

OUR LONDON LETTER.

Thursday Night.
Contrary to anticipation the Irish debate in the House of Commons yesterday proved a comparatively tame affair.

THE SINN FEIN CRIMES.

GOVERNMENT WEAKNESS.

Position of Ex-Service Men in Ireland.
THE DE VALERA LOAN.
Irish questions were raised in the House of Commons yesterday.

THE VICEROY'S MISTAKE.

Intensions Not Expressed in Instructions.

Mr. Denis Henry stated that amongst the prisoners released from Mountjoy as a result of the hunger strike there were 34 who had been convicted of offences against the law.

SUGGESTED CONFERENCE.

DISCUSSION IN THE LORDS.

Lord Alkwith, in the House of Lords yesterday, called attention to the state of Ireland, where he said "terrorism and murder" were rampant.

MR. M'CURDY'S PESSIMISM.

WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The House of Commons went into Committee of Supply yesterday on a vote of £1,243,000 for salaries and expenses of the Ministry of Food.

ALLIES AND GERMANY.

COMING CONFERENCE AT SPA.

Reuter's Agency learns that the German Government has replied accepting the proposal to meet the Supreme Council at Spa.

THE CRAIGAVON SCHEME.

The County Council of Down County Council and the Belfast Press.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY.

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MOUNTJOY HUNGER STRIKERS.

Nine to be Released under "Cat and Mouse" Act.

The following official statement was issued from Dublin Castle last night:—
Nine prisoners convicted by courts-martial and now serving their sentences in Mountjoy Prison are to be released under the authority of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

THE PRUSSIAN ASSEMBLY.

Formation of "Field Guards" Decided Upon.

The Prussian Assembly today, against the vote of the Right Socialists and Independents, a resolution was passed that the Prussian authorities be instructed to establish an order to the effect that Prussian soldiers, on their discharge from the army, should be placed in a special reserve.

TURKISH PEACE MISSION.

Arrival at Versailles.

The Turkish Peace Mission arrived at Versailles early this morning. They proceeded to the Hotel des Beaux-Arts and are occupying the rooms which the German delegates were housed during the Peace Conference.

COURT AND SOCIETY.

Buckingham Palace, Thursday.

Field-Marshal the Duke of Connaught visited the King and Queen this morning.

THE STATES AND DE VALERA.

No Action to be Taken.

Mr. Bonar Law, in reply to Mr. Bottomley (Ind.), said that it was understood that appeals for subscriptions for bond certificates, addressed to De Valera, were appearing in certain United States newspapers.

BURNINGS IN CO. DOWN.

Total of £17,930 in Compensation Claims.

Claims amounting to £17,930 have been lodged with regard to attacks upon police barracks and incendiary attacks on the County of Down.

CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Man who Took Part in Barracks Attack Court-martialled.

Michael Condon, of Rathbarnham, County Cork, was tried by general court-martial at Cork yesterday.

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THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

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TO-DAY'S LIST.

Shameless Roscommon Outrage.
The following summary of official reports of outrages received on 5th May was issued last night in Dublin:—

REBEL "COURT-MARTIAL."

Fantastic Galway Affair.

Two men of Kibnabawn, Tuam, were bound and taken from their homes by armed men on Tuesday night and conveyed in motor cars to an unknown destination.

HUNGER STRIKE IN BELFAST.

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RELEASED FROM WORMWOOD SCRUBS.

The following Irish prisoners were released from Wormwood Scrubs yesterday:—S. Irwin, Dublin; J. Res. Limerick; P. Hogan; R. McDonnell; Queenstown; M. Barlow; Tipperary; F. McGrath; Newry; J. Dwyer; Cahel; E. Green; Youghal; M. Doyle; Fermic; Phelan; D. Morgan; Thurso; J. Griffin; Newmarket; P. Ryan; Doon; and F. Malier.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

Triple Industrial Alliance Inquiry.

The Triple Industrial Alliance held a meeting in London yesterday—Mr. Harry Gosling presiding. The proposal of the National Union of Railwaymen that consideration be given to the broadening of the basis of the alliance for the purpose of bringing in other unions was fully considered.

THE NEW CHIEF SECRETARY.

Sworn in at the Viceroy's Lodge.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood, Bart., was sworn in as Chief Secretary for Ireland and as a member of the Privy Council at the Viceroy's Lodge at Dublin on 5th May.

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