On his answering a knock at the door a number of armed men rushed into the hall, knocked him down, bound him with ropes, and smeared his body, head, and face with tar, after which they disappeared. Miss Sheehy, his eister, who was out on a visit, on returning raised an alarm, and some neighbours and the police from the barrack close by, under Mr. Fester, D.I., were quickly on the hall and tried to escape by the front door, but as it was doubly locked he ran back into the office. scene, and released Mr. Sheehy. During yesterday morning the police were busy looking up suspected persons both in the town and outskirts, but so far no arreste have been made.

WILD STRABANE SCENES.

Ex-Soldier Killed.

On Wednesday right exciting scenes took place originated in a public-bouse, when an ex-addier named William M'Ginley, aged 26, of Townsend Fitzaimons, Dundalk; Francis O'Duffy, Mona-Etreet, Strabane, received a blow on the jaw which ghan; and Francis Martin, Dundalk. rendered him unconscious. Tetanus developed and he died two hours later. It is alleged that his James M'Crossan, of Evish, has been detained by the police in connection with the affair. Subsequently a row developed, which assumed a

he had to receive the attention of two doctors. At an inquest last night on MiGinley, Dr. MiNichall deposed as to unking a post-mortem examination on the body of deceased. The body was that of a well-nourished man. His internal organe, heart, and liver were healthy, and the body here no marks of recent violence. On removing the skull there was found a clot of blood about the base of the brain. Either the blow of a man's fire or the head coming into contact with the ground threats, took away all the documents in the custody by reason of a fall would cause the injury. In witof the occupant, Mr Joseph Quin, the income tax | ness's opinion, the cause of death was a clot of

blood at the base of the brain. The jury found that decreased came to his death as the result of a blow given by James M'Crossan. or as the result of a fall occasioned thereby, and that we do not attach any blams to James

At a special court of netty sessions held laterbefore Messrs. William Harpur, J.P., and Charles Browne, J.P .- James M'Crossan was brought up on the capital charge of taking the life of William M'Ginley. After taking formal evidence, the accused was remanded in custody.

COUNTY DONEGAL BARRACKS BURNED.

Explosives and Paraffin Used.

fortunately only the upper part of the premises was involved. Before long, however, the toof fell in. Two varated police barracks at Carrowkeel, near Morille, and Burnfoot, near Londonderry, both in It appears that the offices were entered by a County Donegal, were partially destroyed early vesterday morning, petrol, paraffin, and explosives being used in the work of destruction. Prior to had to make a hasty retreat, forced a back door in the attacks the raiders cut the telegraph and tele order to effect their escape. The fire was quickly phone wires on either side of the villages, and at Burnfoot the railway telegraph wires vere also severed. The attackers also knecked up a Derry tensive, the Excise offices and a chemist's shop ou shinyard worker named William Green, who resides in a building adjoining the Burnfoot berracks

A JUDICIAL INQUIRY.

Statement by Mr. Bonar Law.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S ATTITUDE.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Bonar Law, replying to Captain Wedgwood Benn (R.), said no case had occurred of a death in consequence of imprisonment by the Government without charge or trial. The Government had decided to have the circumstances of such arrests examined by an independent judi-

Mr. Kelly (N.) asked whether a death oc

by imprisonment.

Mr. Kelly-Was he not perfectly healthy before he was arrested? Captain Wedgwood Benn asked if he did not intend to have an investigation committee! Mr. Bonar Law-As soon as it can be arranged. We shall give the names of the judges as soon

operation for appendicitis.

as possible.

THE RELEASE OF ALDERMAN O'BRIEN.

ordered his release. Mr Clynes-Is it any use laying down a con- over sundry matters that can better be settled dition that an Irishman should take no part in by personal exchange of views than through

Mr. Kelly (N.)-If he was released unconditionally why was he originally arrested? No answer was given.

EXCEPTIONAL STEPS TAKEN.

Announcement by the Lord Chancellor

Press Fund, the Chancellor said that to-day the cussed. Royal Irish Constabulary were marked out as victims of a cowardly and murderous gang of THE LEYY ON WAR WEALTH. tinued the Lord Chaucellor," of what the Executive have done, but I can tell you this, that have taken special and wholly exceptional steps to day, so that at this moment (so, indeed, we may hope) not one of these men in their brave ESTIMATED YIELD OF £500,000,000. and heroic work will be left unattended by one or other of the members of the armed forces of the Crown, and we trust that by the means we have taken the practices of assassination and anarchy in Ireland will be defeated and the in- laid on the table of the House of Commons, and tegrity of the Empire our sons fought for main- will be issued at the week-end. It is understood tained." (Cheers.)

would show that the voluntary army was wire. The Empire had many enemies, and he advised after discussion is practicable, and that this is the view that their terms of reference did not legislation to be ready for some awkward corners | the best form in which the principle can be ap- | ask them to report on there difficulties, but

The donations totalled £7,700.

BACK TO NORMAL PROCEDURE.

That the policy of preventive arrests has come to an end is indicated by the statement made by the Chief Secretary in the course of an interview on Wednesday. "Since my appointment and I have released many persons arrested on suspicion after personally examining the grounds on which the suspicions were based. I have gone personally into the case of Alderman William O'Brien and ordered his release. I submit that these things show that I am carrying out my often-expressed intention of trying to re-establish the normal life of Ireland, including the normal procedure of the Courts of Justice."

SOUTHERN LOYALISTS' DEFENCE FUND.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Irish Loyalists' Defence Fund held their first meeting at the House of Commons yesterday-Lord Duncannon presiding. Sub-committees were appointed to deal with finance, publicity, and other matters, stream up to her knees in water. The attackers Temporary offices have been opened at 25, Victoria also used explosives on the building. When the Street, Westminster, S.W.I. and Mr. Richardson also used explosives on the building. When the Street, Westininster, S.W.I. and Mr. Richardson raiders departed Mrs. Collins returned, and saving Dawson will act as general secretary. The following statement of the objects of the fund was of the conditions in which law-abiding citizens in the South and West of Ireland are living, and the special disabilities imposed on ex-service, men and men, and his furniture thrown out after him. In their families, and to enlist the sympathy and supthe walls. The occupants were given shelter for | financial and other assistance to those whose lives and property are in danger, and to the families of A police but at White's Cross, Cork, and Upton | those who have fallen victims to the reign of terror in Ircland.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS AND THE CATTLE DRIVERS.

A Central News Claremorris (County Maro) telegram says that a grazing farm outside Hallinrobo was cleared of its stock vesterday, and posseseion taken by adjoining tenante, who put their prevare a scheme, if after three months the persons cattle on the lands. The discharged soldiers of the or associations concerned had not submitted their town, numbering over 200, immediately mobilised own scheme. He wished, he said, to make the Wednesday night. He was in his room, reading, streets, drave out the invaders' cattle, and are now

DUNDALK HOUSES RAIDED. Official Documents Seized.

The private houses of two Dundalk collectors of taxes were raided last night by armed and marked men, and all official documents were seized. At Act applied, the Board may by order exampt pro-10-30 the house of Mr. Markham, Castle Road, was clucers who comply with the scheme from any visited by a party of disguised men, and on Miss general investigation. He explained that the Markham opening the door the men dashed inside , object of the sub-section was to exempt from the and made off with all official documents. Ten clause luxury goods which could be rold at a high minutes later the house of Mr. James Murray in price. M'Dermott's Terrace was raided, and all documents ! found there were taken poesession of. No arrests | have been made.

BELFAST HUNGER STRIKERS RELEASED sub-section was meant to protect firms like Mesers. Yesterday three more Sinn Fein hunger strikers in Strahane, as a crult of which one man was in Belfast Prison were released and conveyed to killed and another severely injured. The treuble the Mater Hospital, where they are said to be in in Belfast Prison were released and conveyed to a weak condition. Their names are :-- George

OMEATH BARRACKS BURNED TO THE GROUND.

Yesterday morning the R.I.C. barracks at Omeath were burned to the ground by Sina Feiners. A few months ago the police were transferred to other rarty complexion, and a man named Buchanan re- few months ago the police were transferred to other crived a severe handling. He was rescued from his stations, but the wife and family of Sergeant assailants and taken to a neighbour's bouse, where | Greene, now of Carlingford, remained in occupation of the premises. About two o'clock in the morning a small gang of Sinn Feiners cleared Mrs. tireene and family out of the place, and, after having seen them accommodated in the house of a neighbour, who was, it is said, "commanded" to take them in, they returned and set fre to the building, which was soon reduced to ruits.

ATTEMPTED STRABANE RAID.

An attempted raid on the Courthouse in Strabane was frustrated by the presence of mind of the caretaker, Mr. William Craig. Hearing a knock at the door Mr Craig specied it and discovered a party deemed to be unreasonable if the percentage rate Districts Nos. I, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 will state of marked men outside. His reply to their shout of of profit does not exceed the pro-war percentage for Finaghy, No. 6 District falling in at Done-"hands up" was to shut and bolt the door in their rate of profit, due consideration being given to gall Square North and No. 10 District at Donefaces. Escaping from the building Mr. Craig the relative expenses of carrying on Litainess. brought the police, but before their arrival the raiders had made off

ARMED TROOPS PATROL DUNDALK STREETS. Strikers Replace Police at Races.

Soldiers, wearing steel belmets and fully armed, patrolled the attects of Dundalk yesterday. There were no police on duty at the racecourse, but at points on toe read leading to the course policemen, accompanied by soldiers, took up duty. At the races yesterday the course was kept clear by men out on strike from the distillery. On former oncarions this was done by police.

OUTRAGE AT CARNLOUGH.

The majority of the inhabitants of Carnlough were not a little surprised yesterday morning when they learned that the local police barrack, now vacant for some months past, had been partially burned during the night, and that but for the work of a number of local volunteers its destruction would have been complete. The flames had got a good hold of the building when it was discovered, but BIRRACKS BURNED AT KILLETER.

Larly in Thurs by morning the police barracks were burned and destroyed. The barracks were burned and destroyed. The barracks where the premises designed were burned and destroyed. The barracks while the premises having been the Northern Banking Company in Main Street. They main aged the office completely, and some they remained shivering for several many destroyed. The barracks while form the premises having been that the barracks would be burned, and he would get five minutes to clear. Green and his wife there was no one residing in that the barracks as under the premises having been that the barracks would be burned, and he would get five minutes to clear. Green and his wife and the customs and the three congrables are burned and destroyed. The barracks are the premises having been that the barracks are the price of coal.

Yesterday the hours of a South Westmesth there was no one residing in the piece of coal.

Linerick Corporation decided yesterday, in view of the number of claims under the Malicious Information stored in the piece, and there were neither arms nor having a window-such was first the barracks and went to a south Westmesth there was no one residing in the tries in the premises having been distinct there was no one residing in the course of the number of claims under the Malicious Information stored in the piece, and there were neither arms nor having a course of the number of claims under the Malicious Information stored in the piece, and there were neither arms nor having a course of the number of claims under the having a middle of the number of claims under the Malicious Information stored in the piece, and there was no one residing and the three congrables and went to a south Westmesta the there was no one residing and the three congrables and went to a south Westmesta the three was no one residing and the three congrables and the course of the number of claims under the hours. They had hardly left the building when the course of the number of claims under the with his wife and five children, and notitied him the energy of the band of workers quickly had

COMING SPA CONFERENCE. OUR LONDON LETTER.

Preliminary Conversations at Hythe.

PREMIERS' ABRANGEMENTS.

The Press Association understands that the Angle-French conversations arranged for Saturday at Hythe are in the nature of private discussion of business for the furthcoming Spa meeting, rather than a formal conference, and in these circumstances it is unlikely that, with the possible exception of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, any British Minuter but Mr. Lloyd George will be present. The Freigh Finance Minister is appa lain may go down to Hythe to meet him in ordes to discuss the financial aspects of the Spa Con-

The reason for the South Coast town being curred recently in Ireland almost directly caused relected as a meeting place is that Mr. Lloyd ing itself with answering precisely the question George, though very much better, has been Mr. Bonar Law said the man died after an medically advised to prolong his absence from return to London before the House cises for the Whitsun recess. The French Ministers will cross to Folkestone, according to present arrangements. this evening. They will be the guests of the Government Hospitality Committee, and will probably stay at Hythe, rather than at Folkestone, seeing that the conversations of the following day will take place at the seat of Sir Philip | City Opinion. Sassoon, a little distance out of Hythe, where Mr. Bonar Law, in reply to Mr. Clynes (Lab.). the Prime Minister is now in recidence. If, as said that the Chief Secretary for Ireland had is expected, the business is concluded on Saturgone personally into the case fort he continuance day, the French Ministers will return to Paris on of Alderman. O'Brien's internment, and had the same evening or the following morning. It is understood the object of the meeting is to talk

> more formal channels of intercourse. Reuter's Agency understands there is very little doubt that Mr. Lloyd George and M. Millerand. in their discursions at Hythe, will agree to postpone the Spa Conference, as it would seem to serve could be raised and could produce something in no good purpose to hold it in the midst of a German General Election. One of the most important to revise the excess profits duly programme at matters to be considered will be that of reparation. once." Now that the committee has in feet The view of the British Government is that the payment of reparation is the essential essence of the Peace Treaty. On this there is no difference of opinion between the British and French Minis-

Recommendations of the Committee.

The War Wealth Increase Committee completed its task yesterday. The report has been diminishes by small degrees to 30 per cent, in whether they will put it through the House this cares where the pre-war wealth exceeded £500,000. On the Islance the tax was to be I rish Education. levied at rates varying from 60 to 90 per cent Concessions were elterwards made in favour of originally stated as £550,000,000 was reduced the Board of Inland Revenue that 75,000 persons would be affected.

THE PROFITEERING BILL.

Exemption of Luxury Goods. DISCUSSION ON REPORT STAGE

In the House of Commons yesterday the Profiteering (Amendment) Bill as amended in the Standing Committee was considered on the report. Sir Herbert Nield (Co.U.) moved a new clause providing that it should not be necessary for the owners to supply particulars of any secret process of preparation or of the ingredients used in the adopted: -(1) To inform the public of Great Britain composition of a "proprietary article," but author of the conditions in which law-abiding citizens in rising the Board of Trade to require that the cost of any such article should be furnished.

Eir R. Horne accepted the clause as offering a fair, arrangement as between the public and the manufacture. Mr. Neil M'Lean (Lab.) said that clause would in

effect place "proprietary articles" outside the scope

The clause was agreed to. On Clause 1, which authorises persons or associations of persons ougsged in the production or distribution of any article to which the Profiteering Act applies, to prepare and submit to the Board of Trade schemes for fixing reasonable rates of

profit in the industry. Mr. A. Short (lab.) moved an amendment making it obligatory on the Board of Trade to Sir R. Horno opposed the amendment. He said

it would be impossible to invent compulsory The amendment was rejorted by 221 votes to 47. Sir R. Horne moved a new sub-rection, providing that if the Board of Trade are estimbed that any approved a home accured an adequate supply to the home market of any articles to which the principal

Major Parnes (R.) objected that the sub-section raid nothing about luxury goods, and it would detest the whole object of the Act. Commander Kenworthy (R.) suspected that the

Mr. Hurd (Co.U.) denied that the sub-section would enable cheap and nasty goods to be feisted on the pooter classes Mr. Swan (Lab.) thought the sub-section would encourage the supply of dear and nasty goods. Mr. Myers (lab.) and Mr Hayward (R.) op-

posed the an endnesnt. On a division the amendment was carried by 192 to 47. On chuse 2 Mr. John Davison (Lab.) moved an amendment with the object of preventing an exor-

litant charge being made for the delivery of an article to a purchaser. Mr. Bridgman said the Minister had already gone as far as he could in this matter. The amendment was negatived.

Major Barnes proposed that the measure should properties come within scope of the Rent Restriction Bill that was to be introduced. The Govern-

rent was fully almo to the extertion that was being practised in this behalf. The amendment was negatived by 143 votes to 54. were agreed to providing that profit shall not be

On clause 6 an amendment moved by Sir R. Horne was agreed to, providing that in no case shall a report of a committee dealing with the business in the United Kingdom carried on by any firm or company mentioned in the report be published unless such firm or company have had an opportunity of appearing before the committee and of laing heard in connection with the matters dealt with in the report. The report stage was concluded and the Bill read a third time.

INSULTING THE YICEBOY.

Derry Alderman's Proposal. the roll of Derry freemen.

the Derry bakers' strike. The Lurgan Weavers' Union at a meeting on

Thursday Night.

Lord French in London.

Lord French remains to town to receive . the freedom of the City along with Lord Jellicos on Monday. Now that the fact that this is his chief business in London has danned on people there is rather less talk of a "change in Irish policy," The Viceroy saw Mr. Boner Law at Downing Street to day, and well informed evening papers afterwards repeated the assurance that the Government was not changing its policy in Ireland. Otherwise there is little to record of Irish news, but in the London Press the insane outrages at Belfast and elsewhere receive, I am glad to say, something of the radigment prominence which they deserve.

War Wealth Lety. The Select Committee on the Taxation of War Fortunes laid its report on the table of the House of Commons yesterday, and this will be printed without delay. The Committee does not declare that a war levy is desirable. Content which its terms of reference set it, it declaremedically advised to prolong his absence from town, and it is extremely unlikely that he will lines proposed by the Board of Inland Revuos in return to London before the House cases for the Whitsun receis. The French Ministers will cross both according to the size of the original forture.

Speaking in the House of Commons on Tueslay night, Mr. Chaufterlain said: "A great deal is to be said for a leav on the special increases of war wealth as an insurance against a tax " un capital of all kinds. I do not want to anticipate the conclusions of the committee which is sitting, but if such a levy could be raised with equity without insuperable administrative difficulties and with the large allowances that are necessary to provide for anything in the nature of rormal or

reported a definite scheine which will raise £500,000,000 after allowances for thrift and for small fortunes, is Mr. Charaberlaus committed Speaking last night at the Connaught Rooms, ters. The real question is what is Germany's cape. to drop his present proposal to take an excess London, at the annual dinner of the Newspaper city to pay, and this is the first matter to be disprofits duty of to per cent., replacing it by the cussed. Levy Committee declared last night that in his opinion the Chancellos of the Exchequer was not so committed even now. "It will depend entirely," said he, "on the City. If there is any volume of City opinion - which -demands the change the Chancellor will make it. But if the City offers to let him have his £500,000,000 by ways and means loans, provided he does not tax capital, indicating at the same time that a Parliamentary proposal for a war levy would make it impossible to raise money for ways and means borrowing. Mr. Chamberlain will have to conform to their opinion." Inke most of the War Levy Committee this member was convinced that a war lovy would be difficult, cumbrous, slow in yield, full of profit to actuaries, and crippling the Committee has agreed that the taxation of to productive businesses, which have locked up Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson said time war wealth according to reale C of the Board | their war profits in plant, buildings, and trading of Inland Revenue memorandum as modified stock. But he and the Committee generally take plied. The Committee, however, is divided as merely on practicability. Commercial members to the merits of such taxation. Scale C allows of the House generally agree that these diffifor an abatement of 100 per cent, in culties are very great, and aithough they think cases where the pre-war wealth did not exceed Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Lloyd George per-£25,000, and the percentage of abatement sonally strongly favour the war levy they doubt

Colonel W. J. Allen will not be able to move his motion on Irish education which stands at the (he declared) I have signed no deportation orders, where the pre-war wealth did not exceed bead of private members' motions put down for £50,000, and the estimated yield of the tax next Wednesday evening. The Spraker has pointed out that the Government's Irish Educaaccordingly to £500,000,000. It is estimated by tion Bill stands on the paper and precludes the moving of any motion on the subject. Strangely enough, a motion in the name of Captain Losely on English education had first place last night, but was cut out by the debate on coal prices. A Carrickfergus Question.

The War Office having asked for further particulars about their civilian subordinates at Carrickforgus concerning whose rates of 'pay Mr. Hanna put down a nucation on to-day a order paper, Mr. Hunna is taking steps to acquire the full particulars which are asked for.

Housing. The Rent Restriction Amendment Bill which the Government is about to introduce will propose that local authorities shall be empowered to acquire and let as a dwelling any home, whatever the rental, if the landlord contumaciously keeps it empty, while the housing need of the district is not met. At present they can take such action if the house is of a weeking-class type

COURT AND SOCIETY.

or bt for conversion into working class decilings.

Buckingham Palace, Thursday. Mr. John Maffey had the honour of being ro

ceived by the King. The Hon. Sir Lower Gouin (Premier and Attorney-General of Quebec) and Lady Gooig had the honour of being invited to lunch with their Majesties.

The Earl of Athlone visited the King. His Majesty visited Queen Alexandia at Marltorough House.

The Queen, accompanied by Princesa Mary and attended by Counters Fortesque and Mr. Harry W. Verney, was present at an afternoon party given by the Lady Mayorers at the Mansion House to the Presidents, Vice-Presidents, and Associates of Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild this afternon.

Yesterday was the 42nd birthday of the Marquis d Londonderry. Major Dermot and Lady Helen M Calmont base -. arrived in Dublin from Mount Juliet, Kilkening.

Lade Morenco Bourke has arrived in London" from Ireland. Lord Hemphill has left London for Dublin. Lord Oranmore and Browne has returned to 12, Savendish Place from Ireland

Brigadier General Sir W. Hacket Pain, K.B.E., B., who was injured in a motor-cer accident on Tuesday, was removed to a private nursing home restorday, his injuries being more revious than at first reported. It is hoped that the General will soon he completely restored to his usual good health and strength.

BELFAST JULY CELEBRATION.

Arrangements for the Meeting.

As already intimated in these columns, the Grand Orange Lodge of the County of the City of Belfast have decided to bold the forthcoming Twelfth of July celebration at Finaghy, and a hiz turnout is expected on the occasion. Accordepply to the letting end selling of dwelling houses. ing to the arrangements the speakers will include Mr. Bridgeman opposed the amendment, which, Sir Edward Carson, whose popular and esteemed be said, dealt with a matter that would more apply wife has been initiated a member of the Orango Order. More than ordinary interest will attach to the proceedings owing to the fact that many delegates from the overseas parts of the Empire. and also from America, will occupy a prominent Ou the motion of Sir R. Horne, amendments position in the procession. No. 1 District is to arsemble at Twickenham Street, and at 930 a m. deemed to be unreasonable if the percentage rate | Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 will start gall Pare. The speaking will Legin at 1 p.m. and at 3-30 p.m. the procession will commence the return journey. Having regard to the immense size of the andience likely to assemble, two platforms will be provided. At one of there the Grand Master of Belfast, Colonel R. H. Wallace, C.B., C.B.E., D.L., will preside. Br. James S. Reade, Grand Secretary, is responsible for the organisation of the demonstration, and under his direction it may be looked forward to as an assured success.

THE BELFAST SINN FEIN RAIDERS.

The offices of the Que Thor Mission, Belfast, which are situated in the Scottish Provident Alderman Charles Bradley has given notice of Buildings, on the same floor as the Income Tax motion to remove the name of Lord French from Office which was raided by Sinn Frinces on Tuckday night were found to-base tern broken open when the staff arrived to resume duty pesterday There is no change in the situation created by morning. The theory is advanced that some of the raiders had taken up a position there to cut off the police had they arrived on the scene.