

time next week the Prime Minister for a further Vote of Credit. He moved the last vote for the middle of November, estimated that it would enable to carry on operations until February at a rate of expenditure of £5,000,000 a day. He has as an outside estimate, but it has proved to be sufficiently formidable, and the Vote of Credit will give the scale of the bill which to pay. The correspondent that probably after Easter will introduce his second bill, possibly float his second loan. No doubt that the policy imports will be further his latter question is of importance to the industrial world, and it is vital to set free a greater margin for Army and Naval expenditure, for the transit of foodstuffs and munitions, there is no doubt of a serious reduction of the less essential for National defence. He quotes the words of Mr. Chamberlain (House of Commons), is an ordinary anxiety by trade in every class throughout the country, so in the case of paper, there is to be a heavy shortage of material, would not alone the newspapers, but trade in paper is an indispensable important negotiations are between representatives of the Government on the one side, and it is to be hoped the result will considerably improve the situation as it stands at the moment. There is no doubt, alive to the fact that many of the industries contemplated restrictions are being introduced as to give rise to a good deal of discontent—an outlook by no means contemplated with equanimity. The Government is faced with a complex as the problem unwelcome, and it may be found to ease the restrictions may yet be

front, and is in a Red Cross Hospital in the south of England. He was formerly in the Scots Guards.

Mrs O'Brien, wife of the late relieving officer, who resigned to join the Colours, was elected relieving officer by the Athlone Guardians on Saturday. The position is worth £70 a year. The Guardians decided to receive no applications from men eligible for military service.

Mr T de Courcy Meade, City Surveyor of Manchester since 1894, who has passed away in his 63rd year, was an Irishman, educated in Bandon, and articled to the County Surveyor of Cork. He was the inventor of a machine for testing road material, and was closely concerned in Manchester with housing and main drainage schemes.

Mr M J Casey, Manager of the Clonmel Branch of the National Bank since 1895, is retiring into private life at the end of next month. Mr Casey will then have given practically fifty-two years' services to the bank. He is a highly popular official, and he carries with him the best wishes of a host of friends in his retirement.

The free buffet at Limerick Junction for the use of sailors and soldiers is proving a boon to the men. Hundreds avail of it, including many of the wounded passing through to the big military hospital at Tipperary. £26 has been subscribed, but the work is heavier than was anticipated, and continued help in money and gifts is needed.

**CANNOCK AND CO.**

The Directors of Cannock and Company, Ltd., recommend the payment of a dividend for the half-year ended 31st January, 1916, at the rate of nine per cent per annum, free of income tax. £1,000 to Reserve Account and £13,133 forward.

**SOUTH TYRONE VACANCY,**

**Unionist Candidate Selected.**

At a meeting of Unionist delegates of South Tyrone, held in Aughnacloy yesterday, Mr William Coote, J.P., Lidyvet, Ballygawley, was selected as candidate for the vacancy in the division created by the death of Mr A L Horner, K.C. He is expected to be returned unopposed.

**DEATH OF MISS STEWART.**

We regret to announce the death of Miss Elizabeth Grace Stewart, which occurred this morning at Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, after a somewhat brief illness. The deceased young lady was second daughter of Mr Henry L Stewart, jeweller, George street, Limerick. Adopting nursing as her profession, she was trained at Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and six months ago volunteered for active service. She was a bright, winsome young lady, sincerely devoted to her noble profession, and a great favourite at Aldershot. Her death in the prime of life is greatly regretted by a wide circle of friends, and the utmost sympathy is extended to her parents and family in their bereavement.

**THEATRE ROYAL.**

The programme presented at the Theatre Royal last night possessed many features which constituted it a great success. The Kinema-colour subject was the famous Durbar, a magnificent and sumptuous spectacle depicting in great strength the beauties of the Indian

**Only One Survivor.**

Paris, 16. The loss of the French cruiser Amira is confirmed. Off the coast of Syria a been found bearing fifteen seamen, on whom was alive. This man said the cruiser torpedoed on the 8th inst, at 7 a.m. It sank in a few minutes without being able to save her boats.

The Minister of Marine announces he will inform the families of the missing as soon as he has received exact details.

**Viscount Weymouth Killed in Action.**

News has been received at Longleas, Frome, the residence of the Marquis of Bath, that his lordship's eldest son, Viscount Weymouth, who was a Lieutenant in the Scots Grenadier Guards, has been killed in action. He was educated at Winchester, and was only 21 years of age.

**Distillery Premises for Conversion into Munitions.**

London, 16. The Ministry of Munitions has now completed the arrangements to take over a dozen whiskey distilleries for conversion into munition-making establishments.

**Air Raids.**

**Lord Buckmaster and Reprisals.**

Lord Buckmaster (Lord Chancellor), speaking at Keighley on Saturday night, said that our enemies were realising what war with them meant, we were increasing in strength and confidence. Letters were written to London newspapers by people who seemed strangely employed, for reprisals for air raids. If it was meant because Germans had murdered our women and children in cold blood, we should murder German women and children. He protested from the bottom of his heart against any such course. The Government's action was being questioned on particular matters by critics who were not perfectly informed.

**Munster Prisoners of War.**

**Matinee Performance.**

Countess Roberts, the Countess of Killmore, the Countess of Glasgow, and Lady Mar are among the patrons of the Royal Munster Fusiliers' Prisoners of War Matinee, which will be held at a London theatre on March 30th. The proceeds will go to the Royal Munster Fusiliers' Prisoners of War Fund, White House, Guildford road, Woking, Surrey.

**Clare Prisoners of War Fund.**

Mrs Studdert, Bindon St, Ennis, has received the following letter, with cheque, from the Clare Teachers, "Leitrim National School, Leitrim, 31st January, 1916. Madame,—The West Clare Teachers, at a meeting held on Saturday, 22nd inst, unanimously decided in forwarding £2 to Co Clare Prisoners of War Fund and £1 to the Kilrush Soldiers' Fund. As I understand you are treasurer to the Clare Teachers' Fund, I have great pleasure in enclosing for £2.—I remain, respectfully yours, J C Sec."