

munities in the Turkish capital. Mr. Asquith nounce yesterday in the House of Commons at the British Ambassador has obtained the consent of the Ottoman Government for one of Majesty's ships to pass through the Dardanelles to Constantinople. Similar facilities have been obtained by the representatives of the German, French, and Austro-Hungarian warships, and permission has been given to a Russian warship to pass through the Bosphorus. The action of our Government will certainly afford relief to those in the United Kingdom who have friends resident in Constantinople, and whose situation or fortunes must cause them no ordinary anxiety at the present moment.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### the Government Majorities.

Some comment has been provoked by the increased Government majorities on the Home Rule Bill. This is not due to accident or indifference, but is caused solely by the fact that Unionists who are so disposed are being encouraged by their leaders to turn their energies from the House of Commons, where debate has been rendered futile, to the constituencies, where it is still free and effective. It is recognised that the issue must be decided by the electors, and any loss of votes in the division lobbies will be more than compensated by work in the country. No surprise need be felt, therefore, if, in the course of the next few weeks, the Unionists' record in the division lobbies is below par. It will be simply an indication that members are more usefully employed elsewhere.

### LIMERICK SHIRT FACTORY.

We notice by advertisement that the Limerick Shirt Factory (St. Ita's), in liquidation is for sale. The premises are equipped with new machinery and centrally situated. It is to be hoped that some enterprising syndicate will take up the business which has afforded a considerable amount of employment in our midst, and therefore deserves every success and support.

### BURGLARY IN BRIDGE STREET.

The pawn office establishment of Miss Guerin, Bridge-street, was burglariously entered by some person or persons last night or early this morning, and a sum of about £60 in notes and cash stolen from the cash-box. An entrance was effected by climbing up the side door to a window, where the fastener was lifted and access to the premises obtained. The police have been informed of the burglary, and Sergeant Kennedy and the officers under him are actively engaged in the endeavour to obtain a clue to the offenders, but so far without success. It is not yet ascertained whether any clothing has been stolen. It is stated that another establishment near the pawn office was also entered, but without result, as there was no money left about.

with the medical testimony.

## CITY POLICE COURT.

Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., presided at the City Police Court to-day. Mary Magner, with a child at arms, was charged with assaulting one, Mary Anne Sheehan by striking her on the head last night with an oil can. The women reside near each other in the old town, and the assault arose out of a verbal altercation which took place when they met yesterday. Sheehan was struck on the head, and her wound was so serious, across the forehead, that she had to be removed to Barrington's Hospital, and there detained for treatment. The accused was remanded in custody to Petty Sessions. There was no other case for hearing.

## UNIFORM TIME (IRELAND) BILL.

The text of the Bill to extend the Application of Greenwich Time to Ireland has been printed. It contains three clauses only:—

1. Whenever any expression of time occurs in any Act of Parliament, deed, or other legal instrument, the time referred to shall, in the case of Ireland unless it is otherwise specifically stated, be deemed and held to be Greenwich mean time.
2. In section one of the Statutes (Definition of Time) Act, 1880, the words "and in the case of Ireland, Dublin mean time" are hereby repealed.
3. This Act shall come into operation on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen, and may be cited as the Uniform Time (Ireland) Act, 1912.

## ALLEGED SERIOUS ASSAULT AT ENNIS.

The magistrates at the last Ennis Petty Sessions investigated a charge preferred against Thomas Molloy, Old Mill street, of stabbing John Woods on the 12th ult.

The evidence adduced in support of the prosecution was that on the date in question Molloy struck Woods. A scuffle ensued, and wound up in the accused producing a pocket knife and stabbing Woods on the neck, close to the jugular vein. He bled a good deal, and had to be taken to the Infirmary for treatment.

Mr. T. J. Hunt, solr., appeared for the defence, which was one of jealousy.

The bench returned Molloy to stand his trial at the next Quarter Sessions, on bail.

## MILITARY FUNERAL.

The remains of Lance-Corporal Wilkinson, 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, a native of Lancefield, Nottingham, who died in the Military Hospital attached to the New Barracks, on Saturday morning, were interred yesterday in the Military Cemetery, King's Island. The band of the Regiment and the fife and drum band preceded by the firing party headed the procession which followed the funeral bier, provided by the Royal Engineers, the coffin being enclosed in the Union Jack, and the helmet and side arms of the deceased placed thereon. After the bier came a number of relatives of the deceased, the cortege comprising a large number of the rank and file of the regiment in light marching order. The interment took place with full military honors, the farwell volleys and the sounding of the last post, the troops then reforming and returning to quarters at the New Barracks.

Mr. Graham, the defending solicitor, stated that the proceedings were unfair, unjudicial, irregular, and if Mr. Emerson insisted alone, he would retire. Mr. Emerson was acting under instructions of the order, but refused Mr. Graham for the admission of the evidence. Mr. Graham then left, after saying he represented was taken into custody, he should apply for Mr. Maculey and Mr. Burke. The prisoners were remanded Thursday.

## DESTRUCTION OF PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM.

The Right Hon. the Recorder awarded £220 damages to Messrs Limited, contractors, for the destruction of Peamount Sanatorium on July 21st claim was for £800, but that was subsequently to £275. Owing to the amount originally claimed, the Recorder allowed claimants their costs. The case was levied off Counties Dublin and K.

## SHEEP DIPPING AT ENNIS PETTY SESSIONS.

At Ennis Petty Sessions, there were fifty-five prosecutions for breaches of the above Act, and bring a notice which is necessary when taking sheep to a fair.

Mr. McElroy said his idea of the Dipping Act was that when they fines they were no deterrent on the sheep more and more numerous every thing was allowed to continue, but the whole time of the court would be taken up by their hearing. He would suggest and if that was imposed, after a short time cases would be few.

Mr. O'Brien said this was the first of this kind, and when the report was in the Press, if given thorough publicity would have the desired effect.

Mr. McElroy—The Press is reporting this Act was for the good of the country, but the state of the country now, foot and mouth disease in cattle, hardship it was on the farmers, for the benefit of the farmers, because the disease broke out amongst the sheep, the position they would be in, far better for the police not to bring prosecutions at all, because their labors ended if they did not impose suit. He was sure the police wished that of the Diseases of Animals Act. Council was supposed to appoint but they did not do so.

Ultimately a fine of 1s with costs in each case.

## IRISH NATIONAL FOR

At a recent special meeting of the Branch of the Irish National Force following officers were elected—W. Chief Ranger; James O'Donovan, James Bourke, Senior Woodward, Junior Woodward; P. Moore, sub and J. O'Dowd, and T. Byrne, Senior Beadles respectively.