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vince will make up what is almost certain to be an unparalleled gathering both from the point of view of its numerical dimensions and that of its representative character. The first bodies to deal with the circular of invitation were the Newcastle West Board of Guardians and District Council and the Croom District Council, and these have given the other Boards and Councils in Munster a splendid lead by unanimously deciding at their meetings on yesterday to send delegations to the muster. The Guardian who declared at the Newcastle West Board meeting that "we will all go" expressed what we have every confidence is the feeling and sentiment of the entire province regarding the forthcoming demonstration. The work of preparing for and organising the muster is proceeding most satisfactorily, the Committee sparing neither time nor trouble in making and perfecting arrangements of a very important and elaborate character. As already announced, special trains will be run from Cork, Waterford, Tipperary, Ennis, Tralee, and all other leading centres in Munster, so that Nationalists from all parts of the province will have an opportunity of attending to greet the leader who has succeeded in getting the Home Rule Bill placed on the Statute Book. The Volunteer display is certain to be an inspiring sight, and one well worth going a long distance to see, while the gathering outside that will be of enormous dimensions. Mr. REDMOND, it is expected, will make a momentous speech on the occasion. He will first speak to the National Volunteers, and will afterwards address the monster demonstration. Amongst the other speakers will be Monsignor RYAN, of Tipperary, and Colonel MOORE, Inspector-General of the National Volunteers. Most of the members of Parliament in Munster and the leading clergymen are also being invited to attend, so that the gathering will be thoroughly qualified to voice the opinions of the Southern province as to whether Mr. REDMOND is entitled to the gratitude and continued confidence of the people he has worked for so strenuously and with such conspicuous ability and success.

SHOOTING AT GLIN

The Knight of Glin, D.L., writes our Glin correspondent, is entertaining a party of gentlemen who are shooting over the demese preserves, pheasants and woodcock being plentiful. The following are the guns:—Captain Finch, Captain White, Mr. Ballingall, Mr. Arthur White, Mr. G. Browning, Mr. Browning, Mr. Willington, Mr. Walter Leslie.

THE WAR LOAN

OVER SUBSCRIBED

STATEMENT BY CHANCELLOR

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM.)

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Lloyd-George stated that the War Loan had been greatly over subscribed. There had been 100,000 applications, and first allotments were to be given to small applicants.

FOUND DEAD

TRAGIC END OF BRUREE WOMAN

Mrs. Margaret O'Rourke, aged about sixty years, who was the only occupant of the house in which she resided at Bruree, was found dead under the following circumstances:—In the morning a little boy called with milk; the door was closed; he knocked, and not getting a response he went and informed Mr. John O'Donnell, relieving officer, who, with Constable Daly, proceeded to the house and put in the door. They found Mrs. O'Rourke lying in the bed, partly dressed with a blanket over her. She was dead, but did not appear to have been very long so. She was previously seen on the evening before. She had been receiving medical treatment for years, and an inquest was not considered necessary.

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been constantly led in the field by King, who had never left Belgian territory. The British troops never left the trenches for 14 days or nights, and never allowed the enemy to sustain a footing on them. British losses were heavy, but slight in comparison with the enemy. The reinforced Russian troops on the Vistula had checked and defeated the Germans with heavier losses than they had ever sustained before. The number of casualties was heavy, but the British actual losses were relatively low. There was real need and ample room for all the men who were ready to come forward and serve their country. When further special calls were made on the manhood of England he was confident they would be responded to in a manner and spirit which would ensure the prosecution of the war to its successful conclusion.

Nervousness in Berlin

Copenhagen, Thursday Night.

A private Berlin despatch states that the Censor for the past ten days permitted publication of no news from the Eastern Front except brief headquarters' reports. The fact is causing nervousness in Berlin.

Political Developments in Balkans and Near East

Another private message from Berlin states that political developments in the Balkans and Nearer East arouse greater interest than the Portuguese Parliament's Declaration.

Further Declarations of War Expected

In Berlin leading political circles expect shortly further declarations of war in favour of Germany and Austria.

Australian Commissioner for New Guinea Territory

Melbourne, Friday.

Mr. Atlee Hunt, Secretary for External Affairs, has been appointed Commissioner for the New Guinea Territory, seized by Australian forces.

BIG SURRENDER

Of 50,000 Germans

ANOTHER CORPS SURROUNDED

Paris, Friday.

A Petrograd despatch published in the *Matin* says a German Army Corps number 50,000 men has surrendered, while another corps is surrounded.

RUSSIANS ON OFFENSIVE

Austrians Driven Back

SEVERAL THOUSAND PRISONERS,
TAKEN IN HUNGARY

The Russian offensive on Czenetochova, Cracow Line, has been redoubled in intensity. The Russian troops have driven Austrians back to the west of Cracow, and have penetrated into Hungary, making several thousand prisoners.

THE BULWARK EXPLOSION

Caused by Dropping Shell

WHILE LOADING AMMUNITION

The theory now advanced for the loss of the Bulwark is that the explosion was caused by the accidental dropping of a shell while loading ammunition.

BRITISH STEAMERS SUNK

Submarines at Work

CREWS SAVED

A message from Havre states that the British steamer Malachite has been sunk by a German submarine off Leheve. A submarine also sank the steamer Primo off Antifer. The crews of both vessels were saved.

HOLY WAR PROCLAMATION

Issued by Sultan

THE REASON FOR TURKEY'S ATTITUDE

Rome, Thursday.

The Constantinople newspapers publish the text of holy war proclamation signed by the Sultan and Sheik Ul Islam. The proclamation declares that holy war is directed solely against those states which have made war on Turkey.

TURKISH ARMY ADVANCE

PARALYSED FOR WANT OF WATER

Rome, Friday.

A Cairo telegram says that the Turkish army advancing across Sinai Peninsula is now at Naan and Ennukhl, fifty and sixty miles, res-