

MOND'S "recruiting speeches" is nothing but the veriest and most dishonest humbug in view of the circumstances. The fact is, as we will presently show, that the plot for the deposition of Mr. REDMOND from the position of Irish leader was deliberately hatched before ever Mr. REDMOND uttered a word about young Irishmen fighting at the front on the side of liberty and in defence of the freedom of Ireland and of other small nationalities. In the famous and farcical manifesto in which the minority of the Provisional Committee in Dublin expelled the majority the justification given for such a laughable proceeding was that "Mr. REDMOND'S nominees were admitted purely and simply as his nominees and without co-option." This innocent-looking but very pregnant statement makes it manifest to the meanest intelligence that the intention to oust Mr. REDMOND and his nominees from having any voice in the Volunteer movement was there from the very start. Mr. REDMOND, it will be remembered, made the modest request that a number of Nationalists to be nominated by him be added to the self-elected Provisional Committee. This was acceded to, but with a very bad grace. The Sinn Feiners decided, though with great reluctance, to admit the Irish Leader's nominees, but they cleverly if dishonourably avoided any formal co-option so that they could, whenever anything like a pretext presented itself, give Mr. REDMOND a stab in the back. These illuminating facts and the secession of the factionists from the reconstructed Committee make it clear to demonstration that there existed from the start an insidious desire and design to use the Volunteer Movement to turn the country from its well justified confidence in and allegiance to "the chosen leaders of the Irish people."

National Volunteers

Limerick City Regiment

FURTHER CONSIGNMENT OF RIFLES
The newly-elected Committee of the Limerick City Regiment of Irish National Volunteers have secured a second consignment of up-to-date and efficient service rifles, and they are negotiating for the purchase of many more. The regiment had its usual drill in the pig market enclosure yesterday when the men turned up in very large numbers. The next drill will be held next Wednesday night, when every member of the Regiment is expected to be in his place.

LIMERICK RACES

Two races for the Spring Fixture 1915 have already been closed the Maiden Chase of 300 sovs having received 50 entries and the Welter Handicap flat of 100 sovs having received 31 entries.

The Winter Assizes

At a meeting of the Judges held on Thursday at the Four Courts, Dublin, the following arrangements were made in connection with the Winter Assizes:—

Munster (at Cork)—The Right Hon the Lord Chief Justice.

Leinster (Dublin)—The Right Hon Mr Justice Kenny.

Ulster (Belfast)—The Right Hon Mr Justice Dodd.

Connaught (which includes the whole province of Connaught and Limerick City and County)—The Right Hon Mr Justice Molony.

The dates of the opening of the Assize Courts have not yet been fixed, but the Circuits will probably go out on 1st December.

the piano, playing the accompaniments for the several songs with his usual ability.

Distinguished Journalist

Presentation to Mr. J. P. Gaynor, B.L.

EDITOR "NATIONAL VOLUNTEER"

A pleasing and very interesting function, at which there was a very large attendance, took place on Saturday evening in the offices of the *Evening Telegraph*, Dublin, when a presentation was made, on behalf of his colleagues and friends, to Mr. John P. Gaynor, B.L., on the occasion of the severance of his connection with the staff of the *Evening Telegraph* to take up the more responsible duties as editor of the new popular weekly journal, *The National Volunteer*. For many years Mr. Gaynor has been connected with the offices of the *Freeman's Journal* Company, and during that time he has held different important appointments on the staffs of its several publications. He has come in contact with the employes of each department; he has made the acquaintance of many people outside the sphere of journalism, and his universal popularity is the best testimony to the sterling worth of his character. As a journalist his reputation is second to none, and he has ever been staunch and true in his support of the National cause, with which the publications he was attached to and the one he now takes charge of are so closely identified. The tribute of which he was made the recipient was participated in by representatives of the different staffs of the *Freeman* Company and by several of Mr. Gaynor's personal friends. Some touching testimonies to the esteem in which he is held were given apt expression to, and conveyed the high sense of appreciation which his colleagues all entertain for the sterling qualities which have gained him the respect and trust of every one amongst them. Mr. Gaynor's courtesy, his integrity, and his straightforwardness made him a most valued conferee, and in taking up his new appointment Mr. Gaynor carries with him the personal good wishes and goodwill of everybody who has had the pleasure of his acquaintance in business association or in the social order.

Mr. W H Brayden, B L, editor of the *Freeman's Journal*, who presided, in presenting Mr. Gaynor with the token of the staff's appreciation, paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. Gaynor's abilities and high personal character.

Mr. P J Mcade, editor of the *Evening Telegraph*, also spoke highly of Mr Gaynor's qualifications as a journalist and his sterling principles as a Nationalist.

Mr. Gaynor, whose health was toasted with acclamation, suitably replied and said he took the gift more as a measure of their kindness than of his deserts. Since he had come to Dublin he had always met kindness and courtesy from the many colleagues with whom he had come in contact. He heartily returned thanks for the magnificent gift, and he could assure them that the remembrance of their kindness would never fade from his memory (loud applause).

A very entertaining musical programme was gone through, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion by the singing of "A Nation Once Again."

Death of Mr. C. Foley, Newcastle West

We announce with the deepest regret the death of a popular West Limerick man in the person of Mr. Cornelius Foley, Ballinavallig, Newcastle West. The deceased belonged to a widely-respected stock and was himself highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was stricken with a severe attack of pneumonia on Friday last, and despite the best medical skill, he passed away yesterday at 2.30 p.m. Of a jovial, kind-hearted disposition, he was a general favourite amongst his numerous acquaintances, who deeply regret his demise in the very prime of manhood. To his bereaved wife and his highly-respected father and many relatives and friends we extend our sincere sympathy in their bitter tribulation. The funeral of the deceased will take place tomorrow, the interment being in the family burial place at Churchtown, Newcastle West.

THE FALL OF TSINGTAU

Terms of Surrender

Tokio, Sunday.

Japanese casualties in final assault on Tsingtau were 426. Their Imperial Japanese Majesties have wired their congratulations to Captain Fitzmaurice, commanding the British section of blockading fleet. The terms of surrender provide that the Governor and all combatants are made prisoners. The Japanese will take over Tsingtau on Tuesday, and troops will enter it on Wednesday.

German Cruiser Interned

Washington, Sunday.

The German cruiser Gleer not having left Honolulu as ordered by the American authorities has been interned.

Russian Black Sea Fleet

Copenhagen, Sunday.

According to a Belgian despatch the Russian Black Sea Fleet has left Sebastopol, proceeding eastwards to meet the Turkish Fleet. It is expected an engagement will take place in a few days. It is pointed out that the destruction of the Russian Fleet is necessary since sea transport of Turkish troops is now practically impossible.

South African Situation

Johannesberg, Monday.

General Smut's speech produced a most favourable impression. All sections are assured that the Transvaal rebellion is broken, and that in the Free State will be itself coped with.

British and French Ambassadors

The British and French Ambassadors have arrived at Marseilles from Constantinople. The British Ambassador left last evening en route for London.

TURKISH FLEET IN THE BLACK SEA

Congratulatory Messages Exchanged

Rome, Monday.

An official Constantinople message states that the bombardment of Kuzlu and Zunguldak and the departure of the Russian warships the Turkish fleet has again entered the Black Sea to look for the enemy. The Austrian Emperor and the Sultan have exchanged congratulatory telegrams on the fine work of Austrian, German and Turkish forces.

Muster of German Forces

Amsterdam, Monday.

A Turhout telegram states there are 7,000 Germans in Campine district and they announce they will winter there.

Lord Kitchiner Visits Premier

Lord Kitchener visited Mr. Asquith this morning.

German Troops Withdraw From Yser Line

Amsterdam, Monday.

An Antwerp message states that transport on a big scale of German troops from Western theatre to East is proceeding. A large number of troops appear to have been withdrawn from Yser line. Military trains full of men are going into Germany, via Brussels and Louvain.

CITY POLICE COURT

There was no case for hearing at the City Police Court this morning. Mr. P. J. Kelly, R.M., attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bourke, Newport, wish, through the columns of the LEADER, to express their gratitude for the numerous messages of sympathy received from many friends on the occasion of their recent bereavement.