# OUR LONDON LETTER.

Thursday Night.

Allied Debts to Britain. The result of the Lympne agreement, under which French and Belgian repayments of British loans are made dependent upon German payments of war indemnity, was inevitable. Other creditors of this country who have specific claims against Germany naturally desire to be placed on the same footing. Apart from post-war advances for reconstruction our European Allies owe us £1,666,000,000, or £1,008,000,000 if Russia's indebtedness be written off as hopeless at present. France and Belgium are in our debt to the extent of 557 millions, Italy 470 millions, Serbis 20 millions, and Greece, Portugal, Roumania, &c., 51 millions. By the Lympne agree-ment the first two Powers are absolved from the obligation of repayment so long as Germany plays the defaulter, and Italy, Serbia, and Roumania have put forward requests, I understand, to have the liquidation of their debts put on a similar basis. Thus the situation arises which will cause the British taxpayer to do some hard thinking at s time when the Overseas Dominions are paying back what they received from us, and we ourelves are preparing to wipe off in the autumn some at least of our obligations to the United

N.U.R. and Direct Action. After a three hours' sitting on the Irish muni tions trouble, the N.U.R. executive resolved this evening to shirk the issue. That is what the decision amounts to, for the Triple Alliance, to whom the whole question is referred, is so disorganised at present and so disinclined to challenge the Government to a test of strength, that the railwaymen themselves are sure it will take no strong action. The truth is that Unity House has been full of anxiety all through the week, and that the real aim of to-night's conference was to find "a way out." I do not gather that active apport of the munitions boycott had any real dvocacy. On the contrary, the leaders appear to attempt to "hold up" the Government in its cised lately. task of preventing a rebellion in Ireland. Another weighty consideration must have been

Of two other matters that are exercising the minds of Labour leaders just now, one is the action brought by Mr. James Walton, M.P., against the Yorkshire Miners' Association. A member of the National Democratic and Labour tarty which supports the Coalition, Mr. Walton bught the Don Valley Division at the last elec-

Labour Leaders' Anxieties.

tion against a nominee of the miners, and for this and other acts was expelled from his society. The legality of this treatment is now to be tested, and it is said that Sir Edward Carson ! will be briefed for the plaintiff. Not since the have been accepted by the local Labour party. blessing.

The Soviet Representative. To the coming of M. Krassin politicians at-

tach a significance that goes beyond the question of trade relations with Russia. That, of course, on Tuesday). The following results have been anis the estensible reason for his conference with | nounced :the delegates of the Economic Council, but other all is a meeting of representatives of all the John Buchanan (U.), Mrs. M'Aleavey (N.). Allied Powers. Nevertheless the position has been misconstrued not a little in some quarters. The Bolshovist leader comes on the invitation of be Supreme Council transmitted to him from so is still uncertain. It is said, on the other hand, that neither Mr. Lloyd George nor Lord jects of the Government now in power in Russia- the absence of Mr. Coulter through illness), and From the purely personal standpoint M. Krassin seconded by Mr. Gaw. Mr. Milliken suitably remay be set down as perhaps the least objectionable of the Bolshevist leaders. Despite his stormy career, and whatever his theories, he appears to have kept his hands clear of bloodshed, and is described as a business man-German trained-rather than a politician. The mere fact that his passport has been granted indicates that the Government puts him in a different category from, say ,Lityinoff.

The Amritsar Report. Military M.P.'s will probably have a great deal among men who have personal knowledge of India, General Dyer is held to have been sacrificed to purely political considerations, regardless of the that stern sense of duty in other quarters is to-day named were former members. menacing this country with many perils," and that traditions, and in the highest degree dangerous his duty as he perceived it. Another point that Mr. Turtle are old members. attracts attention is the inconsistency of the report in censuing the General for not having given notice that he was about to fire, and at the same time admitting that "it is most improbable that an excited and defiant crowd would have dispersed on a mere warning." It lan (S.F.), Robert Kelly (S.F.), Fred Ferris (U.), is to be presumed that the man on the spot and D. F. Sheridan (S.F.). realised that quite as well as, say, Mr. Montagu. The position is, therefore, that he is condemned for not doing something admittedly useless, and gets no credit for saving a highly threatening Watson (U.), John Graham (U.), and Patrick

### A NATURE CURE ADVOCATE

# Committed on Charge of Manslaughter.

The coroner's jury on Wednesday at Sompting. Sussex, returned a verdict of manslaughter against William Aird, a local market gardener, and a nature cure advocate, and Mary Porter Sawer, a nurse, after inquiring into the circumstances of the death of Laura May Harris, formerly in the service of the Chilian Government as foreign correspondent, and who succumbed after undergoing a special dietary treatment of raw fruit and vegetables. The post-mortem revealed acute pneumonia supervening on chronic tuberculosis as the cause of death, but the jury considered her end was accelerated by gross neglect on the part of Aird and Sawer in not calling in a medical adviser.

Accused, who were formally committed for trial on the coroner's warrant, were yesterday before the magistrates, when Dr. Lockwood mer.tioned that deceased only weighed 4st. 3lbs. Only formal evidence was taken, and accused were remanded on bail.

# THE POPE AND IRELAND.

Rome, Wednesday. The Pope to day received in farewell audience Cardinal Logue and Monsigror Doherty, Bishop fore as follows:- 6 Unionists, 6 Sinn Feiners, and of Clonfert, who made a statement regarding the 1 A.O.H. Nationalist. present situation in Ireland. Later the Pope received the Irish pilgrims, and in reply to an address read by the Bishop of Raphoe expressed satisfaction at the beatification of Oliver Plunket. He added that this was an hour in which Ireland needed special help from Above in order that she might obtain what she legitimately

THE POLISH CAMPAIGN.

Bolshevists Held Up in the North REPORT OF FIGHTING IN KIEFF

SUBURBS DENIED. With regard to the Belshevist offensive against

Poland, Reuter's Agency learns that according to a Warsaw message, dated 24th May, the Reds attacked the Polish troops on the Dwina front with ten divisions taken from the Esthonian, Latvian and Caucasian fronts. The offensive was launched from two points in the North from Polotsk, in the direction of Molodeczns, and further South, from Oreza, in the direction of

After an initial success the Bolshevist action came to a halt in the Lake District of Lepe without threatening the town of Dwinsk, which Poland handed over to the Letts some months ago after it had been taken from the Bolshevists. In the Kieff sector the Poles are actually holding the bridgehead on the right bank of the Dnieper, the depth of the Polish advance being about twenty miles. From this it will be seen that the report of fighting in the suburbs of Kieff was incorrect.

"RED" ENYOYS IN KABUL.

Not Getting On Too Well With The Afghans,

Reuter's Agency understands that a report has reached London that Sirdar Nasrullah Khan, brother of the late Ameer of Afghanistan, is dead. He had been under some kind of surveillance, either at Jallalabad or Kabul, since to have made no bones about the seriousness of the accession of the present ruler, and it is not

Concerning Bolshevist activities in this part of the world, the latest news is somewhat conflictthe attitude of the Association of Locomotive | ing; but it seems clear that the Bolshevists are Engineers and Firemen, which, judging from a not getting on too well with the Afghans, who remark made by one of its leaders to-day, de- are themselves somewhat suspicious of the Rusclines to be drawn into a bad business. "If the sian emissaries. At the same time Bolshevist N.U.R. choose to play with the fire," he said, envoys still remain at Kabul.

### ULSTER ELECTIONS.

Down County Council. DOWNPATRICK AND DROMORE AREAS.

Mr. R. J. Dickson, returning-officer, has arranged to count the votes cast for the election of members to general an interest. The other matter is the of Down County Council at the rate of one elecdecision of the Co-operative Union delegates to toral area per day. On Wednesday a beginning was defer for the present the question of closer | made with the Downpatrick electoral area, with the elliance with the Labour party. Although the following result :- Mr Robert Brown (U.), Mr. co-operative movement is supposed to be Henry M'Grath (S.F.), Colonel Sharman-Crawford been to put forward candidates only when they candidate was Mr. George Walker (N.)

Yesterday the votes cast for the election of five By no means all of its members, however, are in sympathy with Labour aims, and the chances are that an attempt to rush the pace towards union would bring about a revolt. Organised Labour, on the other hand, could do very well with part of the funds which the co-operators with part of the funds which the co-operators with part of the funds which the co-operators (Labour, on the other hand). The uncommand, though some of its wirepullers take (Lab.), were elected in the order named. The unthe view that an alliance which might tend to moderate policy would not be an unmixed blessing.

successful candidates were:—Mr. J. T. M'Kee, surgeon, Banbridge (S.F.); Mr. G. Wallace, Corbet (U.); and Mr. J. L. Savage, Backaderry (N.). The Newtownards area will be counted to-day.

GUARDIANS AND DISTRICT COUNCILS. The polling in connection with the Banbridge Rural Council and Board of Guardians took place

Banbridge Urban (4 scats)-The following are subjects are certain to be discussed at what after | elected :- Wm. Logan (U.), Wm. J. Adams (U.), Banbridge Rural (four scats)-Robert Fryar

(U.), 311; George Wallace (U.), 311; Alex. King (U.), 311; Samuel A. Redmond (U.), 269. Bangor Area-Polling in the election an Remo, and is in no sense the guest of the Guardians for the Poor-law area of Bangor urban which Government. He is destrous of inter-district took place on Tursday. For the four seats there were five candidates—Messrs. Thos. Bailie, so is still uncertain. It is said, on the other P. Campbell, S. T. Coulter, H. Gaw, and Thos. H. Gray. The count took place in the Boardroom of the Town Hall yesterday morning, and resulted Curron is averse from learning at first hand the in the election of the first four mentioned. A vote situal attitude and point of view of the respon- of thanks to the returning officer and staff was sible Soviet traders, and the real aims and ob- passed, on the motion of Mr. Sam M'Cready (in

> Holywood-Polling took place in Holywood on Tuesday for three members to serve on the Belfast Board of Guardians for Holywood area. votes were counted vesterday, and the following were elected:—Jonathan Jefferson, D. A. Fee, J.P.; and Andrew M'Cowatt. There were four candidates. The Nationalist candidate, Mr. John Downey, J.P., failed to secure the required quota. The three official Unionists were elected.

Hillsborough Area-The counting of the votes for the above area was completed at a late hour on to say on the Amritsar offair when Parliament M'Gifford, Joseph Gilliland, R. C. Martin, J. S. meets. For in Service circles, and particularly M'Leavy, Philip Jordan, and William Martin-

Hillsborough Rural District .- The count for fact that he almost certainly prevented a native Lisburn Workhouse Schoolroom, being supervised rising of dangerous proportions. In the majority by Mr. Wm. Sinclair, returning officer. Sixteen report that is, the report of the Europeon mem- candidates contested the eight vacancies, the fol- W. G. Johnston and Constable Somerset were aters of Lord Hunter's Committee-it is admitted lowing being elected :- Messrs. Samuel Carson, that his action was bons-fide and dictated by a Samuel Brown, James Ireland, J.P.; Arthur Maxstern though misconcoived sense of duty. The well, John Thompson, Joseph Orr, W. J. Johnston, "Globe's" comment on this is that " the lack of J.P.; and John Campbell, jun. All but the last Johnston and the constable immediately drew their

Moira Rura!-There were 10 candidates for 6 in any case it seems contrary to all British seats, and the following were declared elected by Mr. W. J. Corner, clerk to the council, who acted to the future security of the Empire, to condemn as returning officer:-Messrs. W. J. Agnew. J.P. a man of General Dyer's record for having done Joseph E. Lonsdale, Nelson M'Bride. All except

> NEWRY GUARDIANS. Newry Urban Area-(11 candidates, 7 seats) Elected-Mrs. Agnes Boyd (S.F.), James A. Bell (U.) W. F. Cuningham (Labour), Joseph Connel-

NEWRY (No. 1) RURAL COUNCIL. Rathfriland Area-(4 seats, 9 candidates). Elected-Messrs. John M'Clean (S.F.), James

Newry Rural Area .- (6 Seats, 10 candidates). Flected-Messrs. Thomas A. Fegan (S.F.), William Bradford (Unionist), James Madden (S.F.), Daniel Higgins (S.F.), Arthur Magennis (S.F.), John D.

Henry (U). Newtownards Guardians.

The following have been returned as Guardians for the Newtownards urban area: - F. Aicken, I R. Lavery, D. O'Prey, H. C. Finlay, and R. J. M'Cann. The first four are sitting Guardians, and the fifth is a Labour representative. Newtownards Rural District Council.

Comber area: - The count to fill 6 reats resulted in the return of J. Berkley, J. Hill Dickson, D. Quinn, H. Dawson, S. K. Patterson, and J. L. Galbraith. There were three other candidates. Grey Abboy area:-There were 13 candidates for the five vacant scals, and the count resulted :-Alex. Adams, General Montgomery, Thos. Col well, Alex. Adair, Wm. Cowan. Newtownards area: - In this area there were six

M. Thomson, and W. J. Beckett. Clones (No. 1) Rural District Council. The following are the results of the elections for the body.

candidates for four seats, and the result of the

count was:-Henry Patton, Hugh Milliken, James

13 Rural District Councillors in above rural dis-Clones Rural Area (7 members)-Elected-Messrs. Patrick Duffy (S.F.), Francis Wm. Brady (U.), James Dawson M'Conkey (U.), John F. Finnigan (S.F.), Patrick Maguire (S.F.), Sam. Condell (U.), and Michael M'Dermott (S.F.). Dawsongreve Area-Elected-James Carleton (U.), James Timoney, jun. (S.F.), Joseph Carleton (U.), John G. Dickson (U.), Patrick O'Brien (A.O.H.), James Dempsey (S.F.). The constitution of the elected Council is there-

# U.S. EXPORTS.

Washington, Thursday. Exports from the United States are as follows :-Breadstuffs, 55,000,000 dols.; meat and dairy products, 40,000,000 dols.; mineral oils, 255,000,000 gallons; cotton 546,000 bales.-Reuter.

GOLFERS who require comfortable and smart | FLANNEL TROUSERS FOR MEN.-We have flug. The Court, which was crowded, was presided at

# THE MUNITIONS HOLD-UP.

NO CHANGE IN DUBLIN.

Railwaymen's Executive and the Problem.

REFERRED TO "TRIPLE ALLIANCE."

The deadlock at the North Wall, Dublin, due to the refusal of the dockers and railwaymen to handle "munitions of war," still continues. The London and North-Western Railway steamer Curraghmore yesterday brought 370 passengers; but the Company's cargo service is suspended. Questioned yesterday on the position Mr. Ber-

mingham, Irish Secretary of the National Union of Railwaymen, said he had no statement to make pending the decision of the Executive, which sat yesterday in London. This decision, which was made known late last night, was to refer the whole matter to a full meeting of the C.B.E., D.S.O. (Sion Mills), moved the following "Triple Alliance" - railwaymen, transport workers, and miners. What action will be taken at this conference remains to be seen.

The whole of the cargo service of the London and North-Western Railway Company is still suspended, and all the workers of the National Union of Railwaymen at the North Wall, including the permanent way men, are idle. When the comvesterday morning the 370 passengers had to handle their own luggage Intending passengers had been warned that they would have to do so at Dublin, and consequently in most cases avoided bringing very heavy baggage. There was no picketing in progress at the North

Wall yesterday; but, said one of the men on strike, the situation that would arise if the union were quite clear how much political influence he exer- "We have the boats well watched." On Wednesday night three electricians, five hydraulic engineers and firemen, and two of the clerical staff employed at the L. and N.W.R. Company's power house ceased work. The light to the railway station, the offices of the company, and many adjacent sheds were thereby totally cut off, causing grave inconvenience in these premises. Railway officials, questioned yesterday, stated that the comtermined to fight the issue to a finish. Large consignments of foodstuffs-such as boxes

> in the ordinary course would have gone by the London and North-Western steamers had to go by other routes last night At the office of the Irish Labour party and Trade Union Congress a responsible official said vesterday that although it had had no formal meeting, the Irish Labour party would, unquestionably, support the railwaymen.

of fish, bacon, eggs, and butter-are awaiting transit across Channel. About 700 cattle which

DECISION OF THE N.U.R.

Whole Matter Submitted to Triple Alliance.

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Executive

the National Union of Railwaymen last night, Mr. J. H. Thomas made the following statement at Unity House, London:-The Executive Committee of the N.U.R. have considered the whole question of the difficulty in Ireland by the refusal of our members to bandle munitions or assist in military operations. They have confirmed their resolution of Friday last to submit the whole matter to a full meeting of the Triple Alliance, which is being immediately arranged, and in the meantime have instructed our members to do nothing that will prejudice full consideration of the whole case by that

THE QUEENSTOWN HOLD-UP. Ammunition Yessel Unloaded by

Soldiers.

The War Department's steamer Sir Evelyn Wood left her moorings at Queenstown yesterday morn-ing to coal from a hulk off Whitepoint. She then returned to the moorings she had left, when a Government barge came alongside, and with the help of a steam derrick the guns, carriages, and powder were taken out of her hold, soldiers from Spike Island being employed in the work.

"CURFEW LAW" IN DUBLIN. Probable Early Modification.

It is expected (says the "Dublin Evening Mail") that the regulation prohibiting persons without permits to be on the streets of Dublin between midnight and 5 s.m. will shortly be modified, or per-haps withdrawn altogether. With the coming of tauses a good deal of inconvenience the opportunity will probably be taken to alter the present system.

SINN FEIN IN ULSTER.

Encounter between Police and Masked Men.

CO. DOWN BARRACKS BURNED.

While proceeding to a fair at Crossdoney, Co. tacked by twelve armed and masked men, who ordered them to throw up their hands. Sergeant revolvers, and in the course of the exchange of they picked up their wounded comrades and de- to oppose the claims. camped. The news was immediately wired to headquarters in Cavan, and District-Inspector M'Entes was shortly afterwards on the scene with a force of police, but by this time the masked men had made their escape.

After isolating the village of Loughbrickland, Co. Down, yesterday morning, a party of armed men burned down the unoccupied police barracks The barracks at Mayobridge, near Newry, which

has been vacant for some time, were fired and completely destroyed by armed and masked mon yesterday morning.

ATTEMPT AT ROSTREYOR.

A second attempt to burn the empty barracks at Rostreyor was made on Wednesday night, but it did not meet with success. Residents were aroused by the sound of breaking glass, and shortly after; wards a whistle was heard. By this time the fire had been lighted, and the raiders before retiring knocked up Mr. P. Crawford, who resides next door. Some of the inhabitants of the village at once obtained a hose, which they turned on the hurning building, and in a short time extinguished the outbreak.

THE LIMERICK TRAGEDY.

Brother's Remarkable Evidence.

The inquest was resumed at Limerick yesterday on James Dalton, a prominent citizen and Sinn Feiner, who was shot dead on the evening of the 15th inst, by a party of armed men close to his residence. Some days previously he was fired at and wounded. There were six bullet wounds in

Deceased's thirteen-year-old daughter said she saw her father running home, and three men firing revolvers at him. He fell, and while he was on the ground one of the men fired two shots into his back.

Joseph Dalton said that deceased, his brother, was a member of the Sinn Fein organisation. Suspicions were aroused against him through his having stopped on a visit overnight at the residence of a police constable; but the matter was investigated by a Sinn Fein court of inquiry, and it was field that the suspicions were not justified. The jury found that death was due to bullet wounds inflicted by unknown persons, and tendered sympathy to the relatives.

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THE HOME RULE BILL.

ULSTERUNIONIST COUNCIL.

Special Meeting of Delegates.

SIX COUNTIES AREA APPROVED

A special meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council. called in response to a requisition signed by a num ber of delegates, was held yesterday in the Ulster Hall for the purpose of reconsidering the decision of the Council come to on 10th March, which excluded Cavan, Monaghan, and Donegal from the area of the proposed Northern Parliament.

Right Hon, Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P., pre sided, and there was a large attendance from al parts of the province. The Secretary (Mr. R. Dawson Bates) read the

Nine Countles Resolution. Brigadier-General A. St. Q. Ricardo, C.M.G.

In view of the fact that the decision arrived at by the Ulster Unionist Council on the 10th March, placing our fellow-Covenanters in the three counties under a Dublin Parliament, is repugnant to the feelings of all, and contrary to the conscientious conviction of many Covenanters, thereby undermining the mutual trust and confidence which has hitherto been the strength of the loyal province of Ulster, we, the members and delegates of the Ulster Unionist Council, being reassembled for the pur pose of reconsidering the whole situation, decline to accept any Parliament which does not include the whole of Ulster, such Parliament to be safeguarded by a clause requiring two-thirds majority before the province of Ulster can be placed under one Parliament for all Ireland. Lieut. Colonel R. D. Percaval Maxwell, D.S.O.,

econded the resolution. Six County Amendment.

Mr. H. L. Garrett, ex-president, Belfast Chamber of Commerce, proposed the following amendment: That we reaffirm the following resolution, which was passed at the meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council on March 20th, 1920:—

The Ulster Unionist Council reaffirms once more its belief that the highest interests of the Empire, of Ireland, and of Ulster are better safeguarded by the maintenance of the Legislative Union between Great Britain and Ireland than under any other system of government,

Nevertheless, in view of the fact that, despite the persistent opposition of Ulster and loyal sub jects of the King in the other provinces, there is now on the Statute Book an Act of Parliament which comes into force on the conclusion of Peace unless legislation limiting its authority is enacted this Council has given careful consideration to the Government of Ireland Bill now before the House of Commons and resolves as follows:-

1. Inasmuch as the new Bill is based on the principle of Home Rule, and would deprive us of our equal citizenship in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, this Council cannot recommend the Parliamentary representatives of Ulster to accept any responsibility for it.

2. But, inasmuch as the Bill is in substitution for the Government of Ireland Act, 1914, and it recognises the right of six counties of Ulster to separate treatment (for which Ulster has so tenaciously striven), and offers a preferable alternative to the Act of 1914, and, inasmuch as there is no prospect of procuring the simple repeal of that Act, this Council is of opinion that the Ulster representatives should not assume the responsibility of attempting to defeat the Bill, but should press for such smendments of the Bill as are necessary and desirable in the interests of Ulster and of Unionists throughout the South and West of Ireland.

And we hereby express our unabated confidence in our leader, Sir Edward Carson, and assure him of our loyal and unswerving support, and express our best thanks to him for his unselfish devotion to the cause of Ulster. Mr. W. Coote, M.P., seconded the amendment.

In the course of the discussion the various peakers who supported the resolution stated that heir action in doing so must not be taken as an expression of want of confidence in Sir Edward On a vote, the amendment was carried by arge majority, thus reaffirming the decision of

10th March in favour of the six as against the nine The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

VISIT OF SIR EDWARD CARSON.

Sir Edward Carson, accompanied by Lady Carson and the Duchess of Abercorn, arrived in Belfast yesterday morning, having journeyed via Fleetwood. The distinguished visitors were met at the boat by Mr. R. Dawson Bates, secretary of the Ulster Unionist Council, and were accorded a hearty reception by a number of spectators. The entrance to the Fleetwood shed was adorned with aimple streamer bearing the appropriate words; 'Welcome homs." Sir Edward is at present summer and the bright nights the necessity for the suffering from a severe attack of neuritis, and has THE HAMPSHIRE FARM TRAGEDY. been ordered complete rest, but a stern sense of duty induced him to travel to Belfast, even against medical advice, in order to preside at the special meeting of the Ulster Unionist Council. A num ber of deputations had intended to wait upon the right hon, gentleman, but owing to the state of his health he was unable to receive them. At the conclusion of the meeting Sir Edward and Lady Carson motored to Mountstewart, where they are the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of

COUNTY CORK OUTRAGES.

Cavan, yesterday morning from Ballinagh, Sergeant | This Month's Claims for Compensation Total £239,000.

At a meeting of the Cork County Council yesterday the list of claims received for compensation for criminal injuries alleged to have been committed shots two of the masked men were seen to fall, this month was read. They represented a total sum yeart Johnston received & bullet wound in of £206,000, or 3s in the pound on the whole county, the thigh. The civilians then closed with the con- At Cork Rural District Council a similar list was stable, and, having deprived him of his weapon, submitted amounting to £33,000. Steps were taken

TYRONE VILLAGE RAIDED.

Police Barracks Burned.

At an early hour on Wednesday morning a party of Sinn Feiners, numbering about 100, invaded the village of Castlecaulfield, County Tyrone, with the object of destroying the evacuated police barrack. The raid had been more or less anticipated, as on the previous Thursday night the arrival of some strangers in the village had aroused suspicious, with the result that the Unionists had mustered in full strength, and when a large party of invaders on bicycles arrived at an early hour on Friday morning they turned up a by-road and rapidly disappeared. On Wednesday morning, however, the smashing of glass awakened Mr. Joseph Patton, J.P., owner of the barrack premises, who lives next door, and on investigating he found that the village was in possession of the attacking party. Sentries were posted at every house, and on several of the inhabitants attempting to go out they were peremptorily warned to remain inside. Once entry had been effected through the window, the front door was prized open, and petrol liberally sprinkled over the floors and staircase and set alight. The resulting explosion blew out a number of the rear windows, but, save for the scorching of the floors and staircase, no serious damage resulted. At this stage a shot was discharged at the raiders from a house at the end of the village. After firing several volleys of revolver shots, they disappeared in the Donaghmore direction. The police from Donaghmore and Dunganhon visited the scene during the morning.

MILITARY STORES FIRED.

Early yesterday morning police and military found two sheds used for storage at the military rifle range at Ballyglass, near Tipperary, on fire. The woodwork had been sprayed with petrol, but the outbreak was soon extinguished. An attempt to burn down two other sheds also failed.

CLAIMS FOR BURNED BARRACKS. A claim for £300 compensation has been lodged with the Donegal County Council on behalf of the Inspector-General for the burning and partial destruction of the premises known as the Kerrykeel police barracks, in the district of Milford, County

Mr. Andrew Caldwell, Bomacatall, Drumquin, has lodged a claim for £1,600 with the Tyrone County Council and the Castlederg District Council for the malicious burning of the police barracks at

AMERICA AND THE TREATY

PRESIDENT WILSON'S STAND

Separate Peace Resolution Vetoed

THE ARMENIAN QUESTION.

As was expected, President Wilson has retoed the Republican resolution declaring the state of war with Germany at an end. He declines to be associated with an action which would place an ineffaceable stain upon the United States.

Meanwhile the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, despite the President's appeal, has disapproved of the proposal that America should broideries—the work of disabled soldiers—are sold accept the mandate for Armenia.

Washington, Thursday. President Wilson, in his message to Congress vetoing Senator Knox's Peace resolution, declared :-

I have not felt at liberty to sign this joint resolution, because I cannot bring myself to an ineffaceable stain upon the gallantry and honour of the United States. The resolution, he said, sought to establish peace with the German Empire without exacting

from the German Government any action by way

of setting right the infinite wrongs which it did to the people whom it attacked, and whom we professed it our purpose to assist when we entered the war .- Central News. A Reuter's telegram adds-Dr. Wilson did not announce his intentions regarding the Versailles Treaty, but asserted that the Treaty embodied an important declaration omitted by the Peace

resolution. By rejecting the Treaty, the President added, the United States had "declared in effect that we wished to draw apart an pursue objects and interests of our own.' He remarked that the resolution said nothing about the freedom of navigation on the seas, the reduction of armaments, the vindication of the rights of Belgium, the rectification of the wrongs

lation in the Ottoman Empire. The President, in conclusion, said that such a peace with Germany is, or ought to be, "inconceivable and inconsistent with the dignity of the United States, with its rights and the liberties of her citizens, and with the fundamental conditions of civilisation."

THE MANDATE FOR ARMENIA.

Senate Committee Against Acceptance.

Washington, Thursday. President Wilson's proposal that America should accept the mandate for Armenia has been disapproved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, the voting being 11 to 4, the minority being the Democratic members of the Committee. The resolution declared that "Congress respectfully declines to grant the President power to

Paris. Thursday. It was stated at the Foreign Office here to-day that the Armenians have accepted the invitation of the Bolshevists to send delegates to Moscow. The willingness of the Armenians to negotiate is explained in official circles by the fact that they are exposed on two eides-the Turkish Nationalists on the one hand and the Bolshevists on the other-and that probably they have in view an arrangement assuring them tranquillity on their Northern boundary .- Reuter.

accept a mandate for Armenia.'

CANADA'S CLAIM AGAINST GERMANY.

Ottawa, Thursday. Canada (says Reuter) claims an indemnity from Germany of 1,871,000,000 dols. The claim is put forward under the following headings :-

Cost of war and demobilisation 1,715,000,000 Separation allowances ...... Halifax explosion ...... 32,000,000 Army of occupation ..... 8,000,000 Losses from illegal warfare ... 31,000,000

CHINA AND THE AUSTRIAN TREATY

Total ...... 1,871,000,000

Pekin, Wednesday. The House of Representatives this afternoon decided by 203 votes to 1 to ratify the Peace

Treaty with Austria.-Reuter.

In the case of Fred Eustace Messenger, the crippled youth found dead from a gunshot wound in the kitchen of a farmhouse at Lower Wield, near Abresford, Hampshire, on 8th May, the coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of

Yerdict of Wilful Murder.

wilful murder by some person or persons un-The mother and Philip, a brother of the deceased, who have been arrested, elected to give evidence, and denied all knowledge of what hap-

Norman Messenger, another brother, said deceased could not take down a gun belonging to his eldest brother from a beam where it was kept. A baker's roundsman named Eric John Bowman related how after meeting deceased's mother in the lane leading to the farmhouse carrying a basket of broccoli he went with her to the front of the house and opened the kitchen door, where deceased was lying in a pool of blood. She said: "Fred has had a fit. He had one seven years ago, and the doctor said he would have another." The accused will be brought be-

### CHARGE OF SHOOTING AT POLICE. Derry Prisoner's Dash for Liberty.

fore the magistrates on 4th June.

An investigation took place at Derry resterday nto the circumstances connected with the shooting at and wounding of Constables Honley and M'Laughlin on May 1st. Two ex-soldiers, Chas. O'Neill and John Burke, who are charged with the offence, were icturned for trial to the Quarter Sessions to be held next week. Bail was applied for, but Major Brett, R.M., said in view of the serious nature of the case he could not accede to

At the conclusion of the hearing scenes of great disorder took place. The prisoners were being removed when Burke made a dash to escape. He was promptly recaptured, and both the accused were bundled into the dock. A crowd collected, and some friends of the accused went to their assistance and broke the glass panels in the door of the court. Later, when the prisoners were being taken from the court under strong escort, an attempt was made to rescue them, but the police | flowers. drew their revolvers and the crowd quickly scattered.

# THE RAILWAYMEN'S DEMANDS.

for an advance of £1 per week for all grades, and

of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engi-

Considered by Wages Board. When the National Wages Board inquies was resumed at Westminster yesterday, the employers continued their case in reply to the demands respectively of the National Union of Railwaymen

neers and Firemen for 21s increase for enginedrivers and motormen, 15s for firemen, and 10s fellows' Conference, Learnington, yesterday. A for cleaners. On behalf of the railway companies resolution was passed expressing the opinion that it has been contended that the railways are not | while approved institutions continued to render in a position to bear this extra burden without the same services as insurance practitioners to increased fares and rates. Sir Wm. Mackenzie, K.C., occupied the chair.

the importance of not putting up permanently tive than under the former insurance. the wage bill of the railways. In his opinion the effect of doing so would bring about speedily a great amount of unemployment. He urged that loyalty should be rewarded in some way, but he would not go so far as to suggest that it The Press Association says-One of the largest | Cricket Shirts, Belts, Caps, Cotton | form of a pension, was a matter for the Court to | escaped injury. Sinn Fein Courts so far held was opened yesterday Blouses, every requirement for the warm weather | decide. The subsidy system was unsound; and at Ballinasloe Town Hall under the Republican at wages would be by raising freights. After hearing Messrs, Cramp and Bromley in matter what you require-Washing Blouses or

the afternoon the Board sat in private to con- Suits, Straw Hats or Cotton Hats, Blazers or sider the evidence which had come before it. Jerseys, Underwear or Outwear-you will find the

ROYAL ULSTER SHOW.

From a Lady's Point of View.

Those with a long experience of the Royal Ulater

Agricultural Society's shows are convinced that

grounds yesterday. From early afternoon the grand stands were packed and a dense mass of people who could not find seats had to be content with standing room in the enclosure. The popularity of the show is scarcely to be wondered at, for its interests are meny and varied. The lover of animals finds it full of attractions, for specimens of the finest are one of the chief features. In this labour-saving age, too, all the newest inventions for labour-saving in agricultural work naturally appeal to many, while the butter-making, poultry plucking, and poultry trussing competitions never fail to draw numbers of spectators. A stall where gold emfinds many patrons. These men are now unfit for any other employment, and the dainty shoe huckles, blotters, wrist bags, and other pretty and useful things, adorned with their gold embroidery, find a ready sale. The Marchioness of London- he said, "must expect to be told that they are derry and the Countess of Clanwilliam both take forcing an open door. Everyone pleads for ecoa very active interest in this scheme for our dis- nomy, and scarcely a speech is delivered or a letter charged soldiers. Lady Clanwilliam was at the written to the Press which does not reiterate the stall on Wednesday, but the fact that she is in plan It is urged with special vohemence by membecome a party to an action which would place Dublin just now prevented her from presiding at bers of his Majesty's Government. it yesterday. Large as the crowds were, however, they were for the most part made up of people from the country. While the weather was on the universally popular, but concrete proposa's for whole fine, in the afternoon lowering skies and saving public money are not always favourably rethreatening rainfall made light toilettes im-

Lady Clanmorris-Costume of navy blue, with which she wore a wrap coat to match, adorned with a big sable collar, and a close-fitting blue hat. Lady Farnham's coat dress of black charmense was almost concealed beneath a full length tailored coat of navy blue faced cloth, arranged with a capelike collar. The big black straw hat had cars of

wheat laid flatly on its brim. Lady Byers was smartly attired in a black costume, striped in white. Purple pansies were an effective trimming on the small grey hat. Lady Clark was attired in a costume of black cloth, widely striped in white. The large hat of the canoticr type was of black straw. Mrs. Berrington wore a black hat and a white

fur with her grey costume. Miss Berrington-Black costume striped in white, done to France, or the relief of the Christian popuand a black hat.

Miss E. Berrington was dainty in a costume of pale putty gaberdine, with which she wore a big black hat and a white fox fur. Mrs. Richard Blakiston-Houston was smart in gewn of black souple cloth arranged with a pleated skirt with which she wore a white feather bos and a black hat relieved with white. Mrs. Carbery-Costume of black cloth striped white and further relieved about the throat with a touch of purple. The black straw hat was trimmed

Mrs. J. W. Carey-Gown of mole crepe allied to

shot-blue taffets. The navy-blue hat was wreathed Miss Carr's gown was almost concealed beneath a loose Magyar coat of souple cloth, em-broidered in white. The white note was introduced again in the white wings on the hat. Miss Ethel Carr-Costumo of pale-putty gaberdine. The black hat was edged with lace. Mrs. W. Carson (Carnalea)-Costume of pastel

hat to match had a touch of tangerine on it. Mrs. George Clarke (Lisburn)-Costume of black souple cloth. The big straw hat was relieved with Miss Coates (Clonallon) was in navy blue, the hat banded with shaded purple ribbon. Black fox furs

green tweed checked in a darker tone. The straw

with a wide collar of moleskin. Miss Gertrude Doran-Costume of grey-blue canvas cloth and a hat to correspond sashed hydrangea ribbon. Miss Gundred Ewart-Costume of black cloth re-

Mrs. Colvin-Costume of navy blue, striped in

white. The black hat was trimmed with up-

Miss Kelsie Ewart's black costume was worn with big black straw hat adorned on the brim with a cluster of grapes. Mrs. Stan.ey Ferguson-Costume of maure tweed, with which was worn a Tuscan hat sashed with Miss Betty Gilbert was smart in a frock of black charmeuse, with which she were a big three-cornered black hat, the sole trimming of which was a

lieved with white, and a hat to correspond.

jet pin. A cloak of black gaberdine and charmeuse Mrs. Going-Gown of navy blue, the jumper edged with black charmeuse. The blue hat was trimmed with white. Mrs. O. B. Graham-Coat dress of black charmeuse with which was worn a blue cloak and hat.

Mrs. Graham wore a hat of golden brown straw

Mrs. Arthur Gregg-Navy blue costume, braided

with her navy costume.

in black, and a hat to correspond, wreathed in Mrs. A W. Hamilton-Navy blue tailor-made. The tat, to correspond, was edged with pink, Mrs. Heyn, jun .- A turban hat in a delicate tone | and impartial administration of the law is the of pink panne velvet made a pleasing harmony surest road to the peace and happiness of our with her tailor-made of chesnut-brown tweed. Miss Higgin-Costume of violet frieze, with a hat to correspond. A white fox fur completed the

Mrs. Houston-Navy blue coat and skirt. The hat, to correspond, had a surround of flowers. Miss Hughes was in black and fox fura Mrs. R. S. Johnson-French coat dress of navy gaberdine, with a soupcon of pink, and a cloak of black charmouse. The hat was also black. Mrs. George Johnston (Clonaver)—Costume of black souple cloth, roftened with an ostrich feather boa. The hat was caught with an osprey. Miss G. Johnston was smartly attired in a navy

lieved with grey roses. Mrs. Knox (Greenisland)-Costume of navy blue, The black hat had a white crown, and a blue cloak mined enemy of our Empire. We urge the Govwore a wrap of natural opossum. Mrs. Cecil Lindsay-Coat dress of navy blue gaberdine, almost concealed by a loose Magyar per facilities for the education of the children

blue tailor-made and a hat to correspond, re-

coat of blanket cloth in a biscuit tone widely of this country. We would urgs upon the mentchecked in a rust shade. The hat was of rust- | bers of the Loyal Orange Institution, and Procoloured straw. Mrs. James Mackie-Costume of pale putty gaberdine, on which Russian sables were effective. The hat of coarse straw was trimmed with a hang-Mrs. Thomas Mackie was smartly gowned in a

coat dress of navy gaberdine embroidered in beads.

The hat of black tulle was swept by a bird of

paradise plume, and a cloak of navy gaberdine and

black charmeuse completed the toilette. coat of powder blue with a collar of beaver. The hat to match was lined with grey. Mrs. Henry Martin-Costume of brown tweed striped in tangerine. The small hat of mole silk was adorned with a bird of paradise plume. Miss Montgomery-Costume of dark-blue and a smart hat of black straw.

Miss Meta Montgomery-Bright navy-blue coat dress, simply trimmed with soutache. The hat to match of navy silk was caught at the side with an Mrs. M'Bride-Costume of black cloth. straw hat to match was relieved by a shaded brown

Miss M'Bride-Mole coat dress. A band of royal blue velvet made a pleasing harmony with the groy Mrs. Balfour M'Gown was smartly attired navy blue costume and a small hat to match. which purple velvet was effective, and completed by a hanging veil. A white fox fur was also worn. Mrs. M'Kinstry was smartly attited in navy blue, relieved with grey marabout.

Mrs. J. Ross-Navy blue costume, striped white. The black cire hat was trimmed with grey Miss Ruth Ross-Grey costume and a hat Mrs. Slacke-Costume of putty-coloured cloth. rendered smart by applications of white cloth. The hat was of white straw.

Mrs. James Thompson (Penrhyn)-Navy blue

costume, worn with a wide stole of ermine and a

black hat.

Miss May Thompson was in grey, with a black NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE. Complaints of unfair treatment of approved societies by the Government under the State Health Insurance were made at Manchester Union Odd-

insured persons, they should be paid the same capital fee. The Conference considered that insurance committees should be allowed to deal with Mr. A. Hobson, president of the Associated insured persons suffering from tuberculosis until Chambers of Commerce, urged upon the Court provision is made for their treatment not less effec-TOURISTS' NARROW ESCAPE.

A large motor chara-a-bane of trippers was de-

scending Bannerigg Hill into Windermere, when FLANNEL JACKETS AND SHORIS FOR BOYS .- should take the form of increased wages. Whether corner. Running downbill, the machine struck from the finest quality pure wool Tweeds, tailored Plazers, Jerseys, Grey Shorts, White Shorts, this should be so, or whether it should take the inside of the road, and the frightened passengers in an irreproachable way. These suits are ready

THE STING OF TAXATION.

HOW TO AVOID REBELLION.

never has such a crowd assembled as was in the Lord Lansdowne on the Cost of

Government.

MUST BE ELIMINATED

On behalf of the League which has been formed to promote public economy, Mr. F. W. Hirst, as honorary socretary, has had an interview with the Marquis of Lansdowne. Lord Lansdowne has been unwell for some time, and expressed his reluctance to take part in a public controversy, but he readily. admitted that the question in which the League is interested is one of urgent importance, and he is strongly impressed with the necessity for an allround reduction of the public expenditure. "Those who plead for economy in these days," he said, "must expect to be told that they are

"But pleating for economy and practising it are not the same thing. Economy in the abstract is reived. If, however, wars continue, famino will spread and the cost of the Army and Navy will be more than taxpayers can support. The burden of taxation is already dangerously high. It is to public economy, that is to say to a reduction of the

cost of government, that we must look as the only

means of relief. Lord Lansdowne does not pretend that it is casy to revert to a regime of sob-iety and vigilance. We should be more than human," he says, "i something of the old recklessness did not still survive. The spirit of lavishness is especially discernible in the peremptory demand for a rapid restoration of the standards of comfort and wellbeing which prevailed before the war, in the encouragement of vast philanthropic enterprises (out of rates and taxes), for better housing, improved education, and military land settlement on ruinous

"With such forces arrayed against him it is hard indeed for the Chancellor of Exchequer to hold his own, and he will probably be not ungrateful to those who endeavour to strengthen his hands in the courageous resistance which he has offered to more than one extravagant proposal. He has got a huge task before him-the reduction of debt, the restoration of the currency, and eventually the relief of the country from burdens which every class of the community finds intolerable from those who virtually escape direct taxation to the so-called rich from whom the Chancellor is obliged to extort what he has himself lately described as a 'terrific contribution. Mr. Hirst asked Lord Lansdowne whether he had

any particular suggestions to make apart from his general view that the coat must be cut according to the cloth-which involves large and general reductions. "In the first place," he roplied, " we must avoid ambitious vontures, and notably commitments abroad. The Mesopetamian venture is a case in point. The old frontier of the Indian Empire was difficult enough to defend. What will be the strategical position when we find ourselves obliged to

defend what will, in fact, be a new troutier?

The latest news from Persia is profoundly disquiet-"Unless the utmost rigilence is shown in restricting such ventures as these the people of this country will become more and more impatient of white. The black hat was trimmed with upstanding bows of tulle.

Mrs Corry's navy blue costume was worn with a
hat to correspond and a cloak of mole souple cloth
with a wide coller of moleskin. and that we are, year by year, making steady pro-gress in improving our financial position, but that patience will not be forthcoming if there is reason to suppose that money is being spent because our Government is careless or ambitious, or afraid-

" 'The sting of taxation is extravagance.' These were the words of Hallam, quoted by the olden Distacli. They were true when they were written, and never more true than at the present

THE STATE OF IRELAND. Resolution of Derry Orangemen.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the half-yearly meeting of County, Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge:-"That we desire again to express our devoted oyalty to the throne and person of his Majesty. King George V. and to the great Empire to which we are proud to belong. We renew the statement of our confirmed belief that the maintenance of the Legislative Union and the firm country, and we strongly protest against the efforts being made to subject the loyal and lawabiding people of Ireland to the rule of a hostile murder society, whose members own allegiance only to an alien spiritual power. We call upon the Government to do its duty in affording adequate protection for life and property in Ireland, and to put a stop to the present scandalous state of affairs. We demand the immediate withdrawal of the British Embassy to the Vatican. We consider this Embassy inconsistent with the established policy of our Protestant Empire, and a useless waste of public money, as the history of the last few years in Ireland and claswhere shows that the Papacy is now, as always, the deter-Miss Ledgerwood was in grey with which she Ireland, and so to provide, as soon as possigle, ernment to press forward the Education Bill for an adequate livelihood for the teachers, and pro-

one another in the difficult days that lie before

DELAYED CUNARDER SAILS.

testant young men generally, not to emigrate at

the present time, but to stand courageously by

Miss Mackie's dress was concealed beneath a big Stewards and Cooks in First Class

Cabins.

The Kaiserin Auguste Victoria left Liverpool for New York last evening after a delay of nearly a fortnight. In a letter to the passengers the Cunard ompany express their sincere regret at the enforced detention which they (the passengers) had suffered owing to a dispute with the stewards in regard to their accommodation. The company are always prepared, the letter stated, to consider requests of their employees and to study their com-fort in every possible way. In the present case they made on 14th May prior to the original sailing date what they considered to be a very handsome offer. This was to allow the stewards to occupy the firstclass passenger staterooms on the outward voyage and at New York, and to alter their permanent accommodation in accordance with their wishes so that they could occupy it on the return voyage. This offer the stewards refused, states the communication, but on Tuesday last wiser counsels prevailed, and they have now signed articles on the

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

terms originally suggested.

Captain Loseby, M.C., M.P., speaking at a ublic meeting of the National Democratic Party at Sheffield last night, urged that something must be done to find employment for ex-service men. It was necessary for trade unionists, trades, industries, and professions throughout the country Mr. Seddon, M.P., spoke there were repeated interruptions from a section of the audience expressing Bolshevik sympathies, and it was with difficulty Mr. Seddon and other speakers were

SUSPECTED CASE OF SMALLPOX.

Admitted to Newry Hospital. A suspected case of small-pox has been admitted to the Newry Union Fever Hospital from the Flurrybridge district of South Armagh. The patient, a little girl, arrived last week from Liverpool where the disease made its appearance some time ago. Dr. J. M'Cloy, medical inspector of the Local Government Board, visited Newry last evening in connection with the matter.

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