

in Galicia is revealed as even more than the first reports suggested. development of subsidiary operations is always an element of peril, but we are thoroughly justified in believing that in the Balkans the peril will be Germany's not ours." The course of events in Serbia—they are very promising for the Allies—can hardly fail to influence the other Powers, and should hurry them up to decisive action. Seeing the treacherous action taken by Bulgaria, who at the outset of the game of "armed neutrality," it is to be hoped that Greece will no longer refrain from giving active support to Serbia. She should not, in the words of her great Premier, M. Venizelos, allow Bulgaria to "crush Serbia," while Greece is in a position to help her, and as regards Rumania and Albania, it is felt that a little directed pressure may result in securing active assistance on the side which is fighting so gallantly for the rights of smaller nationalities. Then, as to Italy's position, a statement has been made that she would send troops to the Balkans. This is emphatically denied. The "Secolo" states that not only has an agreement between Italy and the Allies been completed, but also, that she has already collaborated in an active manner with the other Powers in the preparation of necessary measures for the defence of Serbia. Furthermore, an interview with an important Italian politician, which was taken place in Paris, assures us that she is getting ready to make her influence seriously felt in the Balkan theatre, and is estimated that her expeditionary force will not number less than 150,000 men. So it is to be expected in the near future the powerful participation of Italy in the struggle is assured. Finally, the Athens correspondent of the "Petit Journal" confirms the undertaking of combined operations by sea and land upon Bulgaria and the Turkish coast of the Aegean Sea. Since the above was written the momentous announcement reaches us this evening by wire that the British Government, by orders of the King, has declared a state of war to exist between this country and Bulgaria.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Economy in Ireland.
 Economies in Irish administration on a whole, to be made at an early date are foreshadowed by the writer of "Irish Notes" in the "Law

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 cluone, Beaufort, Co. Kerry, and Ethel Florence, second daughter of the late Mr Edward Lukey, J.P. of Dover, and Mrs Lukey.
 Killrush Urban Council received nine applications for the position of manager of the gasworks, in room of Mr Maguire, who, it is stated, declined to enter into a bond with the Council, as recommended by the auditor. Mr Maguire now agreed to enter into one, but the Council refused his offer. The other applications were sent to Mr Brooks, Lisburn, to select a candidate for the Committee's approval.

DEATH OF MR JAMES FITZGERALD BANNATYNE, D.L.

We regret very much to have to record the death of Mr James Fitzgerald Bannatyne, D.L. early yesterday morning at his residence, Haldon, Exeter, after an illness of some months. The deceased gentleman, who had reached an advanced age, was a member of a family long connected with the social and commercial life of Limerick. The firm of Messrs Bannatyne and Sons, of which he was the head for a number of years, is the principal milling concern in this country and gives large and well remunerated employment in the city, and in the branches which were established in Clare, Kerry, and other counties. There could be no more kind-hearted and generous employer of labour than the late Mr Bannatyne, and his thoughtfulness for those who worked under him, and his numerous private benefactions, wherever a case of suffering or distress came under his notice, made him deservedly popular with all classes of the people of his native city. Some twenty years ago advancing years induced him to retire from active commercial life, and the great industry with which his family and he were so long connected was converted into a limited private liability company under the control of the Messrs Goodbody, the old name of the firm, Bannatyne & Sons, being retained, and the business continuing to be worked on the broad and expanding lines which have characterised the chief firm of its class in the South of Ireland. Mr Bannatyne and his family left their fine residence at Summerville, on the South Circular Road, and proceeded to Haldon, Exeter, where the deceased gentleman remained up to his demise. At intervals he visited Limerick, and to the last he took the greatest interest in the city, with which his old associations were so intimately connected. Public and private charities and Church work (he was one of the Diocesan Trustees and filled various other offices during his time) always had his sympathy and practical encouragement, and by his death the Protestant Orphan Society loses a life-long friend. His charity knew no distinction of class or creed, and his memory will be always linked with kindly deeds, and regard for the many who were the recipients of his never-failing action to help those who needed it. The late Mr Bannatyne leaves a family, including an only son who is a captain in the 11th (Prince Albert's Own) Hussars. The funeral of the lamented gentleman will be strictly private, and the interment will take place at Haldon to-morrow morning.

PRESENTATION TO MR JACK WALSH (Cashier, Cannock & Co.).

The buyers, superintendants, and clerical staff met in the buyers' sitting-room on Friday evening last, and presented Mr Jack Walsh with a "Louis" drawing-room cabinet, on the occasion of his approaching marriage. Mr W. H. Walpole occupied the chair, and in making the presentation referred in complimentary terms to the many sterling qualities of their popular guest, and said he was sure he voiced the sentiments of all present in wishing him and his future bride many years of happiness and prosperity. Mr Walsh having suitably returned thanks, speeches, songs, and recitations followed, and a most enjoyable evening terminated with "Auld Lang Syne." The follow-

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 was mentioned in despatches, obtained the Queen's Medal with three clasps, and was promoted Brigadier-General. He commanded the 1st Infantry Brigade in Dublin from 1907-12. Since that date he has commanded a Territorial Force. In the present war he has been mentioned in despatches. General Munro married in 1911 Miss Mary Towndley O'Hagan, daughter of the late Major O'Hagan.

Pirates Again Busy.

Enemy submarines have again been active. 2 British, 2 French, and one Norwegian vessel reported sunk, but no lives are given as lost. French and British ships appear to have got down in the Mediterranean area, the survivors having been landed in Marseilles by a vessel bound from Salonika.

Roll of Honour.

Lieutenant John Bennett.

Much regret was felt in Midleton yesterday when news reached the town that Lieutenant J. Bennett, Royal Munster Fusiliers, the only son of Mr John H. Bennett, J.P., of Ballynacorney, Midleton, had been killed in action in France. Prior to the war this gallant young subaltern was an officer in the local corps of the Irish National Volunteers. Fourteen months ago he got a commission as Lieutenant in the Munster Fusiliers and served bravely in France. He was only 25 years of age.

Mr Walter Lewis

The news that Mr Walter Lewis had been wounded in Flanders was received in Galway with much regret. Mr Lewis was for some years classical master at the Galway Grammar School and one of the leaders of St Nicholas' Church Choir. He joined the service early this year, and was attached to the Middlesex Regiment. He is now at Charing Cross Hospital.

Week-end casualty lists from the Expeditionary Force (General Headquarters), published yesterday, include the names of the following officers wounded:—

- Second-Lieut R J J Bevan, King's Royal Rifle Corps, 6th Batt, attached to 1st Batt.
- Captain A Finch, Norfolk Regt, 9th Batt.
- Second Lieut E J O'Connor, Duke of Cornwall Light Infantry, attached Army Cyclist Corps.

Military Gallantry.

Drummer E Ratcliffe, 2nd York and Lancashire Regiment, who was stationed in Limerick, been awarded the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty at Hooge, August 9th, 1915, when he continually sent messages across the open under heavy shell machine-gun fire. He never failed to deliver a message, and throughout the campaign has done excellent work as a messenger. The Czar of Russia has also conferred upon Drum Ratcliffe the Medal of St George, of the 4th Class.

Ennis Victims of the War

In a letter from an hospital "Somewhere in France," an Ennis man, who took part in recent heavy fighting, which was so successful for the British guns, describing how L-Corpl. Tuttle, of the Munster Fusiliers, son of Edward Tuttle, of Ennis, fell, says he was first of the Munsters to fall, shot through the death being instantaneous.
 Other Ennis men, Private J Savage and Private Cahill have, it is reported, also fallen. The latter died of wounds.

OUTRAGE IN CLARE.

Farmer Shot.

Another daring shooting outrage is reported from a place called Breafield, about eight