

sign. At the present moment, attempts being made to increase the navy, and taneously we have before us the text of a which has been passed with the object of ig the strength of the army. If all the ars adopt a similar policy it is extremely rely that the net result will be to decrease probabilities of a European war, but there question even nearer than that which offers f for the consideration of the Kaiser and his ernaent. So far, no Power has succeeded maintaining a first class army and a first class y, and it is doubtful whether Germany, with er great resources, will be able to sustain financial strain which such a twofold ition involves.

THOUGHTS FOR TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW.

We are often prophets to others only because we are our own historians.

Mme. Swetchine

We are apt to mistake our vocation by looking out of the way for occasions to exercise great and rare virtues, and by stepping over the ordinary ones that lie directly in the road before us.

Hannah More.

NEWS NOTES AND NOTIONS.

CITY DEATH RATE.

The death-rate of the city for the four week ding June 3rd was 18.1, the rates for the four eks being—May 13th, 19.1; May 20th, 27.3; May th, 9.6; and June 3rd, 16.4. The average death te for the four weeks in the 22 town districts gistered was 19.5. The highest death rates were Sligo, 43.2, and Waterford, 25.3; the lowest death tes being at Clonmel, 9.0, and Tralee, 10.6.

SEEING ONLY IN THE DARK.

Travelling in south western Brazil, Dr. Manuel lasias, the Portuguese explorer, has discovered a illage, says the Chicago "Tribune," peopled atirely by "Nycatalopes," or persons who can see ly during darkness. The settlement is situated the dense forests between the Purus and the ... and never had previously been visited

OUT AND ABOUT.

Cork City nomination has been fixed for June 14th, and the polling for June 19th.

Trillick, county Tyrone, was the scene on Thursday of the capture of a remarkably fine badger.

About a dozen inebriates were up at Glin on Thursday, and fines ranging from 10s. downwards to 1s. were imposed.

The Hon. John Hay, American Secretary of State, left Queenstown on Thursday for New York by the Baltic.

Cork Board of Guardians on Thursday passed a resolution recording their sorrow at the death of Very Rev. Canon Hegarty.

Two Innesquay voters, who personated at the Dublin elections, were yesterday sentenced to a fortnight's imprisonment each.

The 70th Battery Royal Field Artillery will proceed from Clogheen to Limerick for annual training on Wednesday next.

The Technical Congress concluded yesterday, and the delegates left for their several destinations by the afternoon trains.

Miss Francis Taverner, Glentworth street, Limerick, who died on the 18th April last, left personal estate valued at £2,237 15s.

Appointed treasurer of Irish Nationalist "war chest" in place of the late Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien, was Mr. John Mooney, M.P.

A writ was issued on Thursday in the House of Commons for the election of a member for Cork in the room of the late Mr. J. F. X. O'Brien.

A lioness escaped from her cage at a circus performance in Queenstown and caused great excitement. She was, however, soon captured without doing any serious damage.

Kilrush Guardians want representation on the Clare County Infirmary Board, and have asked the County Council to appoint Mr. O'Dwyer as their delegate.

Owen Sullivan processed James Fitzgibbon at Glin on Thursday for 6s. balance of the price of a pair of boots supplied to his servant man. Decree given with 2s. 6d. costs.

Last night's "Dublin Gazette" says:—J. Hawtrey Reginald Cox, of Park, Templemore, in the county of Tipperary, esquire, was, on the 3rd day of June, 1905, adjudged bankrupt.

There has just passed away in the townland of Garvaghly, Caledon, Co. Tyrone, a remarkable centenarian in the person of Bridget M'Nulty, who was born in the year 1800.

Mr. Wm. O'Brien, M.P., arrived in Limerick on Thursday night from the West, and left town yesterday evening for Cork in connection with the City Parliamentary election.

At Glin on Thursday, the Knight of Glin ... James Kennick for trespassing on

THE WAR.

"Direct Negotiations for Peace American, German, and French Effort.

(By Telegraph To-day.)

Washington, Saturday

On the 8th inst. Mr. Roosevelt, diplomatic channels, sent a message Japanese and Russian Governments them to open direct negotiations for peace. A formal reply may not be received several days, but it is regarded in diplomatic circles as the first firm and decisive step ultimate peace.

Emperor William has been supplied Mr. Roosevelt's efforts by communicating the Czar, and the President has also supported by Russia's nearest friend, France.

Demoralised.—Effect of the Surprise.

Statements by Russian officers and Manila show that Togo completely the Russian squadrons in the Tsushima. The Russian ships were not even in action, and the guns were not manned. Jap torpedo attack began.

It is even believed that the Russians had not time to get into fighting trials the Japs succeeded in effecting a considerable amount of damage on their ships.

In every respect the Japs appear completely out-maneuvred and out-fought Russians, who would seem to have from start to finish. In fact, demoralised marked the Russian side of the battle out.

What Japan has Lost

Japan has lost something like a million pounds by the war.

"God's Will," Says the

The Czar has telegraphed to Admiral von Tsvetkov thanking him and all the who had loyally fulfilled their duty in battle, for their services to Russia. God's will, adds the Emperor, not to success.

PEACE