

POLAND.

Austrians Routed in Galicia.

Petrograd, Wednesday.

An official communique issued to-day says—

Along the front of the armies operating along the left bank of the Vistula there was a lull, except in Bolimoff and Inowldz districts, and to the south of Malogostcha, where desperate fighting continues.

Assuming the offensive from Bolimoff, the Germans, under heavy fire from us, made an irruption into the village of Borgimoff, and our trenches near Gumine, but our troops by an impetuous counter-attack, killed off all the enemy with the bayonet, except a few score who were made prisoners. In this fighting we took some German machine guns, inflicting enormous losses on the enemy, who sent successively several regiments belonging to various army corps into this district. Near Inowldz our troops captured the enemy's trenches to the south of Passade, and occupied them after a stubborn struggle.

South of Malogostcha an attack delivered by the enemy, after a prolonged bombardment, was repelled by our artillery.

Near the village of Bokhinetz the enemy captured our entrenched position, but was driven from it and routed by our counter attack.

In West Galicia our troops are progressing victoriously. East of Zakelichine we carried by assault several of the enemy's fortified works, capturing 44 officers, 1,500 men, and eight quick-firers.

South-west of Dukla our troops, by a most determined attack, dislodged the Austrians from their strong positions, and put them to flight in panic. We have also gained an important success north of Lysko, near Gorjanko.

We have repelled counter-attacks by the enemy in the Carpathians, in the Dujok Pass, as well as fresh sorties by the garrison of Przemysl.

More R.I.C. Men for Irish Guards.

Sir Neville Chamberlain, Inspector-General R.I.C., addressed, at the Depot yesterday, prior to their departure for Caterham, another contingent of some 40 members of the Force who have joined the Irish Guards. Congratulating the men upon their decision to go to the front, he characterised their act as a brave one at this time of stress and trouble. He trusted every possible measure of success would attend their efforts, and hoped at a later date to be able to welcome them back.

Subsequently, the new Guardsmen, escorted by a guard of honour and the depot band, marched to the L. and N. W. boat at North Wall, where they had an enthusiastic send-off.

Call to Arms.

Archbishop of Canterbury's Appeal.

London, Wednesday.

In the course of a New Year's letter to the clergy and laity of the diocese, the Archbishop of Canterbury says:—"Every week brings home more vividly to English firesides the sacredness of the call which has rung out to our manhood, and it is with the full, calm sense of what the sacrifice may mean that our best and strongest are being everywhere enrolled. The well-being, nay, the very life of our Empire may depend upon the response which is given to the call for men, and I think we can say deliberately that no home will be acting worthily if in timidity or self-love it keeps back any of those who can loyally bear a man's part in the great enterprise on behalf of the land we love." In conclusion, his Grace says: "Be ours the task to raise hereafter, even out of the agonies of the war, something better and holier than man has yet seen."

How Commerce Laws Affect the Expected Expansion.

In connection with the expected expansion of American trade which has recently taken such a leap upon the imagination of American business men, it is pointed out by financial experts here (says the London "Evening Standard," that perhaps the main difficulty in the way of international expansion for United States commerce is the stringency of the American laws for the regulation of commerce, and particularly for the suppression of so-called "trusts."

The matter is explained succinctly in a current issue of "The Americans" magazine, published by the National City Bank in the interest of foreign commerce. When the organisation of co-operative selling campaigns has come to the point where agreements have to be necessarily signed, it has been suddenly realised that this kind of team-work on the part of concerns competing in domestic business is in technical violation of the anti-trust laws. It ought to be permissible for a dozen competing manufacturers in the interests of a general upbuilding of export trade to agree upon a price at which their product would sell in a foreign market, and not be obliged to make the business unprofitable for all by not only being forbidden the right of mutual understanding as to price, but being actually compelled to compete against one another.

The extent of European purchase of American foodstuffs is indicated in the fact that the statistics of the country's foreign trade for November, according to the Department of Commerce, showed a 300 per cent. increase in foodstuffs over the figures for the same month of last year. Breadstuffs valued at £8,046,566 were sent abroad. Meat and cattle exports increased £472,800. Exports of cotton, on the other hand, amounted to only £6,384,663, a decrease of £14,200,000 compared with November, 1913. Mineral oils showed a decrease of almost £400,000.

DEATH OF A WOUNDED SERGEANT.

One of the few remaining wounded soldiers in Barrington's hospital died last evening in that institution, where he had been lying since his arrival from the fighting round Armentiers, in which his left shoulder was seriously injured by shrapnel fire. The deceased was Sergeant Clarence Chantrey, 1st Batt King's Shropshire Light Infantry, and he was interned at Barrington's on the 26th October last, with the party of some forty officers and wounded men, who arrived on that date from the front, and nearly all of whom have since left convalescent. The deceased was but 23 years of age, and was, it is understood, a native of Birmingham, the mother of deceased journeying from the midland capital to see her son, of whose condition she had been kindly informed by the hospital authorities. The funeral of the deceased with military honours will take place to-morrow.

Trench Tragedy.

Soldier Killed While Opening Christmas Parcel.

"There was one pathetic sight in our trenches after a 'Jack Johnson' had exploded," writes a corporal from Bristol. "In a corner we found a chap of the Highland Light Infantry lying dead, with all the nice presents that had been sent out from home round him. There was a plum pudding and a packet of chocolate, some matches, and a lot of cigarettes, with socks and woollen comforters and things. His head had fallen forward on top of the box with the pudding, and his hands were resting on the box of cigarettes. On his lips was the smile that you would expect from any man who found himself remembered so well at this time of year."

in Ireland, and as each year progress in this subsidiary fund institution, it is to be hoped collection will mark yet another Irish Branch of the Railway Botion was founded in 1891, and committee of the chief railway of Mr John Bagwell, General Manager Northern Railway (Ireland), is in man. The main objects of the relief of necessitous railway office who are incapacitated through and their widows and orphans in distressed circumstances—a known to the public. The special "Casualty Fund," however, is to among railway servants arising early or sudden death, by accident and for this purpose all classes invited to contribute at least annum to participate in the fund year now drawing to a close 117, servants in the United Kingdom and relief was given in 5,889 cases by accident, 5,343 injured, and illness. We have no doubt the will also help the fund by a dollar Year's gift. Should it be incorporated personally at a railway station may be sent to any stationmaster

PATRICKSWELL PETTY

Compliment to Head Constable.

At Patrickswell Petty Sessions Magistrates present being—Mr (presiding), Mr M. O'Brien, Harding.

After the opening of the court, Mr Kelly, R.M., said they had feelings of great satisfaction that who was stationed at Patrickswell had been promoted to the rank of

Mr Harding proposed the following—"We the Magistrates presiding Petty Sessions desire to express satisfaction at the promotion of Sergeant to the rank of Head Constable. Time he had charge of this Long always gave us pleasing efficiency and unfailing attention desire to congratulate him on promotion.

Mr O'Brien seconded, and deserved any tribute they could was always a most efficient and

Mr Meredith, D.I., also spoke praise of Sergeant Long, and said promotion. He thanked the many nice references to the Head Constable

Mr Clifford, C.P.S., said he associated with the resolution was a personal friend of his, and obliging officer.

Mr P. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, legal profession, and on his own the compliment paid to Sergeant had a fair fight with him and still the worse friends. He greatly abilities.

Mr Kelly in declaring the said he did so with the utmost endorsed all that had been said Head Constable.

The resolution was ordered to Constable Long's authorities.

LIMERICK GUARDIAN

The next meeting of the Limerick Guardians will be held on proximo, yesterday's meeting being a fortnight, owing to the officers and oversee the special dinner to be held on Wednesday of the year

MUNICIPAL TECHNICAL LIMERICK.