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panied by Mr F J Wall, l Association, and other otball, had a conference he War Office yesterday of importance affecting discussed. It is under- ntion of a battalion of idered. The proceedings

It is believed that the mine was driven to the position of the explosion by the gale. (Passed for publication.)

MR. JOHN DILLON AND RECRUITING

Replying to a letter from the principal teacher of a school in Co. Mayo, enclosing a subscription for comforts for the Connaught Rangers serving at the front, Mr John Dillon says:—A disgusting campaign of calumny and abuse is now being carried on against everyone who has the courage to volunteer to take his stand beside those gallant men of the Connaught Rangers and other Irish regiments, who for the last three months, with superb courage, against terrible odds and unparalleled hardships, have maintained the well-known reputation of their fighting race.

Speech by the German Chancellor.

Amsterdam, Wednesday.

A Berlin telegram states:—The Imperial Chancellor, continuing his speech in the Reichstag to-day, said the Cabinet of London allowed this monstrous world-wide war to come about hoping with the help of the entente to destroy the vitality of England's greatest European competitor in the world's markets. The entire world knows two facts—one is that when our troops entered Belgian territory they were on the ground of a State which had given up its neutrality long ago; the other is, not for the sake of Belgian neutrality, which she herself undermined, did England declare war on us, but because she believed she would be able to master us with the help of two great Continental Powers.

LIMERICK MAN LOST IN THE 'MONMOUTH.'

Mr M. A. Tracey, Composer, Baker Place, Limerick, has received a communication from the Admiralty, dated 29th ult., conveying the sad intelligence that his son, Frederick William Francis Patrick Tracey, Stoker Petty Officer, is believed to have been on board H.M.S. "Monmouth," when that vessel was sunk on the 1st proximo in the Valparaiso fight. A letter has also been received from Mr Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, stating "The King commands me to assure you of the true sympathy of his Majesty and the Queen in your sorrow."

The sympathy of many friends in Limerick will go out to Mr Tracey in the great loss he has sustained in the death of his son, who was a Limerick man. Mr Tracey has another son, A E Tracey, serving on board H.M.S. "Gold Finch."

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(2) This rule has very recently been relaxed as the result of an arrangement between the Governments of France and Great Britain, with the concurrence of General Joffre, Commander-in-Chief.

(3) In consequence of this relaxation, a party of selected journalists has been allowed to visit the lines of the French army. The selection was made by the French Government. The date was fixed by them at too short a notice to enable the British Government to take part in this selection.

(4) Arrangements are being made, with General Joffre's consent, for the despatch of another party of British correspondents to visit the lines of the Allied armies.

The members of this last named party will be selected by arrangement with the British Government. Due notice will be issued of the further steps which will be taken to secure that so far as the necessarily limited numbers of the party will permit, selection shall be of an impartial and representative character.

PROUDEST MAN IN EUROPE.

King Albert Sees the Invader About to Retire.

Writing from the North of France a special correspondent of the Standard says:—

There are very strong indications that the fresh attempt by the Germans to force their way to Calais by turning or piercing our Left Wing has been abandoned almost as soon as it was begun. This can mean one thing only—the immediate retirement of the Germans in West Flanders.

The Allies have maintained their line intact from the North Sea to Switzerland. They are stronger at almost every point than they have ever been before, and have mobile reinforcements ready for emergencies, with excellent railway service to every important strategic position. The Germans have hurled enormous forces upon the northern portion of the Allies' line during the last six weeks, and have been repeatedly repulsed. Worst of all for them, it has been impossible to conceal the truth from the German soldiers, whose faith in the invincibility of the German war machine is shaken, if not shattered. Broken faith in their War Lord means divided counsels and unsteady moral for German officers and men alike.

The proudest man in Europe at this moment is the heroic King Albert. At last, after weeks of anxiety, he sees the Germans about to retreat, balked of the immediate triumph on which they had counted as a foregone achievement, the complete conquest of Belgium. King Albert has not only claimed the right of defending the last remnant of his kingdom with his own troops, which is why the Belgian troops have been concentrated and maintained on the line from Dixmude to the coast, even when the bulk of them were almost worn out with fatigue, but he has never once left Belgian soil since the war began. This determination to defend Belgium to the last ditch, so admirably carried out, is in itself such a splendid exhibition of indomitable pluck that it is an example to every patriot of the Allied nations. His noble Queen has faithfully supported him. Their patriotism is superb.

Temporary-Major Sir F. P. Fletcher-Vane, Bart., has been appointed to the 9th Battalion Royal Munster Fusiliers.

The Rev. John Warren, B.D., has been appointed to the curacy-in-charge of Cahireiveen, Diocese of Ardferd and Aghadoo.

1, of the 5th Battalion recently married to Miss [Name], Clogheen, has been Major.