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### THE WAR.

drawn out battle on the Verdun lines, but with no advantage to the Germans despite their violent attacks and local successes—successes which were speedily changed into defeat for the French strategy and numerical superiority.

Indeed, as the semi-official communiqué issued from Paris, on Sunday, says, "The Germans are continuing in their attack on Verdun without cohesion and without success." While yesterday's communiqué was still more emphatic. The communiqué says, "being considerably in our favour, we shall see the last days of Germany melt away before the guns."

These sanguinary, if not onerous, onslaughts are unable to render the positions of our gallant Ally, nor overcome the valour of her soldiers, nor the optimism of France that victory sooner or later, come to her is as strong as ever, stronger, than it was weeks ago. The conflict proceeds, and various questions are set up concerning the motives of the enemy in persisting in their attacks, the capture of which they regard as hopeless, seeing that their recent attacks have not been supported by an overwhelming force such as was necessary to secure a decisive victory. The Hun tactics are, doubtless, with a view to drawing the attention of our Allies away from German plans

to the members.

Lieutenant the Hon B B Pousonty, Grenadier Guards, reported wounded in the week-end casualty lists, is the third son of the Earl of Bessborough.

At a meeting of the Camel Horse Show Society on Saturday it was decided that a Show be held on Thursday, 3rd August next, on practically the same lines as last year's fixture.

It is stated on good authority that the Government intends turning a disused bacon factory at Waterford into a cartridge factory, employing some 1,000 hands.

Corporal P Ryan, Irish Guards, who was killed in action in France, was the eldest son of Mr J J Ryan, Doon, and a nephew of the late Very Rev M Ryan, P.P., Murroe, and the Rev C F Ryan, Drangan, Co Tipperary.

The Marchioness Townshend gave birth to a son and heir in London on Friday night. Lady Townshend was married to the sixth Marquis in 1905, and this is the first child of the marriage. General Townshend, the defender of Kut, cousin of the Marquis, was the heir presumptive.

## DEATH OF MR JAMES R WALLACE.

We announce, with very sincere regret, the death of Mr James R Wallace, which took place last night at his residence, 9 Victoria Terrace, in the 66th year of his age. Mr Wallace had been in failing health for a considerable time past, and his demise was not unexpected. One of the best known and highly-esteemed citizens of Limerick, the news of his demise will be heard of with sorrow by very many friends in the city and elsewhere. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Richard Wallace, of this city, and senior proprietor of the well-known establishment of watch-makers and jewellers in George Street, established by his father in 1829. In business, as in private life, Mr Wallace was a man of placid, retiring, and invariably courteous disposition, and to know him even casually was sufficient to hold him in the highest esteem and regard. The news of his premature death will be heard of with regret at Kilkee, where he was so well and popularly known, and in the welfare of which he took a deep and practical interest. Each year he and his family spent a considerable time at the "Brighton of the West," and it may be added that he was one of the Trustees of the Convalescent Home there. Three of his sons are in the Army, two of them are at the front, and one was wounded at Gallipoli. Mr Wallace's death removed from our midst a familiar personality, and the sympathy of very many friends is extended to his widow, family, and relatives in their grief. The funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 10.30 o'clock for St Munchin's.

## THE IRISH PLAYERS

### At the Theatre Royal.

The audience at the Theatre Royal last night derived infinite pleasure from the cultured and faithful interpretation of the national comedies, "The Coiner," and "The Building Fund," at the hands of the Irish Players. As a curtain-raiser, the former is a decidedly clever affair, typical of Irish humour, and written with a happy conception of the ideals which permeate our national life. Mr Bernard Duffy is the author, and as well as being imbued with the spirit of Irish characteristics, his dialogue

## Enemy Hand Grenade At Fai's

Paris, Tuesday Eve

The French communique says:— There was a somewhat lively bombardment of the left bank of the Meuse of our position Avocourt Wood and Hill 304.

On the right bank a small German attack with hand grenades north-west of Thiaumont completely failed.

In Woivre there was an artillery duel between sectors of Eix and Moulainville.

## Another Russian Success

### Mamahatun Occupied.

Petrograd, Tuesday

The Russians have occupied Mamahatun, the adjacent country. The Turkish forces have been disposed northwards, westwards, and southwards of that place.—Reuter.

## GERMANS FEAR BOER CULTURE

### "Far Removed from European Culture."

Blumenthein, Monday

A report of a semi-official character on German East Africa, found in a Moshi Court describes the Boers there as far removed from European culture, and fears the Boers will never make good Reichsdeutscher or merge with the Germans. The report anticipates danger to the future wars from the Boers.

## Verdun.

### Further French Successes

Last night's French communique says:— In Champagne a bombardment carried out this morning by the enemy against the region of du Mesnil and Maisons du Champagne was followed by several simultaneous attacks with effectives against various points of the front. These attacks were stopped by our curtain repulsed by our counter-attacks, and were of no value to the enemy.

In the region of Verdun there was an intense bombardment of our first and second lines West of the Meuse, on the heights of the Meuse, a coup de main prepared by our forces was completely successful. Our patrols captured the enemy's trenches on a front of about a hundred metres, and brought back some prisoners. Our artillery bombarded some enemy detachments reported on the road between Essey and south-west of Thiaucourt.

## British Success.

The British have captured the lip of a crater caused by the explosion of an enemy mine.