OUR LONDON LETTER.

Friday Night.

Ulster Special Constables. No date is fixed yet for starting the enrolment of special constables in Ireland under the new scheme, and proclamations will probably not be issued until Sir Ernest Clarke, the new Under-Secretary for Ulster, has started work in Belfast and proferred advice about the conditions. I am teld that the Government hopes to enrol numbers of Ulster Catholics in the new force—shopkeepers and other reputable men, whose first interest is the preservation of order and property. In fact, the Government's hopes seem to centre on Ulster providing a good example to the rest of Ireland. Government officials firmly believe that Ulster will have its own Parliament and will be getting good results from it, while the rest of Ireland, under Sinn Fein's tyrannous orders, will still be refusing reasonable self-government. Whether the South and West will have courage to do more than envy the happier North is a doubtful question. Sinn Fein's tyranny over freedom of speech and thought is dire. Its raids for mails throughout the South and West of Ireland are increasing and are now made daily, not chiefly for official letters, because important official conmunications are never posted, but for expressions of political opinion in private letters. Raids on the houses of the writers and the grossest intimi-dation or physical violence at Sinn Fein hands follow. This terrorism the Government is re-solved to suppress if it is possible, for till it is defeated those Irishmen who wish for a peaceful settlement within the Empire dare not raise their voices, even though they are, as the Government believes still, a majority of the people. nor will they be able to join the new force of special constables, although it is to be open to every well-disposed citizen in Ireland, Nationalist or Unionist, Roman Catholic or Protestant. One of the first measures to be taken by the new force will be to arrest the insidious spread of Sinn Fein intimidation and outrage into the borders of Ulster-a state of affairs which a short time ago stirred up hot resentment throughout the North-

Further Conference With Miners.

the outbreaks there.

Sir Robert Horne found difficulty to-day in persuading Mr. Smillie and the Miners' Executive to come again to the Board of Trade on Monday and see him again before facing the delegates of the Miners' Federation on Tuesday. To day's discussions, as the official report shows clearly, brought Sir Robert and the miners' Executive into sharp conflict with little apparent change of accommodation. Mr. Hodges in his arguments was forceful and challenging, Mr. Smillie seemed anxious and subdued, and the mood of the Executive generally suggested that they were afraid they would have to strike. Moreover, there are very strong grounds, indeed, for saying that Sir Robert Horne has now made the Government's final offer. He consulted the Prime Minister at Downing Street both before and after meeting the miners, and although there was no Cabinet to-day it is clear that he spoke for the Government as a whole. The Prime Minister left London this afternoon to spend the week end in the country. Sir Robert Horne may also take a rest, and no Ministerial conference is called before Monday, so there is no causes at all for thinking that the Government will change its ground before then. Opportunity for Peace. All these things look like portents of conflict.

East of Ireland, and was a contributory cause of

But there are other signs which show that peace may be achieved next week. Mr. Smillie's moderate note is regarded as evidence that he is anxious not to break up the unity of the Miners' Federation by having a strike. Moreover, the meeting Sir Robert Horne certain sections of the and found the situation more settled. All is quiet Executive showed they would be glad to accept at Mosul, his new proposal to fix a base line of output and grant an increase of wages for every 5,000,000 tens produced beyond this total. The members of the Executive had obtained through certain sources private knowledge of this offer before they met Sir Robert this morning, and some of them saw in it a great opportunity. In fact, this offer of an automatic increase of wages as production rises would be worth more to the miners than the 2s increase which they still hope Mr. Lloyd George may give them at the last ninute. Moreover, they are offered this autonatic increase, without, any reference-to the question of a Court or an inquiry, and I understand that if they accept it Sir Robert Horne is willing to agree that the increase should be antedated once the increase is achieved. The Government will not give any money, however, until more coal is actually coming out of the pits. It cannot afford to listen to Mr. Smillie's plea that if a 2s advance were conceded the increase would follow. It remembers how the miners' representatives on the Sankey Commis sion promised a steadily augmented output, whereas a diminished one has actually followed the concessions recommended by Sir John Sankey. It knows that increase is possible, because Mr. Smillie himself said on Thursday that "we can get this output," and the Government is resolved that wages must be paid out of the returns on the home coal trade and the normal foreign profits, which cannot pay higher wages entil output is increased.

Blow to Trade. out a big slump. In some trades empolyment will announced. be bad, but not generally. In the luxury trades | Patrick Hegarty, of Carrowkeel, County Maye, people are bound to be thrown out of work be-tause a heavy readjustment of prices is at hand. cause they believed England would soon be Bol. the revolver and summittion. tion, and demand. . The experts say we seem to and the gun was ordered to be forfeited. be discovering a new permanent level of prices, a "par" from which we shall reckon costs and sudden and disastrous cut in current prices. Motors for Prisoners.

It seems ages since the last horse 'bus passed through the London streets. I think the London -at least, none in central London-and only a hard labour, and the documents were ordered to very few horsed vehicles in the Salvage Corps be forefeited. serivce which follows the Fire Brigade to save ; goods from warehouse fires. Now "Black Maria" is to be replaced by a motor vehicle. Who first called the "Black Marias" by that name I know not, but every Londoner, high or low, calls them ton or elsewhere to the courts at Bow Street or ment without hard labour. Marlborough Street and then take them away again to serve their sentence. Outwardly, at least, they are sightly and well-kept vehicles, almost sufficiently like enclosed family coaches to justify Phil May's babitual offender who said "Home, John," to the coachman. Inside they contained two rows of little cells with grills opening on a narrow central passage in which a constable sat-or so, at least. I have been told. The new motor vehicles are to be painted brown, so the populace will have to find a new pet name for

THE SPEAKER AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Speaking at Woodbridge last night at a meeting held under the auspices of the League of National Union, the Speaker (Mr. Lowther) said he felt sure that in time the influence of the League would make itself felt. It was the feeling of the whole civilised world that everything should be done to evert another catastrophe like that we had gone through, and he believed as the world progressed mations, instead of using force, would settle their disputes by argument before an open tribunal.

LANCASHIRE COTTON STRIKE.

The Central News Oldham correspondent tele graphs that over seventy cotton mills are now idle in consequence of the piecers' strike. The operatives to rease works

FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

DESCHANEL'S SUCCESSOR. The Premier Refuses Nomination

"IMPERATIVE REASONS."

for the Position.

M. Millerand informed the Cabinet this morning that M. Deschanel insisted upon the immediate acceptance of his resignation.

It is understood that, being pressed by his colleagues to stand for the Presidency in succession to M. Deschanel, M. Millerand enunciated some imperative reasons that made it essential for him to decline such a course, adding that he would continue to carry on the work he had undertaken as head of the Cabinet.

M. Millerand has already made a statement to the Cabinet on the Aix and the Lausanne in- Hall, and had an informal conversation with a

M. Leon Bourgeois entertained at luncheon today M. Millerand, the Premier; M. Steeg, the Minister of the Interior; and M. Raoul Peret, the President of the Chamber of Deputies. In terviewed after the luncheon, M. Steeg stated that a Congress of both Houses of the Legislature would probably be convoked on Thursday next, September 23, and that the message of the new President of the Republic would be read in the Chamber and the Senste on the following Saturday. M. Millerand again informed the various Press correspondents that he was not standing as a candidate for the Presidency .- Reuter.

POLICY IN MESOPOTAMIA Setting Up of an Arab State. TRIBES' DEMEANOUR IMPROYED.

The India Office announces that in his capacity as High Commissioner Sir Percy Cox will be the chief British representative in Mesopotamia, and will be assistance which had already been afforded him esponsible for the will administration of the in every direction by everyone with whom he had country until he shall be able to give effect to the fixed policy of his Majesty's Government of setting up an Arab State in Mesopotamia. This will be his primary task to be accomplished as soon as condi- opinion and religious thought in the district.

The War Office communique reports that a general improvement has been noticeable in the demeanour of the tribes. There has been no spread of unrest, and in the disaffected areas, with the exception of Samawah and in a few isolated cases, tribesmen appear to have withdrawn largely to their homes. Samawah was successfully bombed by an air formation on the 14th September. Minor attacks, however, continue, and the camp is periodically shelled by the captured 13-pounder gun. In the Middle Euphrates three distinct attacks were made on the night of the 12th by some 400 insurgents on the posts at the head of the Hosainaiya Canal. They were repulsed with heavy loss, our casualties being insignificant. Another unsuccessful attack was made on the following night, and was dispersed by our effective artillery fire. The camp of Hari, a Sheikh of the Zoba tribe near Bagdad, was successfully bombed by aeroplanes on

In the Baqubah Ala area the 34th Brigade column has reached Table Mountain, ten miles north-cast Sharaban, and is now operating in contact with naissance from Mosul small parties of mounted unity of the Executive is already at an end, for Kurds were bombed and dispersed. The small this morning in its private conference before column despatched to Arbel has reached that town

CORK COURTS-MARTIAL.

Another batch of civilians were tried by court martial at Cork Barracks yesterday. Denis Spillane, Tralce, County Kerry, was charged with being concerned in an attack on a military patrol at Tralee Station on 20th July, and also with having ammunition in his possession. Sixty men jumped out of the train and overpowered the military guard, took rifles and equipment from them. A soldier of the East Lancasnires identified accused as being one of the party who attacked them. Accused was acquitted of the first charge and found guilty of having ammunition. The decision will be announced.

John Cottrell, of Graiguenamangh, County tilkenny, was charged with having in his possession a document likely to cause disaffection among his Majesty's subjects, as it contained plans for an attack on a police barrack. Accused pleaded not guilty, stating he never saw the document in his life. Evidence was given of finding documents in the waistcoat of the accused hanging up

Michael Murphy, John Harte, and Raymond Hillman, Clonakilty, County Cork, were charged with doing an act likely to cause disaffection " in that they at Clonakilty, about 9 o'clock p.m. on Macrea, the Commander-in Chief proposes to convey 13th August, with other persons unknown, pur-13th August, with other persons unknown, pur- his strong disapproval of the salam-porting to act under colour of an authority not ing order, the unusual punishments, and the recognised by the laws of the Realm, assaulted whipping of schoolboys which were adversely cri- of Corbett, where some damage was done and A coal strike will upset every conceivable cal- and imprisoned for about an hour a certain perrulation about this country's home and foreign son by force." Mr. J. F. Bourke, B.L. (intrade, and almost certainly land us in a winter structed by Mr. O'Donovan, solicitor), appeared funemployment and slumping markets. But if for Gillman, and Mr. O'Donovan, solicitor, ap- Major Carberry, and Lieut. Dodkins, considering conveyed him a considerable distance away, the the miners are reasonable next week, and the pits peared for the other two accused. The case was the extreme difficulty of their position. Owing to remainder instituted an attack on his home, the do not cease work, we shall, in the opinion of heard in camera. Gillman was acquitted, and the absence of precedents for employing the Royal only occupants then being his wife and two sons, very good judges, get through the winter with-

For instance, the fatuous demand for a motor car charged with being in possession, contrary to an For instance, the fatuous demand for a motor car order of the competent military authority, of a rifle, of any kind is dead; and we have come back to revolver, and 18 rounds of revolver ammunition. the normal when purchasers are critical both of Accused refused to recognise the Court. Accused the quality of the car and its price. Those who was found guilty of being in possession of a revolver at the disposal of local authorities by the Viceroy. set out to squander money made during the war and ammunition, and was sentenced to two years' have done so. Others who spent recklessly be- imprisonment with hard labour, and forfeiture of European sufferers was £48,000. Compensation

shevist and they would lose their money anyway civilian, was tried by court-martial held at Victoria have come to their senses. Now money is being Barracks, Belfast, on 25th August. Evidence showed hardly earned and much more carefully spent. In that accused on 11th of August was found in posevery trade we are now clearly passing from the session of a single-barrelled breech-loading gun conleverish demand and artificial conditions of war | cealed in a canvas bag. Accused, who refused to and armistice times, and are painfully readjust- recognise the Court, was found guilty and sentenced ing ourselves to a new normal in prices, product to seven days' imprisonment without hard labour. Patrick Donnellan, of Limerick, was tried by a district court-martial, held at Limerick on olst

August. Evidence showed that on being searched wages, but that this will not be much below the by the military authorities at Queensbero', Limepresent level, and we shall not reach it by any rick, on 11th August, accused was found in possesregulations of the Government of the Irish Republic as to licensed premises. Accused, who refused to recognise the Court, was found guilty, and Fire Brigade sends out no horsed fire engines now sentenced to three months' imprisonment without

John Collins, of Inchigerig, Co. Cork, was tried by court-martial held at Victoria Barracks, Cork. on 2nd September. The evidence showed on being searched by the military authorities at Drimoleague on 15th August, accused was found in posacssion without lawful authority of a copy of the so. They are the big two-horse prison vans which, official organ of the Irish Volunteers. Accused was bring prisoners from the remand prisons at Brix-, found guilty, and sentenced to one year's imprison-

THE AMERICAN LEGION. French Officers to be Present at

Convention.

In spine of his great desire to accept the invitaion of the American Legion, Marshal Foch will not he able, owing to very important business, to be present at the Convention which is to take place at leveland on September 27, 28, and 29. General Favoile, who will represent the French Army at the ceremony, will sail to morrow on the Savoy, and will be accompanied by Colonel Moquien, who was a member of the mission in America under M. Tardieu.-Reute:.

TYPHUS EPIDEMIC. Cossack Army Annihilated by the Disease

sician to the Labour delegation to Soviet Russia, is fully persauded from his observations in Russia dreds of tons of medical stores and equipment for napped on 30th ult., tried and executed. There they remained quietly observing in a back seat that this danger is very real. In the current issue of the "Lancet" he describes the horribly insanitary conditions pervailing in Astrakhan and other ports on the Caspian

I relapsing fever had annihilated the army.

UNDER SECRETARY.

SIR E. CLARKE IN BELFAST Gratified at Peaceful State of City

"NO POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE."

The appointment of Sir Ernest Clarke as Assistant Under Secretary for the six Unionist counties of Ulster has been the cause of many widely diverse criticisms, but naturally it is too soon to form a considered opinion of the new official's methods of carrying out the duties entrusted to

Sir Ernest arrived in Belfast from Dublin yesterday morning to take over his high charge, and spent a considerable time with the Lord Mayor of the city (Councillor W. F. Coates, J.P.) and other prominent officials and personalities. During the forenoon he was in consultation with Major-General Bainbridge, K.C.B., and subsequently lunched with the Lord Mayor at the City number of well-known citizens who had been invited to meet him

Interviewed by a "Belfast News-Letter" representative last night Sir Ernest stated that his appointment was not to be considered in any way as of political significance, but rather that it was a purely administrative position. It was obvious that the appointment of a senior Civil servant to such a post was indicative of an attempt to arrive at an impartial opinion on a very complicated

As a purely temporary measure, until suitable offices can be found, the Lord Mayor has been good enough to place a chamber in the City Hall at the disposal of Sir Ernest, who, it may be mentioned, does not want for the present to meet any correspondents other than those whom he invites, until he gets his staff together and the machinery of his office in full working order. Since his appointment he has been a very busy man, and requires some little time to consider his plans and mode of procedure.

In conversation regarding the state of affairs in Belfast, our representative gathered that Sir Ernest was greatly gratified at its present peaceful condition after the recent regrettable disturbances, and that he was extremely pleased at the cordial way in which he had been welcomed, and at the the course of the next few days, to see many of the principal representatives of varying political But, added Sir Ernest, they must look upon the whole situation with a broad, unbiassed, and impartial outlook. They must not consider the question from a merely provincial aspect, and it must be remembered that his duties do not involve Belfast only, but extend throughout the whole six counties over which he has jurisdiction.

THE PUNJAB DISORDERS.

Effect of the Hunter Commission's Findings.

OFFICIALS PUNISHED.

The Punjab controversy was finally concluded to-day by Sir William Vincent, a member of the the cypher was found on the sergeant and taken Viceroy's Council, laying on the table of the away. Council a full and lucid statement showing the action taken against the officials whose conduct was impugned by the Hunter Committee. The delay was said to be due to the necessity of

awaiting the report of the debate in the House of

Commons, and of consulting the local Governments whose officers were concerned. Of the police officers whose apathy had failed to prevent the mob from committing murder and arson at Armitsar, the officiating superintendent, Ahmed Jan, has been degraded and retired on a reduced pension, and Inspector Ashraff Khan has been reduced in rank, whilst Sultan Ahmed, the acting Deputy Commissioner at Gujranwalla, who refused permission to fire on the mob, has since been retired. Of the European officers concerned Lieutenant-Colonel O'Brien and Messrs, Marsden and Jacob, all members of the Puniab Commission, have been informed by the local Government that the Govern ment of India strongly disapproves the particular actions criticised, which are it is declared, to have heen injudicious and improper. Messrs, Kitchin and Miles Irving, also members of the Punjab Com-mission, have been told that their failure to retain control over the military commander at Amritsar and to remain in close touch with him through the subsequent events was regrettable. Mr. Bosworth Smith's request to remain on active duty until 1921 Government of the actions criticised by the Hunter

Committee has been conveyed to him. In the case of Mr. Penhearrow, who whipped in his room. The decision will be duly promut- marriage party, the local Government has been asked if disciplinary action as opposed to mere censure cannot be employed. Of the military officers in the case of General Dyer no further action is possible, but in the cases of Gene-Campbell, Captain Doveton, and Colonel since been demobilised, and the military authorities | tack Mr. Curran, who was on his way home, was propose no action in the case of General Beymon, made prisoner, and while a few of the raiders authorities think no blame attaches in forty cases. The Government has given assistance to the de

> by private generosity, while any person outside the city has been relieved by the grant of £1,200 placed Happily, however, it is not serious. The total amount paid as relief in the case of amounting to £10,000 has so far been paid to owners M'Master, of Corbett, where the only occupants of articles improcessed in Punjab during the dis- were two women and a baby. In these instances turbances.-Reuter.

THE LORD MAYOR OF CORK. No Change in His Condition.

The Lord Mayor of Cork was visited at Brixton Prison vesterday morning by Father Dominic and Miss Mary MacSwiney. The latter, who left the prison about ten oclock, said her brother had had sion of seditious documents-namely, general orders a few hours' sleep during the night, but was exrelating to the policy of the Irish Volunteers, and | tremely weak, and the pain all over his body was now of a permanent character. Miss MacSwiney, on leaving Brixton Prison at the private door. The caretaker, who opened, caps and tunics. Accused, who refused to recogniso 8-30 last night, stated that there was no change was immediately covered with revolvers. While the Court, was found guilty and sentenced to six in the Lord Mayor's condition.

AMUNDSEN'S EXPEDITION Caught in the Polar Ice.

Nome (Alaska), Thursday. A fishing boat has brought news of Captain twenty miles off Cape Serge on the Siberian strived in a motor car. The house was unoccupied nature was found, and no arrests were made.

The captain of the fishing boat, which was also caught by the ice, but managed to squeeze out owing to its lighter draught, says that Captain Amundsen hopes shortly to free the Maud and continue his journey to Wrangel Island, whence he will drift with the Arctic ice pack .- Reuter.

GENERAL WRANGEL'S CAMPAIGN

" Making Excellent Progress."

Constantinople, Wednesday. In accordance with directions received from General Wrangel's Government, the Russian authotities here have been enrolling the Russians staying

According to the latest accounts to hand General Wrangel's military operations are still making ex-cellent progress and his troops are inflicting severe defeats on the Red forces. Several high officers and commissaries of the 18th Red Army have been Will Western Europe be visited by a plague of shot for their weak attitude in the face of the typhus this winter? Dr. Haden Guest, the phy--Reuter.

DONEGAL AND THE BELFAST BANKS. I that they will be severely dealt with,



PROCLAMATION!

HEREAS, on account of the disturbed state of the County of the City of Belfast, I was compelled, on the 30th day of August, 1920, to issue Orders that the inhabitants should remain indoors between certain specified hours, AND WHEREAS, the disturbances have now ceased,

NOW THEREFORE I, Major-General Sir E. G. T. Bainbridge, K.C.B., Commanding 1st Division, Competent Military Authority, DO HEREBY CANCEL MY SAID PROCLAMATION of the 30th day of August, 1920, made in exercise of the powers conferred on me by Regulation No. 13 of the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and such Cancellation shall take place as from 5 o'clock a.m. on MONDAY, the 20th day of September, 1920; BUT, whilst exercising my powers in this direction, I warn the inhabitants of the County of the City of Belfast that, if it shall become necessary to re-impose such an Order on account of further disturbances, the new Order will remain in force for a prolonged period.

GIVEN under my hand at Belfast this 16th day of September, 1920.

(Signed) E. G. T. BAINBRIDGE, Major-General, Commanding 1st Division,

Competent Military Authority.

SINN FEIN ACTIVITIES.

Police Cipher Captured.

FURTHER RAIDS FOR ARMS.

Official details reached Dublin yesterday of the capture of a police cypher from a police-sergeant. The sergeant was cycling from Mallow to Mitchelstown on Thursday when he was held up by a party of armed and masked men, taken down a lane and searched. The sergeant's daughter, who was with him, was also searched. A copy of sorship.

WEST DOWN RAIDS.

LADY WOUNDED DURING ATTACK

On Thursday morning a series of raids were carried out by masked and armed Sinn Feiners about three miles distant from Banbridge. It appears that five houses were involved in the raids, during which the raiders kept in touch with each other by a system of lamp signalling. The first house attacked was that of Mr. A. determined effort to secure an entrance; but Mr. | was variously accounted for by the public. Nelson's son, with commendable pluck, drove the invaders off without their securing any booty. The raiders, who numbered about twenty-five, next visited the house of a Mr. David M'Master, of Tullyconnaught, and demanded admission. has been refused, and the strong disapproval of the | On the request being refused they forced an entrance from the back of the premises, and at once overpowered Mr. M'Master. Whilst several of them stood guard over him with revolvers, the others ransacked the house, and eventually left, having secured a shotgun and a few sporting cartridges. On retiring, one of the party remarked that the raid was by command of the

"Irish Republic," and that the gun would be handed back in due course. The more serious part of the raiders' activities was centred on the house of a Mr. Wm. Curran, being met by a refusal, the maranders opened a ceeded in beating off the invaders; but, unfor-The case of the Amritsar inhabitants has been met | tunately, in the course of the attack Mrs. Curran received a bullet wound above the right eye.

> During the night other houses visited were those of Mrs. Watterson and Mr. Archibald also an entrance was forced, and the houses ransacked, without result.

Whilst the raids were in progress the alarm was communicated throughout the district, and the raiders, taking fright, made off across the his membership cards of the Irish Republican Army committee yesterday afternoon Messrs. R. ford with the fork. It was while Rochford was in The matter was reported to the police, who and sentenced to six months' imprisonment without are actively engaged in their investigations.

RAID FOR ARMS IN DUBLIN.

guards remained outside the building other men | months' imprisonment with hard labour. slipped in quietly and brought down six boxes of ammunition. At a signal a motor drove up, the ammunition was placed on it, and the car drove away. The raiders quietly dispersed.

TALLAGHT HOUSE BURNED. Dublin Castle reports that Tallaght House. Deerpark, Athenry, the property of Major Denis Daly, of Dunsandle, County Meath, was malici-Amundsen's expedition, which is icebound about ously burned on Thursday night by men who it is understood nothing of an incriminating

CORK UNIVERSITY RAIDED.

versity College on Thursday night. Several masked men. The mail bags were opened and armed men forced their way into the room of Pro- the police correspondence abstracted. The mails fessor Swaine, Supervisor of Examinations, and were subsequently recovered. ransacked the place, strewing documents all over damage, but the raid resulted in obliging several Post Office, and held up the four clerks on duty. professors to get fresh papers to take the place of those perused by the raiders.

COUNTY LIMERICK MURDER.

"Execution" of Alleged Spy.

With reference to the murder of an unknown The American Red Cross has sent several hun- Daly, farm labourer. Daly, it is stated, was kid- missionary meeting in the evening. However, its stationary and field hospitals in Southern Russia. | were bullet wounds in the body, which also bore until the meeting concluded. the word "Spy."

RECENT RAIDS IN NEWRY.

SEIZURE OF MAILS. Military Action in the South.

A SURPRISE FOR SINN FEIN.

. When the mail train from Dublin arrived at 2-25 yesterday morning at Cork a party of military in waiting proceeded to the mail van, and removed the entire letter mail from cross-channel and other centres for the South of Ireland, and, placing the bags in a motor lorry, conveyed them to Victoria Barracks, Cork, presumably for cen-

This action on the part of the authorities has caused serious inconvenience to business houses. as it is stated the letters would not be released until late at night.

The public had become accustomed to Sinn

Fein parties removing mails from this Dublin to Sinn Fein Activity near Banbridge | Cork service for censorship by the Republican Army, and this turning of the tables has caused much speculation and sensation. The mails seized by the military at Cork yesterday morning were returned last night. The letters appear to have been examined and closed with a

LIMERICK LETTERS SEIZED.

Government stamp.

On the arrival of the goods train in Limerick yestorday morning military were in waiting, and at once took possession of all letters, &c., from home, cross-Channel, and foreign, which they placed in proposals made by Sis Robert during the morn: message from Hamilton (Ontario) says that a man vans in readiness for the purpose, and brought to ing were further discussed. The meeting lasted giving the name of Edward Fischer, and adthe new barracks for examination and censorship. | an hour. At the close no statement was issued Nelson, of Knockgorm, where the raiders made a It is thought that this examination is proceeding. It

SINN FEIN AND THE R.I.C.

A Dail Eireann Order. Thomas Hales, of Knocknaccarra, County Cork,

and Patrick Harte, of Clonakilty, County Cock, were tried by a court-martial at Cork on 20th August. Thomas Hales was found guilty of havng in his possession a copy of the 10th Novem- ture that Mr. Smillie should have so decidelly ber of the 2nd volume of the official organ of the turned down any proposals by the Government Irish Volunteers. Harte was found guilty of which did not include the immediate granting of having in his possession a copy of the same pub- the 2s increase demanded without any reference lication, and also the following documentcott of R.I.C .- Volunteers shall have no inter- Government will only grant increases to the course with the R.I.C., and shall stimulate and | miners after arbitration and on the basis of insupport in every way the boycott of this force. creased output. Ordered by the Dail. Those persons who asso- TRIPLE ALLIANCE AND THE CRISIS. ciate with the R.I.C. shall be subjected to the same boycott, and the fact of their association with, and toleration of, this infamous force shall

be kept public in every possible way. Definite lists of such persons in the area of his command shall be prepared and retained by each company, battalion, and brigade commander." Each of the accused was sentenced to imprisonnent with hard labour for two years.

COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCES.

Possession of Arms and Seditious Documents.

Michael Carroll, of Cork, was tried by courtmartial at Cork on 12th August. Evidence showed There will be an aggregate meeting of the three that on being searched by the military authorities | delegate bodies on the following day, Wednesday, Friday. M'Keown had a pitchfork and Rochford at the South Mall, Cork, on 17th July accused was when the matter of joint action will be discussed had a reaping book. The row went on for a couple found in possession, without lawful authority, of and determined. There were present on the sub- of seconds, and witness saw M'Keown hit Rochand Irish Volunteers. Accused was found guilty,

John Finn, of Gorteen, Co. Sligo, civilian, was tried by district court-martial held at Victoria Barracks, Belfast, on 6th September. Evidence showed that the accused on 3rd August, assisted the result of the meeting. The position now was was held on Tuesday last in the name of an intwo soldiers in his Majesty's army to exchange that the individual opinions of the various classes quest. The authorities understood that he repre-About a dozen armed men on Thursday night their uniform for civilian clothing. Accused pro- of workers would be obtained. The situation was sented the accused, and he got no notice of the visited the Junior Army and Navy Stores, situated cured civilian caps, coats, and waistcoats and ex- a delicate one, and the result could not easily be inquest. nor had the accused. That military

DERRY MILITARY RAIDS.

On Thursday military raided houses in the Mountjoy Street and Adair Street area of Londonderry, but no seizures are reported. Early yesterday morning the military searched the premises of Samuel Sherrard and Patrick M'Cafferty, William Street, Derry. A thorough investigation was carried out by the troops, but

COUNTY MONAGHAN MAIL RAIDS. Yesterday morning, at three o'clock, the production is still 137,000 tons behind the quanletters arriving at Monaghan Station were being tity that was being produced before the last inconveyed to the post office, when on the North | crease of wages was granted. A new form of hold up took place at Cork Uni- Road the mail van was stopped by a party of

Shortly after three o'clock on Thursday mornthe floor. They appear to have done no other ing armed and masked raiders entered Clones The correspondence was carefully examined. It is not known whether any letters were taken, as the clerks were put outside while the raid was in progress. At least forty men took part in the affair. It was afterwards found that the wires for some hours.

man at Drumcellogher, Newcastle West, County dist District Synod, which met on 10th inst. at | tion, and also one and a half million roubles in | labad. A Muhajir who remonstrated was shot dead Limerick, on 1st inst., the body has now been Cloughjordan, some perturbation was caused by gold on board.-Reuter. identified from a photograph as that of Patrick the entrance of four Sinn Fein police at the home

DUBLIN GUNSMITHS VISITED BY MILITARY.

cartridges were taken away.

THE COAL CONFERENCE.

SIR R. HORNE'S PROPOSAL

Mr. Smillie Insists on 2/- Increase

MINERS' EXECUTIVE MEETS.

An official report of yesterday's conference be-

tween Sir Robert Horne and the miners' representatives was issued yesterday afternoon by the Board of Trade.

Sir Robert Horne opened the conference by

repeating his suggestion that the Industrial Court was the best body to deal with the claim for increased wages. Any increased output would necessarily entail a review of the whole situation, and he was prepared to take a totally different view of any wage claim which was based upon output. "I know," he said, "that you are apprehensive that that simply means earning more on the same rates of wages as exist at the present time. I do not think it necessarily means that at all." His idea was, he continued, that they should take as a basis a certain number of tons, and that for all the tons they got above that basis line the miner should get an advance. The precise way in which they should arrive at the amount the miner was to receive could be discussed by the people who knew the coal trade. If they could agree on a basis they could decide with regard to all the surplus in what propor-tion they were going to divide it as between the miner and the Exchequer. The consumers' in-terest, he thought, would be looked after by the reduction in costs that they would be effecting.

Mr. Smillie replied that Sir Robert's mind seemed to have taken a remarkable turn. The miners' representatives, having given up their claim that the increase in wages and reduction in the price of domestic coal were indivisible, put forward yesterday what they thought were rea-sonable and fair proposals. Now Sir Robert was suggesting that they should give up their second point, and was endeavouring to lead them to believe that what they were actually quarrelling about was the question of the increase in out- by a man who was seen four blocks away at the put. It was nothing of the kind. That was sub- time of the explosion. sidiary. Output could only be increased provided Mr. Flynn said he could not as yet divulge any both sides approached it from the point of view further particulars, but he hoped within a day of honestly finding out and removing the cause or two to be able to make additional details pubof diminished output. Their claim was for an lie. increase in wages and a reduction in the price | Mr. Mitchell Palmer, the Attorney-General, has of domestic coal. If the advance in wages was not to be conceded, their other proposals need not be considered.

Sir Robert Horne said he was trying to find a way by which with fairness to everybody and to the advantage of the country at large they could | normally. The street was thronged with curious

Mr. Hodges-Believe me, Sir Robert, your explanation, stripped of all its argumentative | Divisional Superintendent Land, of the United asides and points, is quite a simple one. You States Secret Service, to-day displayed to the wish us to confuse our present application for an | curious part of a wundow weight which had advance in wages with the future regulation of been picked up at the junction of John Street

summarily rejecting what he had said, the slug. It seems perfectly certain that whoever miners' representatives would give it a little more | planned the outrage intended to sweep the whole Mr. Smillie-There is no use in adjourning and coming back on the point you have put here. We

Sir Robert-Does that really mean that you you with your Executive? Mr. Smillie-We refuse to consider the propo. | ployed as an accountant for more than a year .sition of setting up some Board to endeavour to increase the output of coal, unless this advance

vernment have any right to pay off the war debt of this country by the product of the miners' Sir Robert Home suggested that the miners should consider the matter more at their leisure, and meet him again on Monday; and eventually

is conceded. We refuse to believe that the Go-

it was agreed that another conference should be held on Monday afternoon at 3-30. MEETING OF MINERS' EXECUTIVE. Following the conference with Sir Robert Horne, the Executive of the Miners' Federation

to the Press. One of the delegates told a Central News representative that they were going away for the week end to consider the position, as Sir Robert Horne had requested them. They would consider the matter individually, and no decision would be reached until Monday, when they were meeting Sir Robert again. District branch meetings will be held to-morrow, and the delegates

will give a report to the members. It is regarded as a somewhat disturbing feato an Industrial Court. The Central News, how-"General Headquarters, 4th June, 1920 .- Boy- ever, is in a position to state definitely that the

> The sub-committee of the Triple Alliance met restorday afternoon, and after an hour and a half's sitting the following statement was communicated to the l'ress :-

A meeting of the sub-committee of the Tripl Alliance was held yesterday afternoon at iloffices of the Miners' Federation to receive the report of the interviews between the Executive Committee of the Miners' Federation and the President of the Board of Trade. The sub committee of the Alliance have already appointed a interfere with the assembling of the three Ludies.

Smillie, F. Hodges, J. H. Thomas, C. T. Cramp, the act of hitting M'Keown that the latter hit H. Gosling, and R. Williams. sentative at the close of the meeting that the as a quarrelsome old man.

The Craftsmens' Union in the Forest of Dean slaughter. He publicly protested against these have tendered the same notices to the colliery methods, and if it was the way the military were forecasted at the moment. have tendered the same notices to the colliery management as have been sent in by the miners. They have, however, agreed that sufficient skilled workmen may remain on the respective collieries so as to keep the pumps going and prevent flooding.

MINERS WHO GET £1,000 A YEAR. The Coal Association has issued a statement of the miners' earnings in the fortnight ended June 15. The average weekly payment was £5 4s 6d. The list is headed by thirty-one men who averaged over £20 a week each. The Coal Association states that the latest week's return of coal

WELL-ARMED SHIP.

Norwegian Discovery on Yessel Bringing Russian Delegation.

ship Subotnik, now called the Svidag, aboard which from their men folk, is the Russian trade union delegation, has been | Many died from sunstroke, exposure, exhaustion, had been cut around Clones, which was isolated observed lying off Koster, not far from Stroemstad. and thirst, and women exposed their infants by the 20, which is more than double the number needed | tributed to the Hijrah fund was not spent on the for the navigation of the thip. The Norwegian entertainment of the emigrants, police, who have inspected the steamer, report On the return journey an Afghan General at-SINN FEINERS AT METHODIST MEETING | 10r the have inspected the steamer, report During the proceedings of the Limerick Metho- I that she is well provided with arms and ammuni-

LORD SHAFTESBURY'S GIFT TO A DORSET CHURCH. The Earl of Shaftesbury has restored to the

church at Horton (Dorest), for use as a vicarage. the fine old Manor or Abbey House, with lands hall or village/institute.

THE NEW YORK OUTRAGE.

DEATH-ROLL INCREASED.

All Public Buildings in America

Guarded by Troops. RIGOROUS POLICE SEARCH. .

New York, Friday. The death-roll in the explosion now totals 33. The Fire Department reported this morning to Mr. Hylam, the Mayor of New York, that the

explosion was evidently caused by a bomb. As a result of the explosion, the financial centres in all the American big cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific are veritable armed camps to-day, every bank and public office being heavily picketed with police and soldiers, while the private homes of millionaires are also being closely

The officials investigating the explosion state that it apparently occurred in a horse-drawn covered waggon. The theory that the explosion was possibly caused by a collision between an automobile and a waggon laden with dynamite has been finally discarded, as only two firms are licensed to convey explosives through the streets of New York, and all their waggons and trucks have been accounted for .- Reuter.

A TIME BOMB.

Cause of the Explosion Definitely Established.

New York, Friday. Mr. Flynn, Director of the Bureau of Investigation, who is in charge of the inquiries into the Wall Street disaster, stated this afternoon that he had definiteely established the fact that the explosion was that of a time bomb, which had Leen brought to the locality in a vehicle driven

left Washington to take charge personally, it is understood, of the inquiries into the cause of the

Wall Street had entirely recovered its equa-

nimity to-day, and business proceeded quite arrive at a satisfactory settlement of the wages | sighteers, and a large force of police was on duty keeping them on the move. The number of dead is now ascertained to be 33. and Nassau Street, several blocks away from the

Sir Robert Horne said he hoped that before scene of the disaster, also a peculiarly-shaped

The portion of Wall Street directly affected by the explosion is forbidden territory to-day. give you the answer now. We cannot accept It is stated that the individual whose name was attached to the warning sent to a member of the French High Commission, and who is reported refuse to consider the proposition I have put to to have been arrested, left the service of the Commission a month ago, after having been em-

LUNATIC'S POSTCARD.

" Get Out of Wall Street when the Gong Strikes."

Buffalo, Friday. In connection with a postcard received by a New York broker dated Toronto, September 14th, and reading "Greetings. Get out of Wall Street when the gong strikes three on Wednesheld a meeting yesterday afternoon, when they day. Good luck. Signed, E.D.," a telephone mitting being recently in Toronto, has been de-

tained by the police for examination as to his mental condition. The Hamilton police say that it was at the aggestion of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robt. Pope, of New York, who was staying with Fischer at a local hotel, that they arrested him. Mr. Pope, however, could only explain Fischer's warning by advancing the theory that he was a man of unbalanced mind, and had received information of the impending disaster through mental telepathy. When interrogated by the police Fischer talked queerly, and told them that he had once acted

as Dempsey's sparring partner. Mr. Pope, in conversation with Pressmen, declared that Fischer had premonitions that Wall Street would be blown up, but he paid no atten-

Lunacy Commission declared him a fit subject for the asylum .- Reuter.

After examining Fischer the members of the

LOUTH MURDER CHARGE. Methods of Military Court Criticised.

At a special Court in Dundalk on Thursday night. before Mr. A. A. Watters, J.P., Edward M'Keown, a farmer, of Coolcreedan, was charged with the murder of an old man named Patrick Rochford. Dr. Connolly, Louth, deposed to attending the injured man on Friday last. He was then in a semispecial delegate conference of the railwaymen and conscious state and was suffering from a lacerated transport workers to meet separately from, but would over the right car and a punctured would simultaneously with, the delegate conference of on the skull. As the result of a post-mortem exthe mine workers on Tuesday next, and consider smination he was of opinion that the deceased died that up to the present there appears no teason to from fracture of the skull and acute meningitis. The wounds could have been caused by a pitchfork Thomas Byrne, a servant with the accused, said he saw a row between M'Keown and Rochford on

A Labour leader said to a Central News repre. Mrs. Caffrey, a neighbour, described the deceased position has not been carried very much further as protest against the Star Chamber inquiry which going to hold these inquests the sooner they got

DELUDED INDIAN PILGRIMS. Afghan Cruelty.

Accused was returned for trial to the Assizes.

some other court the better.

Pitiful scenes attended the return to India of the Mahajirin, who at the bidding of the Mullahs, left their homes and made the trek into Afghanistan. The Central News correspondent at Peshawar, in a message just received, states that some 2,000 of them have come through the Kyber. The Pass for them has been a veritable Via Dolorosa. Starving and stripped of most of their possessions the emigrants tell bitter stories of the callous indifference, and in some cases the calculated cruelty of the Alghans. Transport was withdrawn and baggage

was abandoned and looted. No shelter was provided on the journey, and the Munajirin were driven from the Mosques and forced to sleep in the open country. Extortionate prices were charged for food, and even water had to be hought at some stages. There were no arrangements for marshalling the caravans and the A Gottenburg telegram reports that the steam- utmo t confusion prevailed, women being separated

There are 22 delegates aboard, with a crew of wayside for strangers to pick up. The money contempted to bar their way on the read above Jalaby the General. Help is being given by the Indian tense excitement against the originators of the

AMALGAMATION OF EX-SERVICEMEN.

Hijrat Movement,-Central News.

The announcement is made from the Midland idle in consequence of the piecers' strike. The Oldham Master Cotton Spinners' Association will be taken regarding the staken regarding the situation. A complete deadlock exists its to a settlement, and the strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A complete deadlock exists its to a settlement, and the strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A consplication of the situation of the situation of the situation of the situation of the strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A consplication with a special strike to a settlement, and the strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A consplication with a special strike to a settlement, and the strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A consplication with a strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A consplication with a special strike to a settlement, and the strikers are picketing fine milks situation. A consplication with a special strike to the finding in Astrakhan and other ports on the Caspian in the Midland hands of the marching of the marching one time formed part of a Benedictine above, which at the Northern, under the Midland hands of the marching of the marching one time formed part of a Benedictine above, with lands divisional headquarters of the marching one time formed part of a Benedictine above, with the Soldiers and Soldiers and Soldiers and the Northern, Ulster, and Belfast Banks, and one time formed part of a Benedictine above, with the finding of some thousands of undivisional headquarters of the marching one time formed part of a Benedictine above, with the finding of some thousands of undivisional headquarters of the Midland divisional headquarters of the Midland hands out of a Cossack army towards the Caucasus last town directing the suspension of all accounts with the Kederation one time formed part of a Benedictine above, with the finding of some thousands of undivisional headquarters of the Midland hands out of a Cossack army towards the finding in Arrashan and other ports of the marching one time formed part of a Benedic will be Mr. W. Griffin, of the Federation.