

ARMING OF MERCHANTMEN.

British Owners and First Lord's Plan.

The *Times* says—in connection with the three large merchant ships to be built at Dunkirk, it is the intention of the British owners to fall in with Mr. Churchill's scheme for arming merchant vessels, and though no doubt guns will be supplied by the British Admiralty the necessary supports may be expected to be the work of French builders. Regarding the Admiralty scheme very little is known in London or Liverpool. The suggestion was first made to a number of leading owners behind closed doors some weeks ago. Regret is expressed for any occasion for the carriage of guns. The best time for structural preparations is when the ships are being built.

BIRTHS. MARRIAGES. DEATHS

BIRTHS.

COLLEY—April 14, 1913, at Faunagh, Rathgar, the wife of George P. A. Colley, of a daughter.

DOBBIN—April 11, 1913, at Stradbally, Queen's County, the wife of Walter Dobbin, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

CLOHERTY and STANNERS—April 10, 1913, at St. Mary's Church, Ballinrobe, by the Rev. Canon D'Alton, Patrick Cloherty, only son of the late Michael Cloherty, Esq., Marine Lodge, Galway, to Dorothy Stanners, youngest daughter of the late J. Stanners, Esq., and Mrs. Stanners, Park View House, Ballinrobe.

GAMBLE and KELLY—April 9, 1913, at Cortoon Church, Tuam, John Charles Gamble, Killoghan House, Tuam, to Kathleen Isidora, only daughter of the late Walter O'Kelly, Knockavannie, and granddaughter of the late Count O'Kelly, Callagh Castle, Tuam.

DEATHS.

BLENNERHASSETT—April 7, 1913, at the Hotel Prince de Galles, Monte Carlo, Rowland Poisonby Blennerhassett, K.C., of Kells, Co. Kerry.

BUTLER—April 10, 1913, at his residence, 20 Leinster-square, Rathmines, Dublin, Robert Henry Butler, in his seventy-first year, eighth son of the late John Butler, Rathmines.

SYME—April 14, 1913, at Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, after long and patient suffering, Bessie, widow of the late W. G. Syme, Hibernian Bank, Bray.

VICKERY—April 16, 1913, at his residence, 18 Barrington-street, after a short illness, John Vickery, aged 66 years. Funeral to St. Mary's Cathedral, on Saturday, 10 a.m. "Thy will be done."

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