

Weather at the Front.

The French reported last night that in the recent bad weather we have made considerable progress east and south of Quinque. There have been numerous local fights for points behind the enemy's original line, the capture of several of these our infantry displayed great gallantry. There were no artillery engagements on the rest of it.

Early French communique announced that north of Ypres, east of the Yser Canal, the Germans, early in the night of the 20th, 21st, and 22nd, made an attack on the French trenches. They succeeded in gaining a foothold, but an immediate counter-attack drove them back, and the French to occupy some ground beyond their original positions. The French took 120 prisoners. Farther to the south the British forces made progress north of La Bassée.

The German report it is stated that the army of von Mackensen and other troops, in the shoulder to shoulder with the Austro-Hungarian armies, have captured since May 1st 1,000 prisoners, 72 guns, and 253 machine guns. In a warrant and non-commissioned officers at night gazetted second-lieutenants for their services in the field.

Lieutenant-Commander Ed C Boyle, R.N., has been awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry in command of submarine E14 in the Dardanelles. Other officers and men have been mentioned.

The President of the Prize Court condemned the German steamship Ophelia as a lawful prize on the ground that she was not constructed, used, or used for an hospital ship, but used for military purposes.

DANIELLES OPERATIONS.

Turkish Casualties in One Day.

Melbourne, Friday.
General Sir Ian Hamilton has sent the following communique to Sir R. Munro Ferguson, Governor-General of New Zealand:—The whole force mourns the death of Brigadier-General Bridges. The terrible loss was brilliantly avenged yesterday by our own troops, who inflicted a loss of 7,000 on the enemy, our cost being under 500.

Killed at the Dardanelles.

Lieutenant Bell, Lancashire Fusiliers, whose wife lives at Eaton's Cottages, Tipperary, has been killed in action at the Dardanelles.

French Trawler Sunk by Submarine.

Crew Lost.

The Press Association Brixham correspondent writes:—Another tragedy off the Devon coast on Thursday afternoon, when the French trawler St. Just, Arochon, was torpedoed by a German submarine about eight miles east of Plymouth, and thirteen of the crew either killed or drowned. The only survivor was Captain St. Just.

According to his statement the trawler was at anchor, stationary about 3 o'clock, her crew engaged in hauling trawling gear aboard.

Italy and the War.

Austria's Action a Casus Belli.

Paris, Saturday.

The "Gaulois" publishes the following telegram from Udine—The return of the Italian mails by Austria may be regarded as a casus belli by Italy, as the result of which she may at once open hostilities without any further diplomatic formality.

Rome, Saturday.

King Victor Emmanuel to-day sanctioned the Bill conferring Extraordinary Powers on the Government in the event of war and during the war. In the demonstration here the crowd took possession of a large American flag and shouted "Lusitania victims shall be avenged."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Lieut.-Col W. J. Alexander, Yorks Regiment, who was killed in action in France on the 14th inst, was the youngest son of the late Mr George Alexander, Rathfriland, Carlow. He was 43 years of age, and had seen much service in India, winning the medal with two clasps for gallantry.

In the casualty lists published to-day, the name of Second-Lieutenant W. H. Parker, Royal Munster Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion, appears under the heading "Officers previously reported wounded and missing, now reported killed." Officers wounded include Second Lieutenant W. S. R. Lane-Joynt, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.

Limerick Man Killed at Ypres

His many friends in his native city of Limerick will learn with regret of the death of Private George T. Kearon, 6th Battery Canadian Artillery, who fell in action in the fighting round Ypres recently. The deceased, who was aged about thirty years, was eldest son of the late Mr R. Kearon, Captain, Mercantile Marine, and nephew of Miss Euright, Crescent Avenue, Limerick. He left this country some years ago for Canada, and at the outbreak of the war joined the Dominion forces. He came to England with the first Canadian contingent, and shortly after Christmas proceeded to the front, where he saw much fighting, until he was killed in the recent fierce engagement around Ypres, where the Canadians distinguished themselves conspicuously.

Claremen Lost at the Front.

A Pathetic Letter.

The death, as at first reported from German poison gas, has occurred of Lance-Corporal Carroll, Fifth Lancers, son of Mr John Carroll, Bectivevale. From a letter received this week by his afflicted mother, from a comrade of the deceased, it would appear that death was due to a shell fragment, not gas. The writer, Lance Corporal Musgrave, says—"It was on Sunday, May 2nd, and we were preparing to be relieved from our trenches

Administration. In this, as in all other cases, no determination has been made as to what post he shall be called upon to

LORD KITCHENER

Action of London Exchange

A meeting of London Stock Exchange yesterday unanimously passed a resolution expressing entire confidence in Lord Kitchener's strong indignation at attacks in various portions of the Press. A copy of the report.

NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY

Meeting Convened

The following was issued last night:—

Irish Parliamentary
Dublin, 25th May.

Dear Sir—A meeting of the Irish Party will be held in the Mansion House on Tuesday next, May 25th, at which your attendance is earnestly desired.
—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM
R. HAZLITT
T. SCARLETT

THEATRE ROYAL

Grand Musical Entertainment

There was a large audience at the Theatre Royal this afternoon, when a grand musical entertainment was held in aid of the Red Cross Motor Ambulance. The programme was given under the auspices of the Castle Wards of the United Kingdom, and has, since its inception, helped to provide necessaries and comforts for our soldiers and sailors serving in the field. The programme was of a very bright and appealing, and was given with the utmost care, and were interpreted by gentlemen contributors in a most excellent manner for the unstinted plaudits of the audience. The appearance of Mrs. Killick-Margot Steed, Queen's artist, whose vocalism treat and of great range and power. Her songs were "Agatha Grey Bear" which were given with purity of tone. Miss Steed's "The Hills of Donegal" was a fine example of the power and beauty of technique. The contributors were—Miss O'Connor, Mrs. Martin White, Mrs. Hurley, Messrs P. McCarthy, J. Shaw, H. Spillane, J. Harrison, Privates Jones and Davidson. Two selections, "Poet and Peasant," and the overture, were played by the Royal Opera Band, and the accompaniment by Clifford with skill and ability. Cahill's contributions was the Brigade, which created a very fine effect. It is a welcome addition to the list of contributions which was written by two well-known names, Alice Doyle and Miss Lily Do