

at various points along the line, and a despatch states that enemy airmen bombs in Ostend, and airmen flew over Verdun, dropping incendiary bombs.

Eastern Field.

RUSSIAN RETREAT FROM PRUSSIA.

Big German Losses.

A Russian official despatch gives in detail the reasons for the withdrawal from East Prussia. It was definitely ascertained that German army corps had appeared on the front, and this necessitated the falling back of Russian troops in order to ensure the safety of remaining them and effecting concentration. The despatch adds that it is presumed that the Russians are now engaged in a great and long operation, which will definitely decide the struggle in Eastern

regard to the operations in the East. The despatch states that the Germans in occupying the heights of Koziomoka, were defeated after a fierce bayonet fight 400 dead on the field.

An official despatch published in Paris during the recent operations in Poland reports that losses are reported to exceed 40,000

German Despatch

An official despatch issued yesterday regarding operations in East Prussia states that the Germans were forced to effect a hasty evacuation of positions in the Mazurian Lakes. The despatch claims to have captured in the recent operations 25,000 prisoners, and over 20 cannon and machine guns. On the right bank of the Vistula German troops are taking the offensive and have captured Sierpcz.

Admiral Jellicoe Honoured.

It is announced in the "London Gazette" that the King has appointed Admiral Sir John Jellicoe to be a Knight of the Order of the Bath, in recognition of his meritorious services during the

Rise of Flour in Dublin.

The price of flour in Dublin was further advanced yesterday, the quotations showing a rise of 1s per sack since Tuesday.

THE CORPORATION.

A special meeting of the Corporation has been held for Thursday night in reference to the removal of the Asylum Committee, the result of a credit balance the cost by the Corporation for the additions to the Catholic Chapel and the estimate and the estimate of the Corporation for their contribution towards the maintenance of patients in the Asylum.

A FALL IN WHEAT

Wheat made 58s per quarter at Northampton

reply to the queries submitted and enclosed. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should supply the necessary information. The other business was routine.

NEWCASTLE WEST UNION.

Mr Thomas Hurley, J.P. Co. C. Chairman, presided at Thursday's meeting of the Newcastle West Board of Guardians and District Council, and the other members present were—Messrs J. McCarthy, J. D. O'Reilly, M. Flynn, T. Roche, P. B. Duddy, M. O'Callaghan, M. Irwin, J. Quaid, D. Diew, J. Keane, J. Ambrose, P. Woulfe, T. Kennedy, T. McEniry, J. Dalton, P. Downey, J. Dody, J. Barrett, L. C. Harnett, and D. Condon.

APPLICATIONS FROM CONTRACTORS.

A number of contractors applied for increases in their contract prices owing to the rise caused by the war. The consideration of the matter was adjourned until the 31st March, when the new contracts will be declared.

RESIGNATION OF HEAD NURSE.

A letter was read from the head nurse in the hospital resigning her position owing to continued ill-health.

The resignation was accepted with regret.

MALICIOUS INJURY AWARD.

Mr E. Leahy, solicitor to the Board, reported that in a malicious injury claim brought by a Mr. Quinlan at the Kanturk Quarter Sessions a few days ago, the Judge awarded £270 compensation, £180 of which was to be levied off the County Limerick. The place in which the malicious injury was alleged to have occurred is Newcastle West Union.

No action was taken on the matter.

SCARCITY OF CONTRACTORS.

A discussion took place relative to contracts for repairs to cottages, and Mr. Leahy, engineer, said it was impossible to get contractors to carry out repairs at present.

It was decided to allow the matter of dealing with such repairs to the discretion of the engineer.

DEATH OF MRS B GARRY.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs Bridget Garry, which occurred at her residence, Red House, Barrington's Bridge, yesterday morning. The deceased lady was wife of Mr Daniel J Garry, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt in his great affliction. The funeral will leave Murroe R.C. Church at one o'clock to-morrow for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

VICE-REGAL DEPARTURE.

Address to Lord and Lady Aberdeen.

A public meeting was held in the Round Room of the Mansion House last evening, at which the Lord Mayor of Dublin presided, for the purpose of presenting an illuminated address, from representative bodies in the provinces, and a golden casket to the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair on the eve of their departure from Ireland. The address referred to the devoted services which their Excellencies had unceasingly and unsparingly rendered to Ireland, combined with heartfelt expression of regret at their departure. His Excellency, in reply, referred to the many happy and pleasant days which he had spent in Ireland, and said he regarded the function not as a lasting farewell, but as the prospect of reunion with his many friends in Ireland in the future.

Earlier in the day Lady Aberdeen was presented

and given up by £984, clothing were things that the Committee had no. The Resident Medical Superintendent had gone into the question very fully, the Committee could not be regarded as gant. There were some remarks taking off £911 principal and interest loans. Well, on all occasions the report of the County Council on the Commission urged by the Corporation represented additional buildings at the Asylum, the probability was that that question raised again by these men. As far as I see, the idea was to give work, but for it.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Nolan, J.P. Town Clerk, urging the Council should combine with the Corporation an effort to reduce the estimates for Lunatic Asylum and the Board of Commissioners.

Mr O'Shaughnessy thought it would be advisable for the Corporation to mitigate business.

The Chairman said the Asylum was best managed institutions in the country.

On the motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Lynch, the general estimates were adopted.

ROAD MAINTENANCE.

In connection with the discontinuance of services of the labourers on certain roads, owing to the shortage of funds, a letter was sent to the Local Government Board stating that the Board had no objection to the expenditure on the maintenance of such roads, and the employment of labourers thereon.

The Chairman—That is a satisfactory decision. On the proposition of Mr. O'Shaughnessy, seconded by Mr. Bennett, it was agreed that the terms of the letter.

QUARRY ORDERS.

Mr. Ryan, Co. Surveyor for the West, informed the meeting that he had issued quarry orders at Newcastle West Petty Sessions yesterday and was refused by the magistrates. He had an absolutely good case, and that these matters there was no appeal. The decision of the magistrates in the difficulty of road maintenance.

The Chairman—Was there much maintained out of that quarry for some time? sought an order to enter?

Mr. Ryan—It is the worst road in the county. I have given instructions that nothing be done with the road for six months. The people will realize what they have to do.

Mr. Mackey—Relinquish the road. Mr. Bourke said he felt disappointed that the Council's application should be refused. They had to do now was to appeal to the Government and put their position before the Government.

The Chairman—It is the feeling of the Council that this road should be abandoned.

Mr. Coleman concurred, and added that the position created was a serious one.

The Council fell in with the opinion of Mr. Ryan.

On the notice of Mr. Mackey, seconded by Mr. Fitzgibbon, the following was passed:

"That as the Chief source of revenue to the County is through the instrumentality of public roads, it is, therefore, the duty of the Council to be satisfied that the expenditure on such roads is of a definite purpose, and efficiency, and economy. It is the duty of the Council to be satisfied that the proposed Commission of six members from the Eastern Division of the County and six members from the Western Division, with the Chairman as ex-officio members, shall form a quorum, and that the Commission shall be held quarterly."

DEPUTATION FROM LABOUR.

A deputation attended from the labourers working on the roads and asked that