

## THE BUDGET.

meeting of the Limerick Chamber of Commerce, Mr. A. Murray, President, in his report on the statement of accounts for the year considered very satisfactory, and was very commendable, showing a considerable surplus for the previous year.

The resolution was adopted:—“That the Chamber of Commerce is of opinion that the increase of trade income during the year, if fully applied as proposed, will not result in hardship on a number of traders in certain causes, have had poor success prior to 1914, and who this year will be making little or no profit, and the war may make serious losses. The Chamber considers that the tax should be reduced to the average profits of the years of the war, and that rebates, if necessary, should be made from the tax annually paid.”

The following were elected Directors for the year:—Messrs. A. Murray, E. J. Long, J. H. Roche, G. W. Goodbody, L. W. Holliday, J. A. Spillane.

## “VENUS” PENCIL.

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## E ATHENÆUM.

The Picture Palace last night was presented to large audiences, and the drama “The Master Key” was given with rapt attention. It is a very interesting and bristles with adventure of an interesting type. Another interesting feature was “Girl of the Terment,” which was very amusing. An idea of the interesting games was shown in a single act, and the program was chosen with care and with effect.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES.

Thanksgiving Services were held on Sunday at Mary's Cathedral. The sacred music was very tastefully decorated with flowers, and miniature sheaves of wheat. Special music was selected for the service, and the Anthem being “I Will Magnify Thee,” which was presided at the organ. The service reached at morning service, and at 11 o'clock in the afternoon. The service was for missions. There were large

Thanksgiving services were also held in the evening at the same place. There was a large congregation, and the service was very interesting. The Anthem was “Great God, We Praise Thee,” and special sermons on behalf of the missions were preached by the Rev. H. J. Long, Secretary of the Church of the Holy Spirit, and to these the offertories

were given at the Methodist Church, which was prettily decorated with the fruits of Autumn, the special music for the service was the Rev. W. J. Roche, of Cork. The Anthem was “His Goodness,” the solo being given by the choir.

majority of the nation unfaithful to them. We must have patience, he said, for there will be some surprise in the Balkans.

## Greek Press and the Crisis.

“News of Sunday's Russian ultimatum to Bulgaria was received with great excitement and keen satisfaction in Athens,” says the Athens correspondent of the “Daily Chronicle,” telegraphing yesterday. It is reported that the Bulgarian concentration on the Serbian frontier continues.

“There is a notable change to-day in the tone of the Greek Press, while the public agitation of mind which has prevailed for some time past has been almost completely calmed. A feeling of great relief has quickly followed on a period of doubt and anxiety.”

“This change is from the first undoubtedly due to Sir Edward Grey's communique, and to the reassuring declarations made to the Greek Government by the Ministers of Britain and France. Those declarations were to the effect that if for a moment the Greek Government has judged the Allies' assistance to be premature, it is none the less to help and sustain Greece that the Allies are going to Salonika.”

## Wounded Soldiers.

### Arrival in Dublin.

A hospital ship, carrying 822 wounded soldiers from the great battle in Flanders of September 23rd, arrived in Dublin last night, after having been held up in the Bay owing to fog. Many of the men were stretcher cases, and appeared badly wounded, but all were cheerful, and smoked cigarettes contentedly as they were driven in motor cars supplied by the Irish Automobile Club and other organisations, to city hospitals. Members of the St John Ambulance Corps assisted in their removal. Three hundred officers and men were conveyed to Belfast by special train.

## Limerickman Killed at the Dardanelles.

Captain Joseph Hailes, who was killed at the Dardanelles on 1st September, was the third son of the late Mr T Hailes, Limerick. He was an all-round athlete, and played with the Garryowen Football Club. He was Assistant-Director of Ordnance, 54th Division, British Mediterranean Force. He was but just back from China a few months ago when he was ordered to the Dardanelles. Many old friends in Limerick will be very sorry to hear of his death, and the cutting short of a highly successful career in the Army. In his earlier life, Captain Hailes was on the staff of the Limerick City Artillery, Frederick Street.

## Rugby Players in the Lists.

News has been received of the death of Lieut. William Dickson, 11th Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who was killed in Gallipoli. The deceased officer played nine times for Scotland in Rugby International matches, and also for Oxford University and Blackheath. Another Scottish Rugby international, Capt G M Frew, 5th Cameron Highlanders, has been wounded. Captain Frew, a fine forward, played against England in 1907-8-9-11, v. Ireland in 1907-8-9-10-11, v. Wales in 1907-8-9-10, v. France in 1910, and v. South Africa in 1906.

## German Submarine Peril.

### Overcome by England.

Mr J. W. T. Mason, the New York correspondent of the London Daily Express, says—Great

At a meeting of the London District Institute of Journalists, held yesterday afternoon, a resolution was passed expressing the opinion that the proposed charges for Press telegrams warranted; calling for an independent investigation into the alleged loss, stating that even if made out in any book-keeping sense, it would be to put an impost at this time on provincial newspaper publishers, and calling for the withdrawal of the new charges and the reduction of halfpenny newspaper postage. The proposed Press telegrams would not produce the revenue in any way proportionate to the handicap inflicted on working journalists, and news facilities now available to the public, while the proposed changes in telegraph rates would lead to a discontinuance of newspapers and to others being printed abroad, thus seriously affecting the interests of journalists, without benefit to the revenue.

## Sir T. Whittaker's Protest.

Sir Thomas Whittaker, M.P., in the course of a letter on the subject of Press telegrams to the public, says that to the majority of newspapers the increased cost will be a crushing impost, some morning and evening newspapers will be unable to publish. Even in normal times newspapers do not pay, and just now the major part of the Press is unremunerative owing to the increased cost of paper, and all connected with production, and an enormous drop in advertisement revenue. Press telegrams not being self-supporting, points out that if such a rule were adopted, every section of the postal service charges would have to be largely increased, and the undertaking must be regarded as a whole, and the case of railway, gas, and water cut off, and would be largely unused after the war, and the loss or profit should be judged on the additional cost entailed. A simple calculation, says, would be, if there were no Press telegrams, would the cost of the other services be a loss. If not, there cannot be a loss. If there were no Press telegrams, would the standing and the costs that had to be charged to the public for services be greater? If so, there must be a loss from the Press service. Sir Thomas also points out the ruin of organisations built up with the necessity for well-informed public, such as the Press creates, the unpaid public done by newspapers, which saves the State expenditure, and closes with a strong protest against the charge as unreasonable, unjust, and unpolitical.

## MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut-Col W St Colum Bland, R.A., has been appointed a temporary Brigadier-General, the fourth son of Major-General E L Bland of Woodbank, Whitesabbey, Co Antrim.

Major A W J C Steffington, Viscountess of Fethard, D.S.O., North Irish, has been appointed Assistant-Quartermaster-General, with the temporary rank of Lieut-Col.

Major H B H Orpen-Palmer, R.I.F., has been promoted to the temporary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, the eldest surviving son of the late Rev. Orpen-Palmer, B.D., M.A., of Killowen, J.

Temp Major G W J C Brudenell-Bruce, of Ailesbury, D.S.O., who has been transferred from the Wilts Regiment to the A.S. brother-in-law of Lieut-Col J O W Madigan, B.I.F. at Belfast, and of Lieut-Col Madden, Irish Guards.

Major A J Digan, D.S.O., Connaught, who formerly served in the Mid-Ulster, has been promoted to the temporary rank of Colonel while commanding a battalion.