

## BALKAN CRISIS.

from the disaffected regions, so the hope of a settlement of the war is now indicative that war is now fact that Montenegro was the actual hostilities might have been alone and premature in pushing matters to extremes. But doubt now that Serbia, Bulgaria, Austria and Vienna is that the allied powers will declare war against Turkey. The Emperor has placed the matter beyond his action, by presenting an ultimatum to Turkey demanding the release of Bosnia within twenty-four hours, failing which the Government will take the necessary steps to safeguard its dignity. Meanwhile negotiations are proceeding between Austria and Montenegro troops. The whole situation is threatening to the peace of Europe or rather inaction of the powers is being severely criticised. Their inaction in the Balkan war have proved a failure. We must hope that they have been working for peace, and probably self-interest, rather than a settlement. Great Britain's position is becoming increasingly difficult. She has sincere sympathy for the plight of the unhappy Mohammedans, but not to wound the susceptibilities of the European subjects, she must walk warily. Neither Hungary nor Germany can have witnessed the break up of the Balkan States, but Russia, while possessing a preponderant influence in the Balkan States, has always been in Constantinople. France, as another great power, may also desire to deal with the Turk in his troubles. From the present position it will be seen that the Balkan crisis is a perplexing one. The "Sick Man of Europe" has always shown a decidedly robust constitution, and there is any fighting to be done, it is depended upon to make a stout defence whatever the result of the war, a programme of reforms must be guaranteed and the pity of it is that this has not been attained without setting the

## RECENT COMMENT.

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In Saturday's issue the report of the 76th ordinary general meeting of the Ulster Bank, Limited, held on the 26th ult. It indicates a bright prospect for this old establishment, and, as usual, excellent admin-

relations with his fellow-citizens of every class and creed, and I am pleased to add that whenever it was my privilege to meet him, either officially or in personal intercourse, I was impressed by those qualities which distinguished him.

I join with the important section of my fellow-citizens over whose religious interests he was called on to preside, in expressing my deep sorrow at the loss which they have sustained, and in uniting with them in paying a well-deserved tribute to his memory.

I have only to add, dear madam, my sincere sympathy and condolence with you and the members of his Lordship's family in the sad bereavement with which it has pleased Divine Providence to visit you.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours very respectfully,

HENRY O'SHEA, Lord Mayor of Cork.

The Lord Mayor has decided to request the attendance of the Corporation in State at the Bishop's funeral, which will take place at 11.30 o'clock on Thursday next.

## THE DOCK FATALITY.

At the City Courthouse last evening, Mr. J. F. Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury of which Mr. M. Wickham was foreman, resumed the investigation into the circumstances touching the death of Lawrence Doran caused by an accident at the Graving Docks on Friday afternoon. The inquest was adjourned for the attendance of Mr. Allhusen, Inspector of Factories, Cork, who was not present.

Mr. John Dundon, solr., was present on behalf of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners. He said he was not at the opening of the enquiry, but from what he had learned the Commissioners were in no way responsible for the sad and tragic occurrence. In the circumstances he asked the jury to exonerate them from all blame, as the evidence showed that they were not to blame.

They found that Lawrence Doran came by his death by being crushed by a crane, and other machinery, and that same was accidental.

## DEATH OF MRS. O'CONNELL.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. O'Connell, wife of Mr. Denis O'Connell, of the clerical staff of Cannock and Company, which took place to-day, from heart failure. The deceased lady had been in delicate health for some time, but her premature demise has come as a great shock to her husband and family, and will be heard of with deep sorrow by a very large circle of friends in the city and throughout Munster. We sincerely sympathise with Mr. O'Connell and his family in their bereavement. The funeral arrangements have not yet been fixed.

## ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

The anniversary of the consecration of St. John's Cathedral was solemnised on Sunday by special religious services. High Mass, coram episcopo, was sung at noon by the Rev. F. Connolly, C.C., St. John's, and there was a large congregation present. The Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, presided, and the Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., St. Munchin's was the preacher. The Canon, in the course of an eloquent address, referred to the special significance of the celebration of the anniversary this year when the Chapter in connection with the Cathedral was formally re-established.

is maintained in the Southern provinces to cope with any emergency that may arise.

Mr. Birrell—The police authorities inform me that on the occasion of the meeting referred to large crowds of people assembled outside the theatre while the meeting was going on, and at the conclusion, as the audiences were dispersing and getting into their carriages and motors, some stones were thrown. A motor car had its screen broken by stones, and another car was slightly damaged. The secretary of the meeting and a small party took refuge in the post office. The windows of the Protestant Young Men's Association were broken, and also the windows of a number of shops belonging to both Protestants and Roman Catholics. A great deal of damage was done by boys. A large force of police was present, but they had considerable difficulty in restraining the crowd, which numbered some 2,000. A sufficient number of police will be maintained in the district to cope with any emergency that may arise.

Mr. Newham—Is it not a fact that there was renewed rioting on Friday evening, and that a hundred police had to be drafted into Limerick?

Mr. Birrell—There was, I believe, a renewal of the rioting, and the number of police was reinforced.

Mr. Joyce—Will you have a public inquiry into this regrettable occurrence, with a view to finding out who fomented the disturbance?

Mr. Birrell—I cannot say whether a public inquiry would be successful in ascertaining how it was fomented.

Mr. Joyce—And will you take the police report for truth, when the statements are publicly made by responsible persons that the police fomented the disturbances?

Mr. Harold Smith—Have any arrests been made?

Mr. Birrell—It is most probable that no arrests were made. (Opposition cheers.)

Mr. Joyce—Was it not all boys and irresponsible young fellows who caused the disturbance?

No answer was returned.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

SIR,—A report has reached me that it is being denied that I was assaulted. Let me state what occurred. Last Thursday evening, shortly after 6 o'clock—it was quite light at the time—on my way to the Post Office I met a mob of some hundred men on the run in George street. They turned upon me and attacked me with stones and filth, luckily the stones only hit my body, then I received several blows, the last of which coming from behind knocked me down. These were given by men between the ages of 25 and 40. Being now outside the Post Office I managed to get into safety.

There is one bright spot in this miserable business. A young man in the crowd, whose better nature asserted itself, pulled me along and did his best to shield me. My best thanks to him—I hope he may see this—also to the gentlemen of the Post Office for their kindness.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. ATKINSON (Canon).

## LIMERICK GOLF CLUB.

### President's Prize.

This competition took place at Ballyclough, and resulted in a win for G. S. Smye, the runner-up being J. C. Purcell. The following also played—P. D. Bourke, Geo. Fogarty, L. O'B. Kelly, W. McDonnell, P. T. Roche, J. V. Coogan, Joe Halpin, E. Leahy, A. McSweeney, F. Treacy, W. DeCoursey, junr., J. Harris, W. Macaulay, I. R. O'Brien, P. Treacy, M. Egan, R. Harris, M. P. McCoy, J. J. Peacocke, V. J. Turner.