OUR LONDON LETTER, THE

Tuesday Night.

Bale Derelopments. to oberwise dull Parliamentary day brought in interesting developments affecting the Home with the time-table resolution, and the postment of the Committee stage itself until next

By declaring against further participation

at debates, the Nationalists have, so to say, dard the course. Mr. Bonar Law was quite bal on that point, and clearly had in mind the white of making even more rapid progress NO GUILLOTINE RESOLUTION "AT and the employment of the guillotine-always an grouler instrument. But he is not disposed to ple risks, and by implication told the House that sould be produced if necessary. The other de-Laster deputed to take charge of the Bill in Market ou Mr. Long's pilotage. Otherwise it lan of Mr. Herbert Fisher-both of whom, as ared to have full knowledge of the scheme-was processed to do understudy. One result of the processed may be to rob Colonel Allen of his presently of promoting a debate on Irish edution. The motion of which he gave notice was for the 19th inst., and the probabilities are fast will be crowded out, or brought on at an way when it would be uscless to precent be then it would be useless to proceed.

M. MacYough's Humour L Sofar the Labour Party's course of action in Por Committee-a small but select body which factors in that direction-had the matter bein a this afternoon, and will put certain recomsolutions before a general meeting to morrow. puter that the party are bent on active intercation during the committee stage, and have in the report of the delegation which visited Ire- relied, with confidence on the support of be some months ago. That of course means members. all Ireland Paffiament, with Dominion status. hath shence of substantial concessions to their Bill. me the rejection of the Bill on third reading. him the following terms:—" Nothing in this widespread support.

It shall derogate from the right of the Ulster Mr. Bonar Law, who replied, said—The 3rd May. The police returned the fire. Transis Council to alter or repeal any section of and, or to promote a rebellion, import arms be Germany, incite to mutiny in the army, Covenante, or in any other way to signify ser disapproval of this Act or of any section As the funnyman of the House of (amous Mr. MacVeagh has a reputation to mittain: but this kind of thing won't do it. ster consign it to the usual receptacle for trolous amendments, will be able to force a Die Unionist Party's Meeting.

Is the meeting of the Ulster Unionist Party Meaninster to day-Sir Edward Carson premine amendments to the Home Rule Bill were pes in Committee. Correspondence dealt with bioded resolutions forwarded by the honorary mortery to the Ulster Unionist Labour Associain, calling upon the Government to include leised in its early closing legislation, and from te Libraries, Museum, and Arts Committee of the Belfast Corporation, requesting the Governsen to permit an increase in the rate leviable to library maintenance. Another letter-from be list Principal Teachers' Union, Belfast and Detric Branch-dealt with the adverse effect of picaics on the salaries of principal teachers. In Bestardy Bill was discussed, and it was deried to move an instruction to the Committee but the measure be extended to Ireland. In ad tim to the chairman, there were present-Sir What Whitla, Major O'Neill, Captain Dixon, Xan E. M. Archdale, Harry Burn, Thompson ball, James Lonsdale, R. J. Lynn, S. Mode, Ronald M'Neill, T. Moles, and D. D. La; and the hon. secretary, Captain Charles

Den mi Harbour Bill.

to bealf of the Ministry of Transport, notice rupe in the House of Commons this evening de Deti, Harbours, and Piers Bill, the object of which to authorise increases of charges in mer weet the recently granted 16s a day wage he keen. It will, of course, be of general appirtice. A similar measure to increase tramway carry vill come on for second reading to morrow. The Lords and Ireland.

the Opper House on Thursday gains, rather that kees, in importance by the postponement of the Home Rule Bill. The whole question of hat moditions is to be raised, and the participice of quite a number of Irish peers, as well ad Led Salisbury, Lord Schorne, and others, the feel strongly on the matter, is looked for. Led Birtenhead will reply for the Government. Menwhile the same subject is to be discussed tal, by the South of Ireland Defence Fund Committee of members of the House of Comarm. Sir Edward Carson is to preside, and the and those who interested themselves in the and deputations to Mr. Bonar Law will attend.

for Home Consumption. I return which Mr. Moles has just obtained the the Treasury is important for the reason that it is the tirst of the kind to be made since EN It was out the numbers of gallons of home and and imported spirits, duty paid, for home reception during the year ended 30th March. For England these were 12,585.000 and (MOD) proof gallons respectively, for Scotland 136,000 and 1,099,000, and for Ireland 1,751,000

ST0,000. lin and Russia.

Report had it yesterday that the Soviet dole-Paul Copenhagen, tired of waiting for the trade memore with the Allies, were about to return Basis. To-night it is etsted that the confertake place after all, the Supreme Council and dended that the Executive representatives the Economic Section shall proceed at once b the Danish capital. Later on we are point a visit from four Soviet deleate to arrange for the carrying out of y triding schemes decided on at the Confer-According to a diplomatic correspondent the "Evening Standard." these will not in-At M. Litvinoff. The same authority, by the the serounces that all the people belonging to and nations who were in Baku when the Boltheir forces arrived are rafe.

THE SINN FEIN "STRIKE."

Position of Postal Employees. landsy in the House of Commons, Colonel

(Co. U.) asked the Prime Minister whether to days of the recent Sinn Fein Labour in Ireland had received or would receive ha thee two days. L. Miegworth-The answer is in the negative.

(dex! Ashley-May I ask the right boncarable thy by giving the men two days' leave, and the permission of the Postmaster-General? It. Bangworth-I should have notice of that. A: Moke-Does the right honourable gentlepropose to take to notice of this conduct of postal officials who absented themselves, during the cruise. duty for two days without authority?

MacVeagh-Cap be say whether the same Exprened in Belfast during the recent strike at Illingworth said be should have notice of

and implementary questions.

S.C. Kinkeb Cooke (Co.U.) -Are no to underthat the whole service refused to work? A source was returned.

THE LIYERPOOL STRIKE OVER.

anke of Irielt dock labourers at Liverpool protest against the imprisonment of Sinu is at an end. In accordance with a decision on Monday night, the men returned to reserday morning.

the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. C. D.

COMMITTEE STAGE POSTPONED

Owing to Mr. W. Long's Illness.

PRESENT,"

stere is explained by the indisposition of the The opening of the Committee stage of the Home Rule Bill, which had been fixed for to-morrow, has been postponed until Monday owing to the illness of Mr. Walter Long, who is to be in charge of the measure.

Yesterday in the House of Commons, Mr. as ested to do understudy. One result of the Acland (R.) saked the Leader of the House whether he still intended to move the closure resolution in regard to the Home Rule Bill.

Mr. Bonar Law said the Government were very auxious to avoid the necessity of moving this resolution. As the Irish Nationalists had publicly announced that they did not intend to take any part in the further stages of the measure, and as there was a strong desire among all members-which he shared-to avoid the resolution, the Government had decided not to move any resolution at present, and to take the consideration of the Bill in Committee on Thurspourtion a series of amendments on the lines day in the usual way. In taking that course he

Mr. MacVeagh (N.)-This is not a Home Rule

Colonel Ashley (Co.U.) asked the Primo Minister whether, in view of the fact that on bud their number, by the way, has handed in the recond teading of the Government of Ireland a smeadment which bears the hall-mark of Mr. Bill the only Irish representatives who voted were MacVeagh's humour. I referred the among those who opposed it, he would withdraw this measure, which had no Parliamentary or the for the 65 amendments which stood in his other support from the country to which it was size, of a new clause to the effect that "this to apply, and devote the time allocated to the from Dublin Castle last night includes the follow-sing into law a measure dealing with agriculture ing: paser was found in the person of Mr. Swan. in England, for which there was urgent need and Three shots were fired at a police patrol at Park,

answer is in the negative.

Colonel Ashley-May I ask whether this reply does not mean that England is to have no Agri. | fired into on the night of 2nd May. cultural Bill this year at all, and that we shall have to hold an autumn session, with all its in-

The Speaker-That is a matter for argument. Mr. MacVeagh-Is it not a fact that the four Ulster Unionist members who were members of the Government did not vote in favour of the

Mr. Bonar Law-It is a question which must be dealt with on the second reading, and can bardly be dealt with by means of question and answer.

Early this morning the following message was received from the Press Association :- Mr. Walter Long, who is at Trowbridge, is suffering from a cold, and will not be able to come up to London this week. In consequence, the Committee stage of the Home Rule Bill, of which he was to be in charge, has been postponed until Monday. Thursday will be a Supply day, and the vote for the Ministry of Food will be taken.

COURT AND SOCIETY.

Windsor Castle, Tuesday. Princess Mary, who was attended by Miss | men and three mail bags stolen. Dorothy Yorke, presented long-service badges to members of the London County Council Voluntary Care Committoo at Fulham Town Hall this after-

Prince Albert, attended by Wing-Commander Louis Greig, was present at the anniversary festival of the Sons of the Clergy, which was held at St. Paul's Cathedral to-day.

THE LATE CROWN PRINCESS OF SWEDEN

The Press Association says-The funeral of the late Crown Princess of Sweden will take place at Stockholm. Under medical advice the Duke of Connaught has been compelled to abandon his intention of journeying to Sweden for the obsequies. Prince Arthur will represent his father at the funeral, the date of which has not yet been

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland has ordered that the Viceregal Court shall wear mourning for three weeks from 1st May, the Court t- change to half-The debate which Lord Askwith will initiate mourning on 15th inst., and on 22nd inst. to go out ing to blow it up unless admitted. Having of mourning.

The Court will be removed from Windsor Castle to Buckingham Palace this morning. The practice of bolding a mentorial service at Windsor on the anniversary of King Edward's death (6th May) has

The Queen motored to London from Windsor Castle on Monday, and paid a private and quiet informal visit to the Royal Amateur Art Exhibition at 26, Grosvenor Square. Her Majesty made a large number of purchases. Among those who were noticed at the exhibition during the day were the Marchioness of Sligo, Florence Lady Garvagh, and Priscilla Counters Annesley.

It is officially announced that H.R.H. Prince Henry will hold the military investitures on behalf of the King arranged for 6th and 7th May at Aberdoen and Newcastle-on-Type respectively, in the place of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught. Prince Nicolas of Roumania left London yester-day for Eton to resume his studies there.

Evelyn Marchioness of Downshire has arrived in London from the country. Mr. Lloyd George was a little better yesterday. Right Hon Sir D. Plunket Berton has been

appointed a trustee of the National Library, Ire-land, in the room of the late Professor J. A. M'Clelland, F.R.S.

slight improvement in the condition of the Bishop, to break out of barracks. of Durham.

VICEREGAL COURT APPOINTMENTS. His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has made

the following appointments to his Household:-Financial Secretary-Mr. Oliver Williams. Comptroller and Aide-deCamp-Captain Guy Richard Charles Wyndham. Assistant Comptroller-Mrs. Helena Creed Kelly Military Secretary-Cuptain the Hon. Charles Henry George Mulholland, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Master of the Stables-Captain Richard South well Windham Robert Wyudham Quinn, M.C. THE ATLANTIC FLEET.

Ships of Second Battle Squadron on

Exercise Cruise.

IRISH COAST TO BE VISITED.

Admiral Sir Charles Madden, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Flect, left Portsmouth yesterday in his flagship, the Queen Elizabeth, which in a different wing from the first set of prisoners, was accompanied by the battleship Barham and Files who refused to discharge their duties other versels of the Fleet. These assembled vesterday morning at a rendezvous off the Start (Dovon) preparatory to proceeding on an exercise

Referring to the cruise the "Clubman" of the " Pall Mall Gazette" writes-" It is an arrangement of old standing, I am told, which takes these Paran whether his Department got found the vessels to Ireland at the present juncture. They will touch at more than a score of the ports and the pay short that they were on leave watering places on both the east and west coast, the vesse's being divided for the purpose into two sections, which will unite again at Lough Swilly on

It is stated to be more than likely that some of the ships of the squadron will visit Belfast Lough

LABOUR REVOLUTIONARIES.

Mr. G. H. Roberts's Warning.

Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P., the former Food Condischarge their duties, and, if so, whether they roller, addressing the Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce yesterday, said he was out to join all moderate men against the revolutionaries. Too many attention to the fact that a number of men had trade union representatives were becoming slaves, been cent up to the infirmary from his Majesty's and afraid to speak because they were dependent Jail on Saturday. on their organisations, in which the extremists were the most vocal and controlling element. Reason- that is not before us. able men in the Labour movement had to band brought forward at all themselves together or go under. The reactionary employer and reactionary extremist workingman to pay for these men. Will it be the ratepayers were twin enemies of the State.

NEWSPAPER SUES NEWSPAPER.

A writ has been issued at the suit of "The Free- Surely it is an important point. Solicitor-General for Scotland, took the claim has not yet been made, and no particulars. Mr. Diffin-Mr. M'Cormick does not appear to except them to Glemavel Street barracks for are available as to the nature of the alleged libel. know the proceedings of the union, although he safety.

ANOTHER KERRY

ONE KILLED, TWO WOUNDED.

Sergeant who Arrested Casement Shot Dead.

CONSTABLES' GRAVE CONDITION.

Sergeant M'Kenna, R.I.C., was murdered near Listowel, County Kerry, at 7 p.m. on Monday, while returning from Quarter Bessions, with two constables, both of whom were gravely wounded. The assailants escaped.

The crime was committed at a lonely spot on the road between Listowel and Ballylongford. Sergeant M'Kenna, accompanied by Constables Soughlan and Rabbit, were cycling from the former town to their station at Ballylongford, when suddenly shots were fired at them from behind a hedge by a party, of men, estimated to

number twenty. The sergeant fell off his bicycle, shot dead, and Coughlan, who received a charge of shot in his bead and chest, was gravely wounded, but hopes are entertained of his recovery. Constable lication of undesirable details. There was a section Rabbit was also severely wounded.

After the shooting the murderers closed on their ictims and stole all their arms and ammunition,

M'Kenna's body was brought to Listowel in a

police motor van. The sergeant, who had not been long in charge of the Bailylongford station, was formerly a dotective at Trulce. He was engaged in the arrest of the late Roger Casement in April, 1916.

TO-DAY'S OUTRAGE CATALOGUE.

Alleged Kidnapping near Carrickfergus

The list of recent outrages in Ireland issued

near Kilkerrin, County Galway, at 11 p.m. on

The following vacated police barracks were completely destroyed by fire:—Gortin, Omagh, on let! tion was to the suggestion that power should be May: Leighlipbridge, County Carlow, on 2nd May: given to the Court to direct the proceedings should conveniences, in order to pass the Home Rule May; Leighlinbridge, County Carlow, on 2nd May; and St. Mullins, County Carlow, on 4th May. The barracks at Johnston, County Kilkenny, was attacked on 2nd May, and 20 panes of glass

> On 2nd May the mail car from Miltown-Malbay, County Clare, was held up near Inagh by a party On 29th April the mail car from Ballymote to

Clare was held up by armed and masked men and robbed of £241. On 30th April a farmer named James Brady returning from the fair of Mullagh, in the Bailieborough district, was waylaid and robbed of £52. On the same date notices were posted in Broadford, County Clare, proclaiming the district a mili-tary area by order of the Irish Volunteers.

At 5 a.m. on 4th May a party of armed and masked men held up the watchman at Ballinhassig Railway Station, Kingale district, and rifled the mail bags.

On 20th April, at 2 s.m., three shots were fired into the house of E. Mitchell, in the Cookstown

The mail car from Killenaule, County Tipperary, was held up on 4th May by armed and masked On the evening of 1st May a lieutenant of the

Royal Garrison Artillery and two of his men were held up on the road near Kilroot to Antrim. They were placed in taxis, driven to Belfast, and liberated in the city. The post office at Quilty, County Clare, was broken into on the night of 30th April,

SHOCKING OUTRAGE NEAR TUAM. Young Girl's Hair Cut Off with Shears.

Details of a shocking outrage in the country district near Tuam, County Galway, are available. It appears that late on Saturday night last, a gang of seven armed and disguised men entered a house in the neighbourhood, threatengained an entrance they took a young girl who resided there from her bed and brought her out to the yard where she became unconscious. A man then took a pair of shears and, singing "We're out for Ireland Free," out off her hair, and, at the same time, asked the others if he should also cut off her cars. This, however, the chairman was also thanked for presiding. was not done.

Her sister, who was threatened with the same fate, was asked how she liked her sister with her hair cut off. Three arrests have been made, the prisoners

being remanded in custody.

THE ARKLOW INQUEST.

Jury Blame Military.

Arklow, aged 27 years, came by his death on without justification; and they declared that there was a gross lack of discipline on behalf of

The foreman said that twelve of the jury had agreed to that verdict, and that there were three

THE TOTAL ABSTAINERS.

Over 200 Still on Hunger Strike.

The Sinn Fein prisoners, whether in Mountjoy, Wormwood Scrubs, or Belfast Jail, are still on , hunger strike. The numbers are approximately-Mountjoy, 16; Wormwood Scrube, 200; Belfast, 20.

The prisoners include convicted as well as unconvicted men With regard to the Wormwood Scrubs batch, it is stated that the majority have now been on hunger strike for fifteen days. A statement that they have broken the strike, and taken food, is absolutely denied by their friends, who declare that not one of them has taken food, or will under any circumstances take food, until they are re-

The men recently taken from Belfast Jail and imprisoned in Wormwood Scrubs have been placed

NINE MORE RELEASES.

Nine men were teleased from Wormwood Scrubs yesterday, and taken to hospital. Their names are :- M'Guill (Dundalk), H. Quinn (Ennis), Mallin (Dublin), N. Macnamara (Co. Clare), J. Keogh (Doon), M. Hayes (Limerick), II. Whelan (Nenagh), Edward Stock (Queenstown), and one other. P. J. Maloney, M.P., who has been on hunger strike in the prison for the past fourteen days, is in a fair condition, although weak.

BELFAST GUARDIANS AND SINN FEIN PATIENTS.

Forty-two in the Infirmary.

The question as to who is responsible for the expense of treating forty-two Sinn Fein bunger strikers in the Belfast Workhouse Infirmary vias referred to at the weekly meeting of the Board of Guardians yesterday. Mr. John M'Cormick said he wished to draw

The Chairman (Mr. J. Mitchell)-That is a matter I cannot allow it to be

or the Government? matter forward now. tative of the ratepayers, to ask the question.

KEEN DEBATE IN THE LORDS.

Divorce Bill "Censor" Clause Radically Amended.

NEWSPAPERS MUST BE TRUSTED.

During the discussion in the House of Lords yesorday on Lord Buckmaster's Matrimonial Causes Bill, on clause 32, which provides for the hearing of cases in private and the limitation of reports, Lord Askwith moved the emission of the greater

part of the clause. He said it was underirable in a divorce Bill deal with such a constitutional question as the suppression of the publication of proceedings, and interference with the discretion of the Press. His amendments would give to a court of summary jurisdiction the same power as the High Court possessed, and would give the Court discretion to turn out of court all persons except parties in the case and the representatives of the Press, where it was desirable the Press should remain to secure that of the Press which published very indecent things, but the evil of driving these matters altogether underground was far greater than that of giving discretion to the Press.

The news of the outrage reached Listowel in a short time, and assistance was sent, the wounded men being conveyed to hospital. Sergeaut Was reactionary in principle and would be wholly M'Kenna's body was brought to Listowel in a mischievous in working. Lord Buckmaster, who had piloted the Bill with such consummate skill through the quickennds of Committee, would do well to leave out the clause, which seemed to the publishers to be founded on an exploded order of ideas. If it were persisted in it might have disas-

A "Wrecking" Clause. This was a "wrecking" clause, and if it passed that House it was not likely to survive the ordeal to which it would be subjected in another place. It was wholly distinct from the main purpose of the Bill. The House would remember what Mr. Justice Darling had said recently in connection with another class of moral offence—that in these cases publicity was the only real penalty. One proposal of the clause would appear to have the effect of saving up all the reports for the Sunday

rd May. The police returned the fire.

The house of Michael Joyce, a herd, at Glen-House would not yield to Lord Burnham's appeal. postra, in the Ballygluniu district of Galway, was The clause representated the unanimous opinion of the whole Commission.

Lord Buckmaster said apparently the real objeche withdrawn from publication, or that the proceedings should not be published until after the case had been heard. Those were the two main substantive provisions of the clause that were open to con troversy. He had throughout been anxious to support the Commission, but he thought this clause was not going to do any good and it might do harm. He had made a careful comparison of newspaper reports of divorce cases, and on the whole it seemed to him that the daily newspapers exercised a very decent reticence and discretion in their reports The best way to control newspapers was to trust them. If you tried to prevent the newspapers from getting news they would resort to every possible device for the purpose of getting round you. I would be a great mistake to carry the clause in its present form. The right thing to do was to leave out most of the words and to provide that the judge shall have power, if he thought the interests of decency or justice so required, to direct that the officials and parties and the newspaper represen-

Lord Askwith's amendments were agreed to, also Lord Reading's amendment to omit the words. grounds of morality and humanity." The clause as amended was agreed to.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting in London.

The fifty-second annual meeting of the members of the Press Association, Ltd., was held yesterday afternoon at the chief offices, 14. New Bridge Street, London, E.C .- Sir George Toulmin ("Lancashire Daily Post," Preston), chairman of the Association, presiding. In moving the adoption of the annual report and statement of accounts, the chairman referred to the many serious and difficult problems which the Committee of Management had had to face during the twelve months. Mr. Albert Pickering ("North-Eastern Daily Gazette," Middlesbrough) was elected to the Committee of Management, in succession to Mr. Allan Jeans d'Liverpool Daily Post'), who retired by Reparation Commission, though that amount rotation, and Mr. Jeans was elected a member of would fix the maximum award. the Consultative Board, in place of Mr. H. J. Infield ("Sussex Daily News," Brighton), who

retired also by rotation. Messrs. Tribe, Clarke, Painter, Darton, & Co. were re-elected auditors. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Committee of Management, and

PRICE OF WHEAT.

The 1920 Harvest.

E. Nicholl, that the guaranteed price of British Upper Silesia.—Reuter. whest, as laid down in the Corn Production Act, 1917, was 45s per quarter of 480lbs. The Government had, however, decided that so long as wheat is still controlled, and thereby deprived of a free The Arklow inquest concluded yesterday when market, the controlled price of home-grown wheat the jury found that Philip Dowling, Ferry Bank, | of sound milling quality narvested in 1920 shall be the monthly average (c.i.f.) price of imported wheat price so paid to the home grower shall not exceed 95s per quarter of 504lbs, on the assumption that the selling price of flour remained as at present. It A Combridge message states that there is a the military authorities in allowing the solciers | would be accessary for the average c.i.f. cost of all imported wheat to fall to approximately 85s per quarter of 480lbs., which was equivalent to 69s 3d per quarter of 504lbs., before the bread subsidy could vanish automatically.

> has been a member of the Board for a long time. Mr. Wilson-Ho knows the tactics of the Sinn

> Mr. Diffin-There are no Sinn Fein tactics here. The master reported that 42 patients had been admitted to the infirmary from the jail on Satur-Mr. Wilson said he should like to have further

particulars. Mr. M'Cormick said he had put a question as to cost. The Chairman said they could not deal with the subject that day.

Mr. Wilson said the chairman was not in a positien to enforce such a ruling. The Chairman-I can take a vote on it, and the members can then say whether you are at liberty to bring the matter forward. Mr. Wilson-Before the vote is taken I think the members are entitled to hear what I have got to say. I am sure if they heard it they would

The Chairman appealed to Mr. Wilson and Mr. M Cornick not to pursue the subject further that The matter then dropped. .

COURTS-MARTIAL RESULTS.

Sentences of six months' imprisonment have been imposed by courts martial on the following: Timothy Noonan, of Gertboy, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, for having a shot gun in his possession to refuse him admission. gun was found on a search of accused's house and it had scratched on the butt: "I'te. T. Noonan, 1st Batt. I.R.A., Kilmallock, Ireland. John Fitzpatrick, of Corrogue, County Tipperary, on a charge of disobeying an order of the Competent Military Authority prohibiting him from residing within the Province of Munster.

THE WILD WEST. A Roscommon message states that about thirty

armed and disguised men carried out an extensive raid in the Kilteevan district. Houses of farmers over a wide area were visited by the raiders, who secured altogether about forty revolvers and shot-guns and a quantity of PEACE RESTORED IN BELFAST. Mr. M'Compick-I want to know who is going

Crowds of people assembled in the Crumlin Road

and the adjoining streets last night, but there was n) repetition of the scenes which occurred on Sun-The Chairman-I can't allow you to bring this day and Monday. Large numbers of police were on duty, and early in the evening precautions were Mr. M'Cormick-I am cutitled, as a representation, by the guarding of "strategic" points, to prevent the opposing parties from coming into conluct. Citonia of Joni man's Journal," Ltd., against the Independent Mr. Savage said he understood that matter was about the vicinity until shortly after eleven o'clock. Newspapers, Ltd., claiming damages for alleged referred to in the master's report. He suggested when they quietly dispersed. About half-past nine libel. An appearance has been entered on behalf that Mr. M'Cormick should wait until the master's two men who were in danger of being mebbed

CRIME, FREEDOM OF THE PRESS. COMING SPA CONFERENCE. THE BUDGET STATEMENT.

GERMAN POINT OF YIEW.

Most Valuable Diplomatic Triumph.

OPPOSITION TO INDEMNITY.

"TIMES" TELEGRAM, PER PRESS ASSOCIATION. Berlin, Monday.

It becomes daily more evident that Germany, who regards the Entente invitation to Spa as a most valuable diplomatic triumph for herself, inway of treaty concessions, particularly in the mat-ter of indemnification. In financial circles the opi-are as follow: nion is expressed that the Entento statesmen are desirous of hearing proposals from this side, because they themselves are obviously rather at their wits' end. Rancour against France, and absolute disinclination to make reparations for the destruc-tion done in the North of France, practically underlie everything written in regard to the peace

"A Diplomatist," in this morning's semi-efficial
"German Gazette," seems justified in taunting
France with the hopelessness of what it pleases to
call her policy of revenge. This morning's "Norwaerts" displays a similar attitude, and professes
that if Germany is not permitted to deliver coal
to neutral countries without regard to treaty obligato neutral countries without regard to treaty obligaAir Force terminal charges 165,000,000 tion, the result will simply be that France will not Air Force terminal charges 6,000,000

The Essen correspondent of the Conservative Post " reports that the Red Guards have to m-undertake a decisive "putsch" in the near future. He also says that local officials are under the control of Bolshevists, and are standing inactive watch-ing the reorganisation of the Red Army. It is con-

THE REPARATION PROBLEM.

British Claims on Germany.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKABLE

STATEMENT.

In the House of Commons yesterday the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Co.U.), said the Government were preparing schedules of claims against Germany for submission to the Regaration Commission, who would decide to what extent the claims were admissible. The Government might not, therefore, know for some time the amount at which

ment might be spread over a considerable period. The claims to be made were claims by the British Government for wrong done to the State, not claims by individuals for private wrongs, and the Government did not act as the agents of any individual to put forward

their claim in respect of damage done to in-

dividuals was admitted, and in any case pay-

his personal claim. Any payments received were therefore the property of the nation, and no individual would have any claim in law for any sum the Government might receive from Germany in respect of reparation. The Government recognised that in particular cases, while there could be Bo legal claim, a private individual might have a strong moral claim for compensation for sufferings or

They proposed to set deide a sum £5,000,000 out of the first reparation receipts allocated to the Exchequer-which could not

part of the Government. They proposed, further, that a special Commission should be appointed to examine claims upon this fund and make awards out of it, profor compensation, rather than on the amount at which the damage might be assessed by the

POLES AND SILESIA.

German Note to Allied Commission.

Berlin, Tuesday. The German Government to day presented a note to General Lerond, President of the Inter-Allied Commission at Oppeln, calling attention to the Polish revolutionary organisations " which are en-deavouring to effect a revolution in Upper Silesia in favour of Poland, and enclosing a photograph of documents which are alleged to support the allegation. The note requests the Commission to dissolve Mr. M'Curdy writes, in reply to Commander Sir these organisations and expel their members from

GERMAN AEROPLANE FACTORY.

Paris, Tuesday. A meerago from Geneva to the " Auto " states that the establishment is being planned of a large material to be used for the purpose, the relatives aeroplane factory at Berlin, where aeroplanes of of soldiers buried abroad should have the right to 26th April from a bullet fired by the military of similar or comparable quality, provided that the accoplane factory at Berlin, where accoplanes of all models would be constructed. An international erect whatever form of headstone they liked over aerodrome also forms part of the scheme. The aeroplane department of the German Empire and might be brought home for burish. the Inter-Allied Commission at Cologno the mess-

age says have given their assent .- Reuter. REDUCTION OF THE REICHS WEHR.

The Government has ordered a speedy reduction The Government has ordered a speedy reduction equality. There should be limitation of cost, and of the Reichswehr in the central zone to twenty that would abolish the fear of distinction between battalions of infantry, ten equadrons of cavalry. and two batteries of artillery. It has also telegraphed to the military authorities at Muenster and Cussel that the restoration of law and order in South Ruhr and in the region cast of Dusecldorf is as this. "I only rise to say in our word," he

police under civilian control.-Reuter. THE KAPP REVOLT.

Generals to be Indicted and Dismissed

Berlin, Tuesony. The committee which was appointed to investi-March 13 last has proposed to the Mapp revolt on Defence that he should indict and dismiss from service Generals Von Huelson, Von Luttow Vorbeck, and Strempel, Colonela Paron You Wargenheim and Ledebour, Lieur. Colonel Von Kleure. and Major Matthias .- Rotter.

NOT WANTED IN SWITZERLAND.

Dr. Kapp has announced his intention to live in

Switzerland, but the Swirs Government has decide!

Montreux, Tuesday.

GERMANY AND SLESYIG. Berlin, Tuerday. According to the " Mittag Zeitung," all German officials in the first Slesvig zone, except Customs

officers and judges, will ceam work to morrow at the Government's orders until the German protest regarding the circumstances under which the Dauteh occupation is to be carried out to-morrow has been disposed of. The railways and postal services will therefore be suspended.-Reuter. THE CONFERENCE OF AMBASSADORS

Parie, Tuesday,

The conference of Ami-anadors has decided to restpone the Terrien plebiscite to July 7th, and to ask Hungary for explanations regarding the proceedings of the Hungarian inhabitants in certain ceded districts .- Reuter.

COST OF SHIP REPAIRING IN HAMBURG.

Berlin, Tuerday, incapacity to compete with other countries is illu- Altogether there was 2,300 en board. During the strated by the fact that the American steamship passage the vessel was in communication with both Kerowley had to be sent to England for repairs, sides of the Atlantic by means of the long-range as twenty million marks was demanded for this wireless apparatus which was installed before her werk in Hamburg - Reuter.

CHANCELLOR EXPLAINS.

Temporary Expenditure Arising Out of the War.

TOTAL THIS YEAR £316,700,000

Interesting questions arising out of the Budget statement were answered by the Chanceller of the Exchequer yesterday. Replying to a question by Commander Sir Edward Nicholl (Co.U.), Mr. tends to put forth every effort to turn the present Chamberlain circulated in the l'arliamentary situation to advantage. It will be through no fault papers last evening a statement abowing the main of any German political writer if the diplomatists items included in the estimated expenditure for concerned, having once given an inch, do not the current tinancial year which might be classed make a desperate bid for a great deal more in the war. The figures—which it is explained are

Expenditure Recoverable in Whole or	in Part.
Land Settlement Loans	£12,000.00
Loans to Allies and for relief	36,000,00x
Armies of Occupation	5,000,00
Coal advances	15,000,00
Export credits	2,000,000
Housing materials (Scotland)	1,200,000
[Nickel, dves. &c	1,200,000

Munitions (liquidation of war con-Disposals Board and other expenses... 17,000,000

11.500 (00) Food Ministry
Treesury Securities deposit scheme ... 1,200,000 1,600,0(*)

F211,300,000

EXCESS PROFITS DUTY. The Treasury gave notice in last night's "Loudon Gazetto" that the rate of interest to be allowed on sums deposited with the Inland Revenue for the purpose of satisfying excess profits

Grand Total£315.700,000

THE LAND VALUATION STAFF.

inquiry into Expenditure invited

duty will be 64 per cent, until further notice.

The second inquiry, referring to expenditure on the Land Valuation stall, was answered during questions in the House of Commons year terday afternoon. Mr. Grattan Doyle (Co.U.) having asked whether the Department dealing with Land Value Duties was still in existence.

The Chancellor replied-I regret that the pres sure which I thought it necessary to impore . . myself in the Budget statement has caure a widespread misapprehension on this matter, which I am anxious to remove. - It has an parently been supposed that the Government, while repealing the Land Values Duties, intended to retain the whole staff-engaged in their assessment and collection.

Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke (Co.U.) -That is what Mr. Chamberlain-No, I did not. The facts are that the staff of the Department, which in August, 1914, numbered 4,882, was reduced in November, 1915, to 1,983, and at the present time has been further reduced to 1,292. Of this staff-costing in all £468,000-only a small purtion, estimated to cost £6,500, is engaged on work connected with the Land Values Duties. be until aft r payment had been made for That portion will be dishanded as soon as cirthe cost of the armies of occupation-to be cumstances permit. The date depends largely used as a fund out of which payments could be upon the extent to which the texpayers exercise made to individuals as an act of grace on the their right to claim repayment. - This de a very different state of things from the impression left by my all too brief original explanation. But I am not content to leave the matter there. Both the Board of Inland Revenue and I desire ceeding on the basis of the strength of the case | the House to be satisfied that no staff is retained in excess of that required for the discharge of the duties of the Office. I am inviting the Select Committee on National Expenditure to inves-

GRAVES OF OUR WAR HEROES.

Debate in the Commons.

the staff employed will be laid before them.

tigate the expenditure of this Department, and

if they consent, full information with regard to

THE FORM OF THE MEMORIAL STONES. The House of Commons yesterday went into Com-

mittee of Supply on a vote of 1991,000 for the seleries and expenses of the Imporial War-Graves Sir J. Remnant (Co.U.) moved a reduction of the vote by £5 in order to urge that within properlydefined limits as to size, shape, expense, and the

the graves; and, further, that where possible bodies Mr. Burdett Coutts said the policy of the Comment of the graves, expressed by uniformity of design. The proposals of the last speaker were a direct negative of that policy.

Viscount Wolmer (Co.U.) agreed with the policy of equality for all, but said uniformity was not rich and poor. Mr. Asquith thought it was very much to be deplored that there should be unything in the nature of a controversial discussion on such a topic to be undertaken, not by regulars, but by security added. " what I know to be the feeling of large numbers of bereaved parents and relatives-as they are my own-that there men, be they officers or

be they rank and file, who fought and who fell, who showed the same courage and the same devotion in the same cause, should have their names and their services perpetuated in the same memorial. (Checrs.) Colonel Burn (Co.U.) defended the policy of reinterring the bodies in large cometeries. What the Commission was concerned about was to get on

with the laying out of these cometeries, for he believed that it would take about tifted years to complete the scheme, Lord R. Coul said the right to put up their own monuments was desired by the overwhelming

Mr. Churchill said it would be possible to meet the wish which bad been expressed in regard to a memorial of those whose bodies had not been found. The Commission were considering either a general memorial in the cemetery accrest the scene of fighting, on which the names of the missing could be recorded, or a memorial for each of the regiments that fought, with the names of all who fell. He shared the hope that there would be no division on this subject. The task of the Commis sion could only be completed within a reasonable time by the adoption of standardisation, and even under these conditions it was calculated that more

agreed to. RUSSIAN TRADE DELEGATION.

be completed.

than ten years must clapse before the work could

The amendment was negatived, and the vot;

Router's correspondent learns officially that the Supreme Council's reply has been desputched to the Russian trade delegation.-Reuter.

Copenhagen, Tuesday,

ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM. The King has been graciously pleased to same "

tion the following promotions in and appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jeru-salem in England:—As Knight of Justice, Colonel the Earl of Scarborough, K.C.B.; as Knight of Grace Hanbury Davice; as Ladies of Grace, Jessie Cooper, Lady Bliodes; Ella, Miss Pease. The White Star liner Adriatic, from New York,

landed her passengers at Chernoury on Monday The "Vorsische Zeitung " says that Germany's and at Southampton early yesterday morning. departure on her last west bound volume.

a John Butcher (Co.U.) -Can the right bon-5-ntieman say whether these men refused at he dismissed? h Dingworth-You cannot dismiss a whole