

do not think they will look in the East and Western operations the outlook continues and promising for the Allies, movements of the enemy arrested, and everywhere the authors of the war are meeting with such that a steady weakening of efforts may confidently be looked for.

There are signs and tokens of an article in the "Gaulois" a writer makes the significant "Henceforth our eyes must no longer be fixed solely upon the lines of the evolution which is taking place in the clearing of the sky which is now itself in the Balkans, the which Italy has just accomplished, of the noteworthy factors, of which are still in reserve, and the which upon the scene at a very will have a considerable influence on the development of the great conflict."

It is deeply regretted that the opening of the new year coincided with disaster to the battleship. The particulars of the disaster are as follows: The battleship Formidable in the Channel yesterday morning, by a mine or sea mine is not yet known. The Press Bureaus state. The same was issued yesterday afternoon that seventy-one survivors had been picked up by a British Light Cruiser, and it is possible others may have been rescued. The battleship Formidable in the Channel yesterday morning, by a mine or sea mine is not yet known. The same was issued yesterday afternoon that seventy-one survivors had been picked up by a British Light Cruiser, and it is possible others may have been rescued.

Seventy of the crew were picked up by a trawler, and there is good reason to believe that these are in addition to the number accounted for in the statement. The hope is also that others may have been rescued in the vicinity of the disaster. The number of men on the ill-fated ship is not known, though there is the supposition that the ship may not have been carrying a full complement. Withal that is unfortunately, but too much to be feared that the loss of life must be heavy. That the disaster has caused a gloom and gloom throughout the United Kingdom without saving, and the most

Meeting at 8 o'clock.  
 SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Ceoil Street).—Sunday, January 3—Morning, 11 o'clock.

**NEW D.L. FOR CLARE.**

We are very pleased to learn that Mr Henry R. Glynn, J.P., Leadmore House, Kilmrush, has been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for County Clare. We feel assured the appointment will be a highly popular one throughout the county, and we heartily congratulate him.

**LORD LIEUTENANT'S RESIGNATION NOT TO BE WITHDRAWN.**

The Lord Lieutenant sent a reply last night to the deputation that waited on him on Tuesday, regretting that he was unable to reconsider his determination to resign the Lord Lieutenancy.

**SEVERE WEATHER.**

Very severe weather prevailed in this district during the past two days. On Thursday night, or rather early yesterday morning, a gale of great violence blew for a couple of hours from the south-west, and last night there was another storm from the westward, though not so intense. Happily very little damage to property resulted. Our Glin correspondent reports that terrific weather prevails in the Lower Shannon district.

**MILITARY FUNERAL.**

The funeral of Sergeant Clarence Chantrey, 1st Battalion, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who died in Barrington's Hospital on Wednesday evening, as the result of wounds received in the fighting round Armentieres, took place this evening from that institution, the interment following in the Military Cemetery, King's Island. The coffin, wrapped in the Union Jack, on which were placed a number of wreaths, was borne on a military carriage, and a detachment of the South Irish Horse at the Ordnance Barracks furnished the firing party, and the guard of honour. The funeral left Barrington's Hospital at half-past two o'clock, headed by the Sarsfield drum and fife band playing a funeral march. The mother and some other relatives of the deceased young soldier were the chief mourners, having travelled from Birmingham for the sad occasion. Dean Hackett and P. J. Alderley officiated at the graveside and the customary salute from the rifles of the firing party and the last post sounded by the trumpeter brought the ceremony to a close. The Sarsfield Band played the military to their quarters on the return from the cemetery.

**OUT AND ABOUT.**

It is stated there are ten candidates for the annual Council elections at Kilmrush this month, six in addition to the four outgoing.

Mary Keefe, aged 73, of Dromana Bridge, Cappoquin, has died as the result of burns to the face and body, sustained by falling into the fire in her house on Christmas Night.

The Rathkeale Town Commissioners has passed a resolution tendering to their respected fellow-

The Czar paid a visit to the Headquarters of the Commander-in-Chief, where he received the operations, and then proceeded to the front. He distributed honours amongst the distinguished themselves in action, and the various units for their services.

After receiving reports from General commanding the north-west armies, he left the front.

**Prisoners in Germany.**

An official statement issued by the Chief Headquarters states that the prisoners of war now in German hands, including civilians, is 8,138 officers, 24,000 men. Of these, 492 officers and 18,000 British.

**Poland.**

The reports from the headquarters of the belligerents in Poland and Galicia are and give no indication of a decisive Russian continue to repulse German attacks on the Rawa and to drive the Austrians into the Carpathians.

**ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS AND ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY REPULSED.**

**French Official Despatches.**

The following official communications were received this afternoon:—

From the sea to Rheims fighting almost exclusively confined to, artillery engagements.

The enemy bombarded, without success, the village of St Georges and the defence, organised by the Belgians to Dixmude.

A lively cannonade turned to our advantage between La Bassée and Carency, between Roye, and in the districts of Blanc Sablon (near Craonnelle). At this point we further demolished some German positions.

In the region of Perthes and Compiègne we maintained our gains of the 30th.

The activity of the artillery arm was interrupted throughout the day.

In the Argonne the enemy made a local attack in the Bois de la Grurie, along the whole front. At certain points he advanced 50 metres, but was immediately repulsed.

In the Verdun district there were several artillery engagements.

Between the Meuse and the Moselle (north-west of Flirey), during the night of the 30th and in the morning of the 31st, we carried out six violent counter-attacks in an attempt to recapture the trenches of the 30th. They were all brilliantly successful.

Our aviators made a night bombardment of railway stations of Metz and Arnay-le-Duc.

We continue to make progress, and at Steinbach. During the morning of the 31st the enemy's artillery showed great activity. In the afternoon our batteries assumed a

**KAISER'S NEW YEAR ADDRESS.**

**Reliance on the German**