

national defense, it is considered necessary that certain channels in the approaches to the Thames should be closed. Arrangements for licensed pilots to conduct vessels have been made, and will take effect from noon to-day. The Admiralty late on Saturday evening issued a further list of casualties in connection with the loss of H.M.S. Pathfinder. This includes one corporal and four privates of the R.M.L.I., who are stated to be missing, and one first class stoker slightly wounded. The last was reported as missing in a previous list.

## THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS

### French Official Communique

#### Germans Pursued by French Troops

PARIS, SUNDAY NIGHT.

An official communique, issued here to-night, states—"No communication arrived this evening from headquarters, but communications on yesterday and this afternoon show how vigorously our troops pursued the retreating Germans. Headquarters cannot furnish the details of the pursuit in these circumstances twice daily. The forward march of the Allies continues on the whole front. On the left we crossed Aisne.

#### Belgians Seek Protection of Forts

#### After Four Days' Fierce Fighting

An Amsterdam official communique says—After four days' fierce fighting, the Belgian troops who left Antwerp to attack the Germans in the triangle of Brussels, Louvain and Malines, have returned to the protection of the forts. The enemy were reinforced by two German Army Corps, 15,000 Marines, and others.

#### Semlin Captured by Servians Panic in Vienna

Petrograd, Sunday.

A report from Bucharest states that a panic occurred in Vienna on the receipt of the news of the capture of Semlin by the Servians. Four hundred thousand unemployed are parading the streets of the capital.

#### Russian Prisoners Liberated Depletion of German Exchequer

Petrograd, Sunday.

Twenty-five hundred Russians arrived at Petrograd to-day from captivity in Germany. The reason assigned for their liberation is stated to be that the German Exchequer is too depleted to keep them.

#### Servians Occupy Territory Between Danube and Sava

Rome, Sunday.

A Belgrade telegram to the *Messenger* states that the Servians have occupied all the territory between the Danube and Sava.

#### Germans Driven Back

The Press Bureau states, all yesterday the enemy stubbornly disputed passage of Aisne by our troops, but nearly all crossings were secured by sunset on our right and left. The French troops were confronted with a similar task in which they were successful. Many more prisoners were taken.

It is reported from French headquarters that the Crown Prince's army has been driven back and he has moved his headquarters from Saint Menehold to Montsaucon.

### CITY POLICE COURT

At the City Police Court to-day, before Mr. S. B. Quin, a man named Stephen M'Namara was fined 10s., or in the alternative 14 days imprisonment for drunkenness. There was another case of drunkenness, and the accused was discharged.

Mr. Mansfield agreed with the Chairman that it was absolutely impossible for them to appoint representatives in accordance with the advertised scheme until Captain Holland and the others associated with him had ranged the various corps into battalions. Provisional centres should only be selected now, as they might have to be changed afterwards. In selecting centres modes of traveling, proximity to railway stations, population of the district, and other such things should be taken into consideration.

Mr. D. J. Madden inquired if the scheme drafted by Captain Holland had complied with the wishes of the Provisional Committee.

Captain Holland—Undoubtedly.

Mr. Madden said there was a gentleman with them who was after coming from Dublin, and he could give them very useful information. He thought they should defer the election of a permanent committee until they were satisfied that the Provisional Committee at present in Dublin met the aspirations of National Ireland. They sent down a short time ago a certain gentleman to give a lecture to the City Volunteers, Sean M'Dermott—

Chairman—I must call you to order, Mr. Madden. We cannot touch on that. We don't know that he came with the approval of the Provisional Committee.

Mr. Madden—He is a member of the Provisional Committee.

Chairman—We are here for a certain object and we must do that. We are not here for fault finding.

Mr. Madden—I would ask you to hear Mr. Cahill who will give a lot of information. The Provisional Committee is not doing the work properly and until we have a committee to meet the aspirations—

Chairman—I will not allow you to go outside the objects for which the meeting was summoned.

Mr. Madden said there was a Sinn Fein element ruling the committee in Dublin and as a Nationalist supporter he would protest. It was perfectly evident the movement was in chaos.

Chairman—That is an extraordinary statement for you to make, and I ask you to withdraw it. If it is a chaos, we in Limerick are as much to blame as anyone else.

Mr. Madden asked them were they going to follow men like O'Callaghan Westropp of Bodyke fame.

The Chairman made some reply which was inaudible.

Mr. J. J. O'Mahony—I did not like to interrupt before now, but Mr. Madden is not a delegate at this meeting.

A member—He is entitled to be heard.

Another Delegate—Who is the delegate?

Mr. O'Mahony—I am.

Mr. Mansfield and Mr. Mackey, Co.C., appealed for unity, the former remarking that they should not be fighting over the shade of the green in their banner, as they had enough of enemies to guard against. It was impossible for any board to control the Volunteers, as the Volunteers would do that when they got the chance (applause).

Captain Holland having explained the provisional scheme framed by him, it was unanimously decided to divide the county into two divisions—East and West Limerick—with eight battalions in each division. The following were selected as headquarters:—East Limerick—Kilmallock, Kilfinane, Pallas Croom, Bruff, Castleconnell, Boher and Ballylanders. West Limerick—Glin, Shanagolden, Abbeyfeale, Newcastle West, Ballingarry, Rathkeale, Askeaton and Adare. The secretaries and committees of the selected headquarters to group the adjoining corps into battalions, and each battalion to have a representative elected by the 3rd October, and the Standing Committee to be elected on the 10th October.

A vote of thanks, proposed to the chairman by Mr. Mackey, and seconded by Mr. Mansfield, for the able, dignified and manly manner in which he conducted the proceedings, brought the meeting to a close.

### West Limerick Suicide

A young man named Michael Sheehan (27), of Mountcollins, employed at Brosna as a baker, was found dead with his throat cut beside a public pathway outside Brosna with an open razor near him. The sad occurrence created a hock in the district.

because you had not the money when you came in, but what was the deficit?

Mr. Davison mentioned the figures given in his report.

Mr. Moloney—Since we gave the estimate for three years the cost of material has gone up, therefore you have a deficit. The increased cost of material has come in at the end of the estimate.

Mr. Davison—Yes.

Mr. Bennett said it was obvious that this state of affairs would occur. Could not the County Surveyor make a less demand? The present would be a great increase in the rate in one year. The cause of the increase was the bad state of the roads and the extra material that had to be put out and the extra cost of labour which went up 15 or 16 per cent.

Mr. Davison—I can't see how I can do anything.

Mr. Bennett said the County Surveyor suggested in one of his first reports that he would only use the best material. Was he in Kilmallock using the best material? They should not be a party to strike a rate if they were to have inferior material put on their roads.

Mr. Davison said in connection with one quarry the top was not very good, but they say they are down to good hard stuff.

Mr. Bennett—Are you satisfied they are down to it?

Mr. Davison—What I saw was a great improvement.

Mr. Bennett criticised the quality of material put out near Kilmallock, and said the late County Surveyor told him the stones were an abomination, yet they were put out. But, said Mr. Bennett, I believe you are determined to put on good stuff.

Mr. Jones referred to the £1,800.

Mr. Carroll—And maybe when that is spent you won't have good roads.

Mr. Bennett—We ought insist on having good material put on the roads. The amount collected was not sufficient; the cost of the roads must go up—everything is going up.

Mr. Davison said good material would prove the most economic in the finish.

Mr. Bennett—I don't consider it economic to use mud.

Mr. Davison—I did not use mud.

Mr. Bennett said he saw stone put out at Kilmallock and in two days it was mud; that could not be good.

Mr. Davison—No, it could not.

A Member—If you could manage with £1,000 at present.

Mr. Davison—No, I could not.

Mr. Carroll—It will look terrible in print.

Chairman—What will we do?

Mr. Bennett—We will give £1,500.

Mr. Moloney seconded.

Mr. Davison—I ask for £1,800; and I want it. How am I going to make up the deficiency, which does not belong to my term of office?

Chairman—We are giving you £600 increase in the estimate.

Mr. Davison—That will be required where the roads were starved.

Mr. Moloney—You will find a great saving by putting on good material.

Mr. Davison—But I will have to pay for it.

Chairman—£1,500, I suppose.

Mr. Davison—No.

Mr. Canty—I propose that you reduce it to £1,000.

Chairman—It is a bad thing to tie the County Surveyor's hands.

Mr. Davison—I am closed down, I will not take it.

Mr. Bennett—Considering he only came into the position recently we ought to treat leniently with him.

Chairman—The ratepayers have a great cause of complaint, because you are asking for £1,800 in consequence of the deficit last March, for they have no benefit derived from the expenditure in the past. The roads are not better, but getting worse, and now you will be asking to put 6d. in the £ on the rates for the coming year. If you went on with the £1,500, and next September if you found you were not able to get on with it the Council would not tie your hands.

Mr. Davison—Will you put it officially down for me? I'll be coming, and when I ask for a certain amount I would not like to come again.

Mr. Bennett—I would like to state that I hope no inferior material will be used on our roads.

Chairman—And that next March we will see a great improvement in them.