

de enemy, their guns spouting huge shells hissing through the air, and making great rents in the once clear sky, then disappearing amidst a storm of shells, smoke and fire. Smilingly they stand to their posts under the fiercest dangers that were ever known in the stirring fights in Nelson's days, and their gallant crews, who are ever ready for a fray, wherever they had a fair chance to have inflicted signal defeats on the enemy, and in spite of the perils of the sea and land mine are maintaining our flag on the wide world over. Do not forget the great but silent work done by the British Navy, and the vigilance regarding not only the sanctity of our ports and homes, but the great trade routes backwards and forwards, the transit of troops from the corners of the Empire to the front in France. There are, in our days, no longer possible. Scientific progress has made them a thing of the past. The proud fact stands out to-day, as of yore, that there is no lack of coolness, courage, and firmness of our sailors, nor in the spirit of our soldiers to conquer or die in the service of their country and Empire.

IRRECURRENT COMMENT.

Prices in Berlin.
 Interesting remarks on food prices in Berlin for the month of November last are contained in the report of the Board of Trade. The prices were 20.9 per cent. above the level, as compared with 16.4 per cent. level in October. In November, compared with the previous month, there were increases in the price of wheat, flour, butter, lard, pork, bacon, rice, split peas, haricot beans, and lentils. Other articles showed no change or a slight decrease. Comparing November with those prevailing in July the most marked advances were in the price of bread, rye flour, butter, lard, eggs, split peas, haricot beans, and lentils. There were particularly large increases in the last three, which are very important in householding. The rye bread sold in Berlin was inferior in quality as compared with previous months. Butter in November had risen 17.3 per cent., and lard by as much as

had him reported. In Dublin he had been charged with stealing a tie, and had been dealt with under the First Offenders Act in connexion with the larceny of a bicycle eighteen months previously. Other evidence having been given, Sergeant Misholan gave evidence, and, in reply to Mr. Moran, stated that he entered room 5 block at ten minutes after 10 on the night in question; he ordered the men to go to bed; Private Clohessy made some mumbling remarks and began to sneer at him, and witness ordered him to bed; witness placed his hand on his shoulder and told him if he did that kind of thing towards him that he would put his foot into his mouth; witness lost his temper; witness never struck Private Clohessy; the bugle then sounded lights out and the witness put out the light in the room; when Private Clohessy got out of bed witness followed him to get him into the bed again as he did not want to be getting him into trouble, and tried to grip him to get him back to bed. Witnesses were examined on behalf of the defendant, and having heard Mr. Moran, the Court reserved judgment, pending their decision being approved by the military authorities.

THE MAYORALTY.

A special statutory meeting of the Corporation has been convened for noon on Saturday to elect a Mayor and also to nominate three burgesses qualified to serve the office of City High Sheriff, the selection resting with the Lord Lieutenant. There are three candidates mentioned for the Mayoralty, but the general feeling is that the present holder of the office, Ald. P. O'Donovan, will be re-elected by a large majority if a poll should be proceeded to.

DEATH OF MISS S. COUNIHAN.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Susan Counihan, which took place at her residence, 51 George street, early this morning. The deceased lady had been ailing for some time, and her death was not unexpected. She was elder daughter of the late Mr Francis Counihan, proprietor of the *Munster News*, and sister of Dr John F Counihan, J.P., Kilrush, and the late Alderman Counihan, J.P., and Mr W. E. Counihan, solicitor. She was of a kind and charitable disposition, and her demise is keenly regretted by her relatives and friends.

ENNIS PETTY SESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

At the weekly Court on Friday, the chair was occupied by Mr George McElroy, R.M.
PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.
 There was a prosecution against Martin Skerritt, Ennis, for exposing his two children in a manner likely to cause them unnecessary suffering and injury to their health.
 The Chairman asked was not the defendant convicted of two offences of drunkenness at the previous Court.
 Sergeant Neazer said he was, and he had been fined 2s 6d in each case.
 Defendant said he had taken the pledge since.
 Mrs Skerritt, who had a child in her arms, said she had taken the pledge too.
 Sergeant—I wonder who was drinking the porter the day I went up?
 Chairman—That was after the pledge.
 Defendant—I did not see any porter there.
 Sergeant—I saw it there.
 Eventually the case was adjourned for a week for the husband and wife to produce documentary evidence of having taken the pledge.
 There were a few cases of no lights on vehicles, and this closed a brief list.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND.

German Losses to Date.

2,225,000 Killed, Wounded, and Missing.

(*"Times"* War Telegram, per Press Association.)
 Copenhagen, Monday.

The last five Prussian casualty lists published contain respectively 7,901, 8,335, 8,169, 5,821, and 3,478 names, making 36,774 officers and men killed, wounded, and missing, and bringing the total of the 136 lists of Prussian losses up to 877,109. To these must be added 136 Bavarian, 92 Saxon, 94 Wurtemberg, and 14 Navy lists. The total German losses to date may be reckoned at two and a quarter millions.

Austrian Losses.

(Press Association War Special).
 Amsterdam, Monday.

The *"Vossische Zeitung,"* of Berlin, learns from Vienna that a hundred casualty lists which till November have been published concerning the Austro-Hungarian losses show 8,980 wounded, 2,263 killed, and 628 missing officers; and 231,160 wounded, 40,827 killed, and 9,502 missing men. Numerous wounded have already returned to the front.

ASIA MINOR.

Pursuing Beaten Turks.

Petrograd, Monday.
 A despatch from the Headquarters Staff of the Army of the Caucasus says:—

The pursuit of the Turkish Army, beaten at Kara-Urgan, continues.
 At Jenikoi a battle, which was fought with great obstinacy for two days ended in the defeat of portions of the 3rd Turkish Division, which fled precipitately after losing heavily, and abandoning two machine guns, the officers' baggage train, and many prisoners.
 The Turks lost three hundred killed and wounded by sabres in a cavalry charge by a regiment of Siberian Cossacks.
 On the other fronts the fighting has been insignificant.

Against the War.

Growing Movement Amongst German Socialists.

A Berlin telegram to the *"Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant"* says:—
 "Herr Liebknecht, the German Socialist leader, has informed the leaders of the International Socialist Union that the anti-war movement among German Socialists is growing.
 "He added that the Socialist unions, almost without exception, agreed to his point of view and had declared against the war."—Reuter.

American Coast Defences

Washington, Saturday.
 Mr Garrison, the Secretary for War, in response to a resolution passed by the House of Representatives on Thursday, has informed the House that there are no guns of more than 12 inch calibre in the coast defences of the United States. These are much inferior in range to the largest guns of the latest European Dreadnoughts but they could be brought to the same level with slight alteration in the mountings.