

taxed for war purposes, though much as we are. The French Minister of has just asked for a war credit of billions for the last three months of the year, representing a daily expenditure of £2,609,000. The total amount of French Budget from August 1st, 1914, to December 31st, 1915, is estimated at millions, but it does not seem to be clear whether this is war expenditure or whether it represents the total outlay of the French Government. It is possible to know, of course, what they are spending on the war, but there is little doubt they are pouring out as much as we are, and, probably, considerably more.

The figures we have given indicate a terrific expenditure of money this war involving, and it would be a wise man can say or foretell when the limit will be reached. It must largely depend upon the capacity of Germany to withstand the daily increasing strain upon her, a strain which reports on the economic conditions in the Fatherland at the present moment seem to show, is unmistakably beginning to be felt in industrial and commercial circles. Our chief interest at the moment is in the introduction of the Budget by Mr McKenna on Tuesday next. No Budget in modern times has been so anxiously awaited by merchants and the public generally, and rarely, indeed, has more attention been indulged in as to the possibilities of new or increased taxation. It is a situation it is and nothing more, and we must possess our souls in peace until our liabilities, domestic and national, are known by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Lloyd George in his last official statement imposed a special war tax, which has brought in £65,000,000. Mr McKenna may have to find an additional £100,000,000. In performing his arduous task the Chancellor of the Exchequer is expected to make a drastic revision of the present exemptions and allowances. At all events, further burdens are certain, and according to the "Daily Graph" Parliamentary Correspondent,

who have their vacation still before them have good prospects, from a weather point of view.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Gubbin took place on Thursday, after a short illness, in Clonmel Infirmary. Deceased, who came of an old Limerick family, was born in Pennywell, and leaves a family to mourn her loss. The funeral took place to-day from the parish church, Clonmel, to the burial ground in the district, and was largely attended.

Replying to the Fermoy Urban Council's resolution of regret at the departure from the town of the 47th (Irish) Brigade, Brigadier-General Miles, Commanding, expresses appreciation of the compliment, stating that they all hope "some day to meet again in the pleasant surroundings" of that town. The War Office authorities intimate their gratification at hearing such good reports of the Brigade during their stay in Fermoy.

A large audience assembled in the Central Hall, Bedford Row, on Thursday evening, when a popular lecture was delivered by the Rev Edward Gearey, on "Indian jugglers and Entertainers." The lecturer who has spent several years in India, dealt with various phases of life in that country—juggling, antiquity, astrology, snake charming, athletics, religious festivals, etc.—in a most interesting and entertaining manner, and held the unabated attention of his audience from start to finish.

FUNERAL OF MR R. HEALY-JORDESON,

The funeral of Mr R. Healy-Jordeson, whose demise at the early age of 33 years occurred at his residence, Lower Cecil street, on the 13th instant, took place on Wednesday afternoon for St Munchin's. Many friends of the deceased, who was a great favourite and a bright and genial companion, attended to pay a last mark of respect to his memory. The clergy present were—Canon W. Heron and Rev G. L. Swain.

The chief mourners were—Sergeant-Major J. H. Jordeson, brother; and Misses Ida, Lilly, Rose, and Violet, sisters of the deceased.

Amongst the general public were—Messrs W. H. Owens and R. Despard (Whitehaven Coal Depot, where deceased was for many years an official), F. Winder, A. J. Hayes, G. N. Ruttie, C. Downey, G. B. Waugh, G. Waugh, A. King, J. McClatchey, W. Cromer, W. Horne, J. E. Galbraith, W. B. Smith, S. Jordan, P. Griffiths, W. Griffiths, L. O'Donnell, B. C. M. Daly, Thos. Meany, G. Irwin, J. P. Lynch, M. Roche, E. McBirney, G. Millar, P. O'Keefe, Head-Constable McKernan, Sergeant Kelly, W. Coulter, J. Curtin, D. O'Connell, A. Wyld, W. Thompson, M. McFarney, T. Wilson, J. Walsh, M. Hartigan, J. O'Keefe, A. H. Baldwin, J. J. O'Callaghan, J. Hallinan, etc.

Wreaths were sent by the following—"To dear Bob, from his loving brother and sisters"; "Deepest Sympathy, from Mrs Seales and family"; "Deepest Regret, from Daisy and Jack Waugh"; "Deepest Sympathy, from Mr and Mrs Fred Winder"; "With Deepest Sympathy, from Mrs Vokes and family"; "Sincere Sympathy, from W. H. Owens"; "From Mr and Mrs Waugh"; "In Affectionate Remembrance of Bob, from President and members of the Gymnasium Class, L.P.Y.M.A."; "With Deepest Sympathy, from the members of the Shannon Rowing Club"; "Sincere Regret, from Mr and Mrs R. Despard"; "Deepest Sympathy, from Mrs G. B. Caulfield, Copewood, Co. Limerick"; "Mrs Lloyd and children, Cartown, Co. Limerick."

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That report has yet to be considered meant the canvassing of the individual Ministers, and their classification in aid against national service is depreciable.

The question is not one of general principle but of their application to present conditions. It may be assumed that under Mr Asquith's experienced guidance, the Cabinet will take all considerations pressed upon them into the urgent necessity of maintaining in increasing strength in the field, the support of a united people at home.

It may be taken for granted that the action will be taken.

The debate of the past two days in the Commons has shown, if nothing else, that caution, as the Government are fully aware, is so vitally important a matter they must have the general assent of the nation. Political events, not only in the past months, but through recent years, give that an *impasse* will be avoided.

A NEW WAR CHARITY II

A new idea and a really good one has been put upon its feet in Dublin for securing funds to aid a hard lot of war prisoners captured from Regiments and the pressing needs of Refugees. The never-ending appeals for help have pressed hardly upon us although the objects are good and worthy, the demands upon one's resources, in every direction, often lessen the amount available for our benevolences. The appeal is not to the purse, but to the artistic sense and the desire to make a gift of those poor captives and prisoners and ones who have made sacrifices which insure our safety. The town and county of Ireland are full of treasures—objets d'art, pictures, engravings, jewels, silver, old china and glass, miniatures, oil paintings, and the appeal made by the influential Committee is that some article should be sacrificed in a call of mercy from amongst our households. Early in November next all the artistic articles will be disposed of at a Grand Art Sale, amidst most attractive surroundings in the city. The Sale will possess many features not created previously with an Art Sale in Dublin and as an example of this it may be said that a blank canvas will be offered at the highest bidder, who will secure the right to have a portrait painted of Mr John Lavery, the great Belfast artist whom H.M. the King had a special picture constructed at Buckingham Palace. It is that Mr Lavery should have the most favourable conditions for painting the portraits of the family. The Executive Committee is usually strong one, and includes the Mayor of Sligo, the Countess of Fingall, Lady Robinson, Mr Gainsford, St. Lawrence, John Rowle, Sir John G. Nutting, Walter Nugent, Bart, Sir John Bart, Rt. Hon. L. A. Waldron, P.C., Mr V. Murphy, the Director of the National Museum, Mr Walter G. Strickland, Mr B. Jellett and Mr Michael Murphy. The duties of Hon. Secretary are in the capable hands of Miss Eleanor Perse, 16 Kildare street to whom art offerings for the sale may be sent. They can be addressed to the honorary secretary to the sale, Messrs. Bonnet, 3 Upper Quay, Dublin. Her Excellency the Lady Curzon is much interested in this charitable endeavour, which is under her special patronage.