

Mons, the pressure on the French that notable and sanguinary battle, magnificent rally and retreat of the troops, the steadying of the fighting, the failure of overwhelming numbers of enemy to snatch a victory which, as they stood, should be theirs. Those were dark days of the war for the Allies in France. The retreat at Mons, however, the victory for France and England at the Marne, and the long period since, of waiting and waiting, leaves the position in the eastern field of war with the passage of France in the triumph of the cause that the armies of France and England are actually doing battle for all through crucial time. In the East, Russia, the troops have so splendidly done their part, is meeting the shock of battle without a faltering, or the moral of the fine soldiers in the field being unshaken. Her retreat has to retreat before superior numbers of more powerful artillery, but the fighting she has aligned still face the enemy, ever ready to counter attack and evince a dogged determination not to admit of a while a rifle can be used or a gun fired to stay the onset of the enemy. The fight at Riga is a good omen of future success, of that crowning victory for which the Allies, whether east or west, have set themselves the task of securing. Then, one make it, the Pyrrhic victories which the wrists of Germany have been so longling for the people of that country, have been seen in their true light, in their proportion. Then Germany shall have to make atonement for the misery and suffering, the savagery, the piracy, and the loss of life inflicted through the ambition of her ruler, and those he gathered round him for his fell designs.

**THE IRISH MAIL DISASTER.**

His death took place on Sunday night of the Irish rain disaster at Weedon and had been lying Northampton Hospital. His death makes 11 of those who received fatal injuries in the accident number ten.

ever may be in his place when that contingency arose, should be able to speak with one voice for Ireland.

**LIMERICK RECRUITING CAMPAIGN.**

A meeting in furtherance of recruiting in the city will be held at Be'field on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock under the auspices of the Limerick and District Recruiting Committee. The meeting will be attended by local bands, and as contributions to its funds for the purpose of conducting the campaign are needed, a charge of threepence will be made for admission. Certificates of honour will be presented to the relatives of the gallant men who have gone to serve their country from the city since the outbreak of war. The speakers at the meeting will include Sir Alex W Shaw, Mr J O'G Delmege, D.L, and Mr P E Bourke, J.P, as well as others interested in the movement.

**FUNERAL OF MR R. POPHAM.**

The remains of the late Mr Reginald Popham, whose death occurred on Saturday morning, were interred yesterday in the cemetery attached to St. Mary's Cathedral. At 3 o'clock the funeral left 14 Mallow street, the late residence of the deceased, and the attendance was evidence of the popularity enjoyed by Mr Popham during his connection with the city as an official of the Munster and Leinster Bank.

The chief mourners were—Rev Ernest Popham, Bandon (brother); and Mr J A Shephard, Cork (brother-in-law).

Amongst the general public were—Messrs T H Brett, Manager Munster and Leinster Bank; R H Corbett, Munster and Leinster Bank; H S Dawson, do; V J Turner, Manager National Bank; E F M Melville, Manager Provincial Bank; B Plummer, J T O Day, J Welby, R Harris, G Slade, C.E.; F A Johnstone, M Slade, C.E.; E G Stokes, A O'G Lalor, M Slade, junr; G S Smye, T F Ryan, County Surveyor; A E G Halloran, J Humphreys, T H Twigg, J J Quaid, DeCoursey Do'd, T D Morgan, Captain Murphy, C Armstrong, M Fitzgerald, J R Wallace, Wm Holliday, J.P; Ralph Nash, H Spillane, T O'B, Kelly, etc.

The following wreaths were sent:—"In loving memory of dear Reg., from his loving brothers abroad—Lionel (India), Harry and Herman (Ceylon), and Cyril, British Expeditionary Force, France"; "In loving memory of dear Reg., from his loving brother Ernest"; "From Jack and Alice, in ever loving memory"; "From Kate and Vivian, in fond memory"; "In deep sorrow, from Mr and Mrs Brett"; "Deepest sympathy from staff of Munster and Leinster Bank, Limerick"; "In loving memory, from the staff of the Munster and Leinster Bank, Dublin"; "With deepest sympathy, from Canon and Mrs O'Grady, The Rectory, Bantry"; "In affectionate memory, from A S Smye and H E C Halloran"; "With deep sympathy, from the Rev. Precentor and Mrs Adderley"; "Deepest sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Day."

The Rev. Precentor Adderley officiated. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P. McDonagh and Co.

The funeral of the late Mr. W. H. Spottiswoode took place at Llandrindod Wells to-day.

entrance to the Gulf of Riga. On Friday flat-bottomed boats brought landing party, which was repulsed, for being taken prisoners and the rest. What precise form of fighting took place German Fleet we do not know, but two were sent to the bottom, and the remainder of the Gulf of Riga with precipitous Dreadnought Cruiser, M.Like, sister Goeben, was sunk. Two, or, perhaps, three cruises went down, and seven or eight. One German submarine was run ashore east of Dago, and is, doubtless, also. It is practically certain that no Russian ships on even terms with these German were present in the Gulf of Riga. The destruction of the German ships was part work of submarines and mines in the matter, doubtless, it was lively fighting by respective small craft. The Russian one gun boat, which was set by German shells. The torpedoed nought cruiser must be the Moltke. The Goeben is in Turkey, the Von Der Tago was put out of action by striking man mine in home water, and the Seydlitz badly battered by British cruisers in the Sea. The Derfingler is now the only ship of this class left to Germany, whose Fleet becoming an unwieldy trunk lopped off. The captured boats of the landing party, estimated to have contained about a half six hundred to a thousand men of Marines. It is evident that we may expect more naval news from the Baltic within days. But the Gulf of Riga victory is a satisfactory first instalment of disaster to many.

**Rumania and War Munitions.**

According to private advices from Europe it is feared there that Germany will accept ultimatum to Rumania with reference to question of the transit of munitions from Turkey, which the Rumanian Cabinet is firmly resolved not to allow. A large number of railway trucks laden with war material stopped at Predeal, where, it is reported, concentration of Rumanian troops is taking place. Troops are also being concentrated at the petroleum regions are occupied by the

**Australia Favours Conscription.**

Mr Holman, the Premier, states that if the volunteer system fails he will not have support conscription for the duration of the war. Mr Black, Chief Secretary, thinks that could supply 1,250,000 men, and that they are fit to go must be compelled to do so.

**THE RINK PALACE.**

There were large audiences at the Rink last evening when, in addition to an picture programme, Mr Patrick Delaney, cultured violinist, provided a delightful treat. His playing of old Irish airs was out marked with brilliance and beauty of for which he was the recipient of hearty applause. He was accompanied by Mr Desmond F. a pianist of distinguished attributes. The pictures exhibited were capital, of dramatic, comic, and topical events.