

## of British Reply authorised.

by the American Embassy  
to Washington purporting to  
be British reply to the American  
statement by the Ambassador in  
unauthorised.

## Relief Fund

Relief Fund to-day reached a

## and Exchange of disabled Prisoners.

A Rome message states that  
proposing the exchange of disabled  
prisoners for such exchange.

## OF CARDINAL MERCIER.

## on in Belgium.

## revent Reading of oral Letter.

Amsterdam, Wednesday.  
created in Belgium by the arrest  
of the Primate of the Kingdom,  
Monsieur Mercier. Now the news has been  
that the Germans, not content with  
having taken the prelate under a military  
guard, have taken into custody the printer  
of the letter which aroused their fury.  
Until recently Burgomaster of  
Antwerp learned that the letter had  
been sent by courier throughout the  
country, soldiers in motor cars at  
the pursuit and searched all the  
priests had not read the letter,  
prevented to interrupt the reading  
from the pulpit, while others  
in some villages the priests were  
driven from the vestry and even from the con-

ventual Mercier was still being  
held in prison. The printer, however,  
is now on bail.

in Antwerp have been forbidden  
from their pulpits, and have  
made a declaration not to read any  
letter during the next few days.  
Antwerp declare that the Car-  
dinal's letter has been sent to Brussels, but no  
copy has been obtained of this. All the  
pulpits in Antwerp are guarded  
till Sunday in some churches  
where the letter was posted near the pulpits  
preventing the reading of the pastoral letter.

## s Doom Sealed.

## om Cardinal Logue.

sent the following telegram to  
last night:—  
"The Emperor and the treatment of his  
son, the doom of the Kaiser and his

Radiant, Smile, Ocydrome, 5 years; Sunny  
Lake View, Law Varies, Clairvoyante, Mount  
William, Lie-Abed, Polycrates, Dolabella, Fruit-  
lands, Courageous, Red Zinch, Happy Warrior,  
Evandale, Cambysses, By George, Gunbearer,  
Honeywood, Irish Chief, St. Mara, Elgon,  
Brotherstone, King's School, Ambassador,  
4 years; Lux, 3 years.

## Ulster Volunteers.

### Inspection by Sir E. Carson.

Sir Edward Carson, at a parade yesterday of  
the Mid-Antrim men in Kitchener's Army at  
Helen's Bay, Co. Down, said that they had an  
honourable task before them. They had to fight  
a brave and skilful foe. Let them not believe a  
word about cowardice, incompetence, or want of  
equipment of the Germans. It was a scientific  
war, and everybody knew that in such a conflict  
it was efficiency and discipline that won in the  
long run. He knew they would be a credit to  
Ulster.

## THE CANADIAN RELIEF GRANT.

Out of the grant of flour given to the home  
country by the Canadian Government towards  
the relief of distress caused by the war, the  
Mayor (Ald P O'Donovan), has been informed by  
the Local Government Board that 1,000 bags will  
be forwarded by them to him for distribution  
among the necessitous poor. The Mayor, it is  
understood, is considering whether it would not  
be advisable to have the flour baked, and have  
the distribution a bread supply one.

## FATAL ACCIDENT.

A small boy named John Mason, 11, Stokes's  
Lane, was admitted to Barrington's Hospital  
yesterday afternoon suffering from shock and  
concussion caused by accidentally falling off a  
donkey cart that was being driven across the  
square of the New Barracks sometime about  
half past two o'clock. The little fellow was  
attended to by the military doctor at the barracks,  
and subsequently he was conveyed to Barrington's  
Hospital for treatment. He gradually grew  
worse, and died shortly after one o'clock this  
morning in the institution. The facts of the  
occurrence were conveyed to the City Coroner,  
Mr J F Barry, J.P., but in the circumstances, the  
occurrence being purely accidental, it was not  
deemed necessary to hold an inquest.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SEA.

John McGrath, fisherman, picked up at the  
Black Weir, in Youghal harbour, on Tuesday  
evening, a bottle containing a small piece of  
paper, on which was written the following:—  
"Monday, 29th September, 1904; lat. 29. 55 N.,  
15.4 (or 15.4 E.). Wrecked on a coral reef; crew  
drowned. Seafay 146901, 8610, 18 h.p.—P. A.  
Karter." If the latitude and longitude have been  
correctly given and deciphered it would appear to  
be a hoax, as the above figures would indicate a  
point on the African continent in Tripoli.

## KILRUSH PETTY SESSIONS.

At the Kilrush Petty Sessions Court on Mon-  
day, the magistrates presiding were—Mr J S  
Dowling (in the chair), Mr Batt Culligan, Mr M  
Mescall, and Mr Wm Carmody.

### ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Joseph Markham, a farmer's son, residing at  
Cree, summoned another farmer named John

crease of £17,047,992. Imports for the year 1911  
amounted to £697,432,642, against £768,734,73  
in 1913; decrease of £71,302,090. Exports were  
£430,230,726, compared with £525,245,289; de-  
crease of £95,014,564.

## PROLONGED CONFERENCE IN DOWNING STREET.

Several Ministers were in conference at 10  
Downing Street this morning for over two hours.  
They included—Lord Kitchener, Sir Edward  
Grey, Lord Haldane, Mr Churchill, and the  
Marquis of Crewe.

## THE DUKE OF BUCCLEUCH.

The Duke of Buccleuch was received in audience  
by the King to-day, and handed to his Majesty  
the insignia of the Orders of the Garter and the  
Thistle of which Orders the late Duke was a  
member.

## CONCERT AT HOSPITAL.

On Tuesday night what proved to be a concert  
of exceptional merit, was held in the Hall, Hospital,  
under the aegis of the City and County United  
Aid League. There was a large audience, and  
the programme was up to the standard set by the  
promoters of these popular and enjoyable enter-  
tainments, Mr. P. Bernard conducted with  
his usual skill and ability. Indeed it may be said,  
that the various concerts, arranged by the League,  
owed much to his initiative and the energy he  
has thrown into the work. The proceedings  
opened with the trio "I Naviganti" rendered by  
Mrs J Hartigan, Messrs R Clune and J Clifford,  
with pleasing effect. Quintin's romantic composi-  
tion "Stars remind me of you ever" was given with  
expression by Mrs J Hartigan, who was recalled  
and graciously responded with another touching  
little number. Mr J Clifford sang in spirited  
style "Baldful Tom," and was also recalled. A  
pretty rendering of "Till the Boys Come Home,"  
was supplied by Miss Cissie Higgins, while Mr  
R Clune's cultured tenor was heard to advantage  
in the telling song, "Mountain Lovers," and he  
had to respond to an encore. The humorous  
element was upheld by Lieut. Thorley, whose  
song, "My Word," created endless merriment,  
and, in reply to an insistent encore, he gave another  
refreshing novelty from his repertoire. Mrs. M.  
White sang with singular sweetness and taste a  
song which elicited rapturous applause, while Miss  
Ita Morony's character song, "The Quaker Girl,"  
was again a feature of the entertainment. Miss N.  
Hogan gave some graceful exhibitions of Irish step-  
dancing, which were greatly appreciated. Miss C.  
O'Brien, who possesses a mezzo of much promise,  
contributed two songs, and received the unstinted  
plaudits of the audience. The well-knit little  
comedy "Dick's Sister," was very well received.  
The two roles which it embodies were portrayed  
by Miss M White and Mr R Clune, who extracted  
every ounce of humour out of its possibilities, and  
by their artistic display gave its meaning an  
added zest. The entertainment, which was a  
pronounced success, was brought to a close by  
the singing of the popular and world wide ditty,  
"It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary" by Mrs  
J Hartigan.

Subsequently Mrs Gubbins, Kilrush, enter-  
tained the performers.

## DEATH OF OF MRS. ARRAHALL.