# OUR LONDON LETTER.

Tuesday Night.

The Home Rule Bill. Of the projected changes in the Home Rule Bill there is no clear indication as yet. The financial posisions will be largely recast and the future of the Constabulary has still to be determined. Otherwife the Government's intention, as re-affirmed in oficial quarters, is to give careful consideration to any proposal which does not abrogate the fundemental principles of the Bill-that the six Uster counties shall not be brought unwillingly under a Dublin Adiministration, and that Imperial interests must be safeguarded. Following the Labour lead, the Independent Liberals now talk of insistence on an Irish debate as soon as the House of Commons reassembles. This means presumably that Mr. Asquith will demand a day to discuss the condition of Ireland, with special reference to the Prime Minister's statement on "reprisals." So far from raising difficulties, Ministers will welcome this. The Government stands by, and is ready to justify, its policy, and such a debate. it is felt, would not be in vain if it focussed publie attention on the murders and other outrages which provokes the reprisals. I hear, by the way, that delegates from the Independent Liberal Associations throughout the country are to be invited to a London conference—probably on a day next week—at which Mr. Asquith's Irish policy will be considered. This, doubtless, is an outcome of the movement at the National Liberal (lub, to which reference was made here last night. Meanwhile the ex-Premier's Northern for, in addition to his engagements at Ayr on Thursday, he has accepted an invitation to speak on Ireland at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Saturday. Mr. Churchill, who goes to Dundee on the same day, will reply for the Government to the carlier

The Reparation Question.

The French note on the procedure to settle the reparation problem is now before the Cabinet. In many respects it is described as satisfactory; in others less so, and further exchanges between the to Governments are anticipated. Apparently France sees no alternative to imposition of the Treaty arrangement, whereas the British attitude is rather towards discussion in the hope of being standing without any threat of decisive action. Anxiety to expedite matters, on the other hand, is no less strong in London than in Paris. Possibly French and Belgian wishes will be met by arranging an intermediary conference at Brussels of Cologue. Unemployed ex-Berricemen,

Unemployment problems, particularly in reiation to ex-service men, were discussed by the Cabinet to-day in the light of a report submitted by the Sub-Committee of which Sir L. Worthing. ton Evans is chairman. Although no definite conclusions appear to have been come to, Ministen were able to take a broad survey of the various proposals, some of which will be put into operation in due course. Under the Ministry of Transport's scheme a large number of unemployed should be absorbed. From motor taxation about £8,000,000 will accrue, and the Government hopes to make grants to road authorities as soon as an estimate has been prepared of the amount anticipated for the next two months. Another fruitful source of employment should be the Ministry of Health's scheme in connection with water and sewerage works which were held up by the war. As regards the building trade, proposals are now before the Unions which, it is hoped, will enable them to accept unskilled men during the period of crisis. If this can be arranged, the Government estimate is that a large proportion of fit ex-Service men can be employed in the erection of houses. Belgium's Gratitude to Britain.

The monument of Belgian gratitude for British hospitality to refugees during the war, which M Delacroix formally handed over to-day, stands in front of the Embankment Gardens, opposite to Cleopatra's Needle. It is the work of M. Victor Rousseau, the distinguished sculptor, and constitates an artistic success of high merit. The group represents Belgium as a woman draped in mourning in the act of telling her children that their debt of gratitude to Great Britain will never be forgotten. The children—a boy and a girl—bear garlands and floral emblems symbolical of the wreath of the nine Belgian provinces, and are themselves designed to typify the spirit of youth that the two nations, which joined hands in 1914, intend to remain perpetually united. Earlier in the day a company of ten Belgian editors placed a Cavell memorial-a tribute, as the inscription de- | died of his wounds. cares, to the brave Englishwoman who died not only for England but for Belgium. The Coal Ballot.

Whatever the result of the miners' ballot-and the figures so far revealed are ominous—the public declines to believe that there will be a strike. The governed by output. But they do not want a and police left for the scene of the outrage. stake, and if they believed acceptance of the datum line proposal to be the only alternative they district closed their houses and abandoned their would accept it. So, at all events, reports from farms. the coalfields suggest. The alternative plan is that of an impartial tribunal on the wages' claim. which the Prime Minister mentioned in his speech at the Board of Trade less than a fortnight ago. There may be fresh proposals in the further negotiations that are almost certainly ahead, but on the clear issue, tribunal v. strike, the miners' decision would be a foregone conclusion. Anything may happen on Thursday when the delegates assimble, but the general hope and belief is that same counsels will prevail. I Famous Racehorse.

to be exhibited in the Natural History Museum at South Kensington. Eclipse died in the year the French Revolution broke out, and was dissected by Val de St. Bel, a French refugee, who founded the Royal Veterinary College at Camden Town. The history in skeleton is the property of the college, and has been in their museum since 1871. Other relies of the great racehorse include a hoof, presented to return any more. the Jockey Club by William IV., and another which is or was in the possession of the Royal

### SIR ERIC GEDDES.

### Interview With Irish Railway Managers.

The Minister of Transport, Sir Eric Geddes, who had been the guest of the Chief Secretary at Phonix Park, Dublin, left for London last night. It is understood that on Monday evening he had in interview with the managers of the leading lish railways, and discussed with them the whole

### PRINTING TRADE WAGES.

# Federation Council and the Employers

The Administrative Council of the Printing and hindred Trades Federation considered in London tilerday the offer of the Master Printers and Newspaper Organisations in regard to the claim of the Federation for a flat rate increase of 15s Pet week for men and 7s 6d for women.

hade an offer of 5s per week for men in London and grade one towns, graduating to 2s 6d for men a grade six towns; or, alternatively, to take into consideration the Labour Ministry's index figures of the cost of living to the extent of increase of 4d per point for every point increase in the cost of living index figure for all items above 153 per cent., as thown in the Government returns for October, such sum to be given as the flat rate throughout the country. A graduated offer was made to qualified women workers ranging from 1s 6d to 1s; or, alternatively, a flat rate increase. After a sitting of two hours the secretary (Mr.

Holmes) appounced that the Council had decided to reject the employers' offer. "This," he added, does not mean that drastic action will be taken. the shall continue to negotiate on our original claim, and probably steps will be taken to meet the capioyers again in conference."

The Press Association learns that another confrence with the employers is probable this aftertoon. The adjourned conference between the emrapged for to-inorrow.

# ARMS SEIZURE IN LIVERPOOL.

## TWO OFFICERS KILLED.

TRAGIC DUBLIN AFFRAY. Shot During Military Raid on Private House.

CIVILIAN BADLY WOUNDED.

Two Army officers were killed and a corporal seriously wounded during a raid on a house in Dublin in the early hours of yesterday morning. It was reported that one of the officers was Major G. O. B. Smyth, D.S.O., M.C., R.F.A., of Banbridge, but no official confirmation of this was obtainable last night.

esterday morning. At that hour several motor lorries drew up at the house occupied by Professor John Carolan, in the Drumcondra district. Pro-John Carolan, in the Drumcondra district. Pro-fessor Carolan, who is a teacher at a local Roman Catholic training college, went downstairs in re-violation to an even greater extent than those of mons on 11th May of that year he said: sponse to loud knocking and admitted a party of military, who announced they had come to search the Government (seeing that the most important the premises. They proceeded upstairs, led apparently by two officers, and accompanied by Mr. Carolan. The house was in darkness, but the military used their flash lamps to guide their way. tailed, or even altogether withdrawn, in the dis-Suddenly, as the little party reached the first tricts affected. landing, shots rang out, and the first person to be tour looks like developing into an Irish campaign, bit was Mr. Carolan, who received a bullet wound for in addition to his engagements at Ayr on in the neck and fell to the ground bleeding.

What happened next is not clear, but it seems that the military returned the fire, and a general melee ensued, in the course of which the two offionce, and the other (said to be a subaltern) lingering for some time. Corporal Worth, R.A.S.C., was badly wounded.

It is believed that the assailants were two young men whom the military had come to arrest; but by a raider. in the confusion caused by the shooting they escaped through a room at the back of the house. It would seem as if they had fired from this room, and that the soldiers had replied to their fire, for is rather towards discussion in the hope of being the door of the room was punctured with bullet able to persuade the Germans to come to an under-holes, and the glass sides and roof of an adjoining conservatory were smashed.

Realising that the men for whom they had come had escaped, the military left and the bodies of the two dead officers and the wounded N.C.O. were taken to King George V. Hospital.

bullet having passed through his neck. Mrs. Carolan and her child were locked in a bedroom by the military on arrival, as also were

the servant girls. The tragic affair created a great sensation in Dublin yesterday, but, although active inquiries were made, no official information was forthcoming regarding the names of the two officers, it being intimated that these would be announced in War Office casualty lists in due course. Police were busy during the day in the vicinity of the affair, and last night and early this morning large bodies of military were engaged in an exhaustive search of the locality, presumably for the two young men said to be concerned in the murders. It may be added that, prior to the tragic occur-

last night they were fired on from within the house. The search was being made for the purpose of making an arrest. One officer was killed, and another was mortally wounded, and died later. One civilian was seriously wounded. The assailants made good their escape.

#### THREE POLICE KILLED.

#### Terrible Affair Near Roscommon.

Three policemen were killed and two others wounded as the result of an ambush near Ros-

common yesterday morning.

A police motor patrol left Roscommon about and confidence in the future, which is so marked a 9 o'clock, and were passing through the Fourcharacteristic of the Belgian people. Princess Cle- mile district, when they were fired upon from mestine performed the unveiling ceremony, and both sides of the road simultaneously. Con-Lord Curson, in accepting the monument; spoke of stable Kenny, of County Mayo, and Constable it as not merely a mark of gratitude, but a sign Crawford, who belongs to the North of Ireland Crawford, who belongs to the North of Ireland, fell dead. Sergeant O'Connor, of Roscommon; Constable Gallaher, and Constable O'Rahilly beautiful wreath of white chrysanthemums on the were wounded, and Sergeant O'Connor has since

The place at which the ambush took place is a deep cutting on the main road, on which the walls are so high as to resemble a tunnel. The police were fired on from loopholes in the stone walls. The driver of the motor lorry escaped. The dead and wounded were taken to Strokesmores want higher wages, and, if the ballot is to town, where Roscommon Headquarters were be relied upon, have no desire to see those wages | communicated with, and a large force of military

Fearing reprisals, a number of families in the

## SCHOOL INSPECTOR KIDNAPPED.

The skeleton of Eclipse, probably the most entry of the raiders created a panic among the

towards the teaching of the Irish language and history in the schools. He was driven outside the borders of County Monaghan and ordered not to

### THREATS IN CORK.

#### Mysterious Warning Received at Newspaper Offices.

It is reported that a document was received at the offices of the Cork newspapers yesterday. purporting to be signed by the assistant secretary Blackrock police barracks; and £250 to Viscount | the C.B.E at Buckingham Palace. a body styled the All-Ireland Anti-Sinn Fem de Vesci for the burning of Carlingford Court-Society (Cork Circle), intimating that, in future I any members of his Majesty's Forces be murdered, two members of the Sinn Fein party in County Cork would be killed. Should a Sinn Feiner not be available, three sympathisers would be killed. This, it was added, would apply equally to the laity and clergy of all denominations. Should a member of his Majesty's Forces be wounded, or an attempt made to wound him, one member of the Sinu Fein party would be killed, or, if not available, two sympathisers. The letter was addressed to the editors of the Cork newspapers, asking for publicity, and also to Canon Cohalan, Bandon.

DEATH NOTICE FOR SINN FEIN M.P. The following notice has been posted on the doors of prominent Sinn Feiners' houses in Done At the joint conference last week the employers gal :- "Warning-If any member of his Majesty's Forces .is interferel with swift, bloody reprisals will follow. - (Signed) Black Hand Gang. Amongst those who have received notices to prepare for death is Mr. P. J. Ward, Sinn Fein M.P. for South Donegal, and his managing clerk. Troops have taken over portion of Donegal Workhouse.

#### "THE IRISH CAUSE.". Pickets at White House.

Washington, Tuesday. Pickets besieged White House to-day bearing placards supporting the Irish cause and criticising the policy of the British Government and President Wilson. Mr. Lloyd George's name also figured prominently on the placards .- Central

MORE DAMAGE IN COUNTY DONEGAL Port Kinnego coastguard station, County Donegal, was again attacked on 5th inst., and in consequence of the further damage caused, the Ad-Poyers and the Typographical Association, which miralty has lodged a claim for £10.000 compenhas made a separate wages claim, has been ar. sation, making a total of £16,000 claimed in respect of the building.

A Military Court of Inquiry regarding the death of Lieutenant Richardson, R.A.F., Norwich, killed in the ambush of a military lorry near Bandon on A Press Association telegram from Liverpool steam from Liverpool a steamer in the docks, believed to be intended for least on the docks, believed to be intended for least on the docks, believed to be intended for least on the docks, believed to be intended for least on the wild murder against some person or persons untended for least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the least on the work of the transmitted of the transmitted of the work of t >ingland.

# ATTACKS ON MAILS.

GOVERNMENT WARNING.

Threat to Close Down Irish Postal Services.

#### PUBLIC SUFFERS MOST.

The following was issued from the Chief Secretary's Office last night :-

threatening letters which have been addressed to The tragic affair took place about three o'clock | tacks render it impossible for the Post Office to fulfil its obligations to safeguard the secrecy of the correspondence committed to its care, the Government mails do not go through the posts, that, if the practices above referred to are not discontinued, the postal services will be cur-

WILL DONEGAL BE THE FIRST? A train from Derry to Burtonport was held up yesterday morning and raided by seven armed men at Crolly Bridge. Two of the men mounted the engine and compelled the driver to take the cers mentioned were shot, one of them (stated to train some distance out of the station to a lonely be Major Smyth, of Banbridge) dying almost at spot along the line, where the raid was carried out in an audacious fashion. The mail bags were taken into a field and sorted, and bags containing letters not wanted were returned. Two men were wounded at the station by a discharge of shots

#### MURDER GANG KNOWN.

#### Chief Secretary's Statement to Police Recruits.

On his way to Belfast yesterday the Chief Secretary, who was accompanied by Sir Eric Geddes, Mr. Carolan was conveyed to the Mater Hos. inspected 300 recruits for the Royal Irish Conoifal, where he lies in a serious condition, the stabulary at Gormanstown, County Meath. ing up for them in the House of Commons to support them in carrying out the serious and responsible duties that would come to them. As memprevent crime and their second was the detection to accept. of criminals. They knew as well as he did the difficult time through which Ireland was passing, and he urged every one of them to do his best. Ho was sure that they would live up to the traditions of the different units in which they had served so honourably during the war, and he had no doubt that they would live up to the traditions of the famous force. He reminded them that it was their duty, as it was his duty and that of the soldiers who were assisting him, to serve to the best in Drumcondra district, and that several arrests of their ability the well disposed among the Irish national urgency and wise statesmanship. people. The great majority of the people throughout Ireland wanted peace, but there was a mino-The following report of the occurrence was wished to restore peace and maintain order. It issued from Dublin Castle yesterday: - While a was their duty to prevent the commission of crime party of military were searching a house in Dublin | and to detect, arrest, and deal with the criminals according to the law.

He could assure his hearers that the procedure of these criminals was now thoroughly known to the authorities. They knew most of the criminals who were wrecking the peace of Ireland, and with the loyal assistance of the Forces of the Grown they would bring those criminals to justice.

#### A ONE-SIDED FIGHT.

#### Sinn Fein from the Army Standpoint.

An army officer stationed in the West of Ireland, says the "Morning Post," summarises aptly the position from the military point of view in the ollowing letter addressed to a friend in London:-"It is a war with, on one side, the large ill-armed Irish Republican Army, ignoring all the laws and usages of war on land as recognised by civilised nations, and on the other side the amall well-armed British Army in Ireland, co-operating with the R.I.C. and auxiliaries, but thwarted at every turn. One army absolutely unfettered by any laws, stating openly that it is at war. The other army, ours, forced to face the honour of Knighthood. The band of the Irish all the difficulties of war, but only allowed to shoot in relf-defence, forbidden to take prisoners, though knowing well the names and addresses of many of the officers and men of the enemy army. At last the time comes when the fettered army decides in its own defence to free its hands. Reprisals are the inevitable result. Reprisals will stop at once as soon as the Government faces facts. Be honest, therefore, and let us make war on the Irish Republican Army. Its platoons and companies are based on villages, with battalion and brigade headquarters in the larger towns. We know most of them. Let us drive them away from their terri-torial centres and their hidden arms. When you have broken his army Sinn Fein will negotiate,

famous horse in the annals of the racecourse, is school children, many of whom ran out terror having been mostly vacant heretofore. The the Hon. Piers Legh, Captain Dudley North, R.N.; The only motive locally assigned for the affair caused. About 10 o'clock on Monday night over Lieutenant-Commander Arthur Janion, R.N.; and is the alleged hostility on Mr. Weatherup's part 100 fully armed and equipped soldiers arrived on towards the teaching of the Irish language and motor lorries. A few officials had to remove their quarters. Large supplies of stores have also arrived. Several people, including a rural postsearched yesterday morning.

### DUNDALK'S BILL GROWING.

Further awards, amounting to almost £6,000. have been made by his Hon, Judge Green at Dundalk for compensation for criminal injuries, including the following :- £1,500 to Kate Brennan, Omeath, for the murder of ner husband, Constable S. T. Brennan, in Dundalk in August; £1,680 to Mr. R. Murphy for the burning of

## BIG LAND DEAL IN ULSTER. Gosford Castle and Demesne Sold

Newry Syndicate.

A Newry syndicate has acquired, for a sum running well into six figures, Gosford Castle and demesne, containing about 630 acres, several plantations outside the demesue, and lands and rentals in the neighbourhoods of Markethill and Richhill. the whole area comprising about 2,500 acres.
Gosford Castle, which was the property of the
Earl of Gosford, K.P., was creeted about 100 years ago at a cost of £250.000.

#### FORGED BETTING TELEGRAMS. Serious Charge at Bradford.

At Bradford yesterday John Cure, of Springwood Avenue, Bradford, a partner in a well-known firm of bookmakers, Messrs. Pickles & Co., was charged on several counts with forging telegrams, uttering forged telegrams, and thereby obtaining sums totalling £656. John Binns, a woollen manufacturer, of Cowling, Keighley, denied knowing that telegrams sent in his name by Cure were back-coded. A representative of the London Turf Commission Agency stated that of dozens of bets made in the name of Binns, jun., some were successful and others not. The hearing was ad-

### BOLSHEYISTS LOSE KIEFF.

New York, Tuesday. The Warsaw correspondent of the Associated Press telegraphing late last night states that the Ukranian insurgents have occupied Kieff, which has been abandoned by the Bolshevists.-Router.

### THE CURFEW ORDER.

Up to two o'clock this morning eight persons had been arrested for being on the streets during the tion until ten o'clock.

# MR. ASQUITH ON SINN FEIN THE BOYCOTT OF BELFAST

Letter from Sir W. Sutherland.

### A PARLIAMENTARY SPEECH RE-QUOTED.

Mr. Asquith's present-day disregard of the 'hellish policy of murder"-which on Monday The Government has had under consideration | brought him a sharp rebuke from the Prime the constantly-repeated attacks on post offices | Minister-called forth a letter to Sir William and mails under conveyance in Ireland and the Sutherland, M.P., one of the Coalition Whips, from a correspondent who drew his attention to the stern individual Post Office servants in connection with language used by the right hon, gentleman and the the performance of their duties. As these at. attitude of his Government after the Irish rebellion of 1916. Sir William replied as follows:-

25. Old Queen Street, Westminster, S.W.1. Dear Sir-Attention has already been called in the recently-published "1916-1920" to the attitude

"Do not let our sympathics be entirely mono-polised by the unfortunate and misguided victims of this unhappy and criminal rebellion. Let us observe some sense of proportion. I speak with infinite regret, because I think it is the most deplorable and disastrous chapter in the history of Ireland, both of the losses upon the one side and of the necessary punishments that have had to be inflicted upon the other. But I cannot, when I am told by my honourable friend (Mr. Dillon) that this rebellion has been drenched in a sea of blood, blind myself, nor can any fair-judging man of right principles blind himself, to the extent and gravity of the terrible, wanton, inexcusable, and unprovoked injury which has been inflicted both upon the military and the civil population.

I hesitate to think that Mr. Asquith's present failure to observe that sense of proportion which no himself inculcated in 1916 is to be explained by the British Government.

#### DOMINION HOME RULE.

#### Ex-Premier's Coming Speeches at Ayr and Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Press Association says—Mr. Asquith's programme of speeches this week has been extended. Its will deal with the question of Ireland at a meeting of Scottish Liberal delegates at Ayr tomorrow afternoon. At a public meeting in Ayr Addressing the men he said he was their politi- Town Hall the same evening he will speak again cal chief, and he would have the honour of stand- on Ireland, and on Saturday afternoon will address a meeting in the Palace Theatre Newcastle-on-The right honourable gentleman had intended returning home on Friday; but receiving an urgent invitation from the Liberal Federation bers of the famous force their first duty was to to give an address on Ireland in that city, decided

Mr. Asquith will leave St. Pancras for Ay: at 11-30 to-night. His first speech on Ireland will be made at 2 p.m. to-morrow, and will occupy not more than twenty minutes, as the delegates have a business programme to go through. He will travel to Newcestle-on-Tyne on Friday, and return

to London on Saturday evening. It is expected (says the Press Association) that in the three speeches be will develop his policy for granting Dominion Home Rule to Ireland, and ask for Radical support for that policy as a matter of Asquith is being invited to speak on the Irish question in other parts of Great Britain, but at present no definite arrangements for extending his autumn campaign have been made.

### COURT AND SOCIETY.

#### INVESTITURE AT THE PALACE. Prime Minister Received by the King. Buckingham Palace, Tuesday.

Field-Marshal the Duke of Connaught visited the King and Queen this morning. His Majesty Ind an investiture in the ball-room of the Palace at 11 o'clock. The following were severally introduced into the presence of the King, when his Majesty invested them with the insigniaof the respective divisions of the Orders into which they have been admitted :-K.B.E. (received the honour of Knighthood)-Major-General Patrick Hehir.

C.B. (Military Division), C.M.G., and D.S.O .-Lieut. Colonel William Cooke-Collis, Royal Irish C.B.E. (Military Division)—Lieut, Colonel Henry MacCormac, R.A.M.C.; Lieut, Colonel Godfrey tion of the Hibernian, have branches in Belfast, Steward, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; and are benefiting from their business transactions

Lady Anderson. D.S.O.-Rev. Hugh Mecke, Army Chaplains' Mr. Curtis Ashdown, Major George Dolby, and Mr. Charles Eves had the honour of being received

Guards played a selection of music during the in- tion. vestiture under the direction of Lieutenant C. H. Admiral the Marquis and Marchioness of Milford Haven and Lady Louise Mountbatten visited the King and Queen and remained to luncheon, The Right Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P. (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury), had an audience of his Majesty, and Sir Lancelot Sanderson (Chief Justice of Bengal), and the Rev. A Rowland Grant (Domestic Chaplain to the King)

had the honour of being received by his Majesty. St. James's Palace, Tuesday. The Prince of Wales visited Queen Alexandra at is too childish and far-fetched to be taken seriously larlborough House, and remained to luncheon. by people with any judgment," he added. Another

Extraordinary Affair in Co. Monaghan.

While Mr. S. Weatherup, a National School Inspector, was carrying out an inspection at Margoney National Schools, near Inniskeen, County Monaghan, yesterday, armed, but unmasked, men entered the schoolroom and forcibly removed the inspector and carried him off in a motor car. The entry of the raiders created a panic among the entry of the raiders created a panic among the entry of the raiders created a panic among the entry of whom ran out terror in the field, but beind the restore.

\*\*The Frinco of Valca, and remained to luncheon. Mariborough House, and querters in Belfast said they were unable to trace and whether the inemained to luncheon. Mariborough House, and Querter said theyeng the finity of the submarked the interest in the feel opinion. The added, in the circular was a fa officers apologised to the officials for the trouble Surgeon-Commander Alexander Newport, R.N. the Hon. Sir Sydney Greville (Comptroller to the Prince of Wales), together with the ladies and ger tlemen of their Majesties' household in waiting. None of the official representatives of the Colonies was present, as the respective High Commissioners man, returning to the town, were held up and are anxious to entertain the Prince, and to give to prominent Australians and New Zealanders in attitude of the members of the League of Nations Loudon the opportunity of meeting him. Prince has consented to attend the Colonial

It is authoritatively stated that the King and Queen will leave London on Friday for York Cottage, Sandringham, and are likely to be in resi- his association :- Reuter. dence till about the end of the month. It will be noticed from the " Court Circular." published above, that Mrs. Ainsworth Barr, of Malone Park, Belfast, was Jesterday invested with

The appointment was gazetted last night of the Hon. Ronald Charles Lindsay, Counsellor of the British Embassy, Paris, to be British Minister to the French Republic.

The Earl and Counters of Portarlington left London on Monday to visit Viscount Portman at Bryangton, Blandford, for a week, Mr. Bonar Law will unveil a memorial window given by India to the Highlanders' Memorial Church, Glasgow, on Thursday afternoon, 21st

Hillsborough, County Down. Viscount Doneraile, Mayor of Westminster, has accepted an invitation from the Navy League to attend, with the members of the City Council, the Trafalgar Day anniversary service in the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields on 21st October-Nel-Mr. Balfour will be the guest of honour at the

The Marquis of Downshire has left London for

annual dinner of the London District of the Institute of Journalists, to be held at the Connaught Rooms on Saturday, 11th December. A large and distinguished gathering is expected.

Lord Frederic Hamilton, Lady Ada Fitzwilliam and Sir Charles and Lady Fitzwilliam were among those present at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Monday, at the christening of the infant son of Captain and Mrs. William Foster. In sid of the Edith Cavell Memorial Fund, violets (the favourite flower of Nurse Cavell)). whose anniversary it was, were sold throughout vesterday at the Grosvenor Hotel and the Hotel Victoria, London. The Marchioness Townshend

#### LADY MAUREEN STEWART. Presentation from Newtownards and Comber. The people of Newtownards and Comber have

was one of the sellers at the latter place.

decided to make a presentation to Lady Maureen Stewart, daughter of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, on the occasion of her marriage to Hon. Oliver Stanley, second son of Lord Derby, and at a meeting in the Town Hall, Newtownards, on Monday-presided over by Mr. T. R. Lavery. J.P., chairman of the Newtownards Urban Council —a general committee was formed for the purpose.

Mr. Hugh M'Cartney, Town Clerk, Newtownards, was appointed honorary secretary, and Mrs. T. J.

Andrews (Comber) and Mrs. M. H. Walker (Newtownards) honorary treasurers. The presentation in order to facilitate payment.—Reuter. will also include an address.

#### 1916 AND 1920-A CONTRAST LIBEL ON THE NORTHERN . BANKS.

A Mischief-making Circular. PROMPT REPUDIATION.

A feeling of surprise and indignation has been caused in Belfast by the publication of the following circular :-

Irish Trade Protection Association.

(Belfust Section). Belfast, 3rd October, 1920. For the protection of Irish traders and the public generally we think it advisable to draw attention to information which we have received from a most reliable source that, owing to pressure of the trade boycott against Beltast, and large withdrawals from Belfast banks, the financial position in that city has become so acute that steps have been taken to ask the British Govern-ment to declare a moratorium upon withdrawals

from Belfast banks. This means that after an early date no further ment.-T. O'Riordan, general secretary.

tained in the circular. No one in Belfast seems to know anything about the 'Irish Trade Protection | to ask the Government to reopen negotiations im-Association," and it would be very interesting to see a list of the members of the Belfast section, in view of the fact that leading traders and merchants are absolutely ignorant of its existence.

Although the reflection on the Belfast banks is without the slightest foundation, the canard, if reported to have voted in favour of accepting the allowed to pass without contradiction, might do an employers' offer. The following were among the immense amount of harm to the trade and crocks ballot figures available last night:the fact that he was then the responsible head of of the city, and, therefore, the fact that the story is utterly baseless cannot be too strongly emphasised.

#### The Banks' Reply.

The Northern group of banks repudiated the statement immediately it came under their notice. and sent out circulars to this effect to each of

their branches. The circular issued by the Ulster
Bank, Ltd., was as follows:—

We have heard that a circular purporting to be issued by a society called the "Irish Tradors' Protection Federation (Belfast Section)" has been acceptance. The officials, though strongly in from "a most reliable source" that owing to the trade boycott against Belfast and withdrawals from Balfast banks the financial position in this from Belfast banks, the financial position in this city has become so acute that steps have been taken to ask the British Government to declare a moratorium against withdrawals' from Belfast banks, and adding that this means that after ru early date no further withdrawals will be per-mitted from branches of Belfast banks, and that all firms with accounts at these banks will be

compelled to suspend payment.
The object of this circular is obvious, and we feel it almost impossible to write in measural language about such an outrageous libel. There is not the slightest shadow of foundation for any of the statements contained in the circular.

Chief Secretary's Statement. Sir Hamar Greenwood, Bart., M.P., the Chief Secretary for Ireland, was in Belfast yesterday, and on his attention being called to the Irish Trade Protection Association's circular, the right hon. gentleman entirely confirmed the statement already made by the Northern banks that no application for a moratorium had been made to the Government, and that there was no possible reason for such application, nor was there (he said) a particle of truth in the allegations of the Trade Protection | crept into the situation if there were any further Association.

#### Bank Director Interviewed.

The director of one of the Northern group banks, in the course of an interview with a representative of the "Belfast News Lotter," expressed intense indignation at the circulation of the canard, and said the banks constituting this group were never in a stronger financial position than at the present time. He went on to say :-

As a matter of fact, the financial position of the Northern group is better now than before the boycott began, and the funds on deposit and to the credit of current accounts have never been higher. There is not one lots of foundstion for the suggestion that the Belfast banks are in difficulty; indeed, they were never more This gentleman also pointed out that although

C.B.E. (Civil Division)-Venie, Mrs. Barr; Lydia, with local traders, in the same way as the Northern group, they are immuno from the hoycott which is being levelled against the three banks having 27th Soviet Division. their head offices in Belfast. "The allegation that we have asked for a mora-

torium is a scandalous libel," he exclaimed, "and the Government ought to take criminal proceedings against the people responsible for its circula-It should be clearly understood that the "Irish Trade Protection Association " has no connection

#### whatever with the Belfast Chamber of Trade or the Belfast Wholesale Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

An Attempt to Cause Trouble.

According to the Dublin "Evening Mail," officials of the Dublin branches of the Northern group of banks treated the matter as a joke, and a clumsy effort to cause trouble. One official regarded the circular as an attempt to create alarm smong ignorant people in country districts.

### SENATOR HARDING'S OWN. A Rival League of Nations!

The Chairman of the Democratic Headquarters in a statement to-day raised the question of the towards Senator Harding's proposed association of nations. After pointing out that the League as Zeligowel already established already includes forty-one nations, the chairman asked, does Senator Harding Reuter. think these forty-one nations will disband and join

# GERMAN TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

# The Opening of Credits.

Berlin, Tuesday. In a communication to the Press the Central Acsociation of German Bakers reproduces the British official statement to the effect that German credits opened in the United Kingdom since the resumption of trade relations will not be liable to confiscation. The communication states that the German business world still hesitates to open large credits and deposits in Britain and other former enemy countries owing to the anxiety which is entertained as to the possible application of paragraph 18 annexe 2 of part 8 of the Peace Treaty to such credits, and adds that it is learned that negotiations are now proceeding with a view to a re-examination of this

#### INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

### Next Meeting to be Held in London.

Paris. Tuesday.

The Board of Directors of the International Chamber of Commerce met yesterday and to-day under the presidency of the former Minister of Commerce, M. Clementel, among the British representatives being Sir Arthur Shirley Benn, M.P. A letter from the U.S. Secretary of State for Commerce strongly approving the purposes of the Chamber was read The Board informally considered the results of the Brussels financial conference, and approved plans for expansion. It was decided that the next convention of all members should be held in London in June, 1921 .- Reuter.

### THE ANGLO-FRENCH LOAN.

New York, Tuesday, It is understood that the plans for the payment of the Anglo-French loan of five hundred million dollars, which falls due on October 15th, have been completed. Mesers. Morgan autounce to-night and west as well. that the bonds will be accepted prior to maturity. and holders are asked to present them promptly

In his speech at the House of Lords yesterday

# DATUM LINE FIGHT.

MINERS' BALLOT OYER. A Big Adverse Majority. TALK OF "NEW AVENUE TO

The Press Association says-The voting in the coalfields' ballot on the acceptance or otherwise of the coalowners' proposals, as received up to late last night, show, without exception, majorities against the proposal ranging from 2 to 1 to 20 to 1. The exact figures will not be known until to day, when the returns have to be completed and delivered to the official headquarters. The returns now known, however, give the following aggregates: -

PEACE."

Majority against ... ... ... 95.950 The Labour correspondent of the Central News writes-The Executive Committee of the Minera Federation meet in London this afternoon in withdrawals will be permitted from branches of order to receive details of the miners' ballot and Belfast banks, and that all firms with accounts to decide on the line of action to be recommended in these banks will be compelled to suspend pay- to the miners' delegate conference to-morrow. The question at the moment appears to be whe-It is hardly necessary to assure our readers that ther the unifority against acceptance is compara-there is not a particle of truth in the suggestion conminers' Executive will have no alternative but mediately. A majority against acceptance will automatically leave the strike notices to take effect as from Saturday ; but the miners do not think, nor do their friends in the Triple Alliance

believe, that a coal strike is inevitable: It is stated that so far not a single colliery is

For acceptance. Against. Northumberland ... 9,291 South Wales ...... 1,549 8.976 Midlothian ... ... 365 1,049 Neath and Glamorgan . 107 Leigh (Lancashire). ..... 611 Sixty per cent, of the members of the South

workers over 18 years of age were allowed to vote. The voting was very strongly against ac-

The Forest of Dean men are said to have youd down the offer practically en masse. Taken generally, however, the figures do not mean so much a vote for a strike as a vote against the system of payment by results. Opinion is hardening that moderating influences will prevail, and that a decision to seek some new avenue to peace will be the upshot of to-morrow's delegate meeting. Last night it was even stated that the meeting may be asked to vote on a settlement by an appeal to an impartial tribunal, a method which Mr. Smillie is stated to favour. Mr. Hodges, too, is said to be leaning to

that view On the other hand, Mr. N. Ablett, in an interview with the Central News Merthyr correspondent yesterday, declared that it would only increase the exasperation and bitterness which had delay, such as the reference of the men's claim to an impartial tribunal would entail. "We ali expect a vote against the employers' offer," he said, and he added that if a strike came it would be a strike for their original demands.

#### THE POLES AND VILNA.

#### Attitude of the Lithuanian Population.

### SELF-DETERMINATION PROBLEM.

Warsaw, Tuesday. An official communique issued here says :athuanian patrols have crossed the demarcation line: "The lathusnian population is requesting that Polish detachments shall defend it agahist the pillaging of Lithuanians and Bolshevists. We have occupied Kodzanood, taking 100 prisoners of the

The Bolshevists are concentrating at Zmorynka with the object of attacking the Ukranian army after the signature of the armistice with Poland .-

A wireless message has been received here notifying the Polish Government of the occupation of Central Lithuania by the troops hailing from the Government of Kovno commanded by General Zeligowski, and of the constitution of an adminitrative council to exercise civil power in that torrifory. The message requests the Government of Poland, which in consequence of the treaties concluded with the Allies, cannot fulfil the promises made on April 21, 1919, by Marshal Pilsudski to acknowledge the authorities appointed by the administrative council, and to support the principle of free self-determination invoked by the population of Central Lithuania. The plenipotentiaries of the two parties will, it is selded, solve the question in

### PROBABLE ACTION OF ALLIES.

Reuter's Agency understands that it is considered likely that a strongly-worded note will be despatched on the subject of the occupation of Vilna by Gene-

# THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Paris, Tuesday. M. Leon Bourgeois, as President of the Council of the League of Nations, has telegraphed to the head of the Military Mission that was recently sent by the League asking to be kept posted regarding events at Vilna with a view to such action as may he useful to put an end to the occupation of Central Luthania by General Zeligowski. The Military Mission has informed M. Bourgeois' that the Polish Government has disavowed General

#### necessary measures to put an end to the incident .-600 PRISONERS TAKEN.

Zeligowski, and expressed its readiness to take all

Reuter's Agency learns that a Polish official mililary communique of October 8th says - East of Zurahel we have taken 600 prisoners. We have occupied Kojdanem in the north, and are nearing

#### Molodeczano. FRENCH FOOD CONTROL.

The Meat Scarcity.

Paris, Tuesday. The Council of Ministers' meeting was held to-day under the presidency of M. Millerand, and it was decided to introduce new relations for the sale of cattle and fresh meat to prevent killing of certain classes of young animals, to increase the importa-tion of frozen meat, to develop the fishing industry, and to prohibit the export of milk, butter, cheese, and potatoes. The Council of Ministers postponed for the present proposals restricting the consump-tion of meat, but decided to establish consumers'

### ARMENIA AND THE TURKS.

councils .- Reuter.

#### A Grave Situation.

Reuter's Agency learns that telegrams have been received by the British Armenian Committee which show, that events in Armenia have laken a very grave turn. The official representative of the Armenian Covernment in Tiffis telegraphs-"Cousiderable Turkish forces, greatly superior to ourselves, have commenced a new advance in the direction of Kare with the object of occupying the pro-vince. It is probable that we shall be obliged to evacuate Sarikamesh. The situation is serious owing to the complete lack of fuel for the railways." This report indicates that the Turkish Nationalists are advancing north-eastwards from Anatolia, and Armenia is in danger of being completely merrun within a month. The local armed strength of the Armenians may cuable them to check the Turks coming up from the south, but they are not strong enough to withstand the pressure from the north

### GERMAN AIR ENGINES SEIZED.

MRS. GEORGE B. HANNA, J.P. morning, when receiving the Lord Mayor-elect of According to "Die Feilieit," a number of new London, the Lord Chancellor intimated that he receiving the receiving the Lord Mayor-elect of According to "Die Feilieit," a number of new According to "Die Feilieit," a n

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