

control of Sir Edward Ward and Mrs. Anstruther, and it is that any communications should be sent to this lady at 45 Horseferry Road, S.W. The Camp's Library is used by the War Office as the institution responsible for the distribution of literature to soldiers in camps at home and at the bases, and in the trenches, and is so responsible for distributing literature sent to the Central Depot by the War Office to the War Library, the London Library, the Library of Commerce, British and Foreign Sailors' Society, and the Prisoners' Aid Society, each of which has a sphere of activity. When we think of the movement of the vast number of our land and naval forces, the arduous work done on these who send out literature to the front or elsewhere, becomes at once more apparent.

At the Central Depot there is a staff of no less than 125, mainly voluntary workers who deal with about 150,000 letters every week. This is a big job, but, as already stated, a far larger staff is needed if the requirements of the public are to be adequately met. The public is reassured, gladly support this highly organized movement without stint, and with the knowledge that they are doing a kindly and useful act, that brings with it rest and recreation to our brave fellows in the trenches with the colours. Furthermore, the distribution of books and magazines may rest assured that within a very few days of their being added in at any Post Office they are in the possession of our fighting men on sea and in camp, and in hospital.

CURRENT COMMENT.

After the winter experienced through the month of March, and the snows shorn of many of its old associations, the predecessor, April, was, there being so much of the cool grotto temperature, we are not quite so much as one entirely satisfied with the cold and the rain, pretty constant, day after day, and the longing for the summer that still

Answering Mr Gaffney, the witness said her daughter was of a nervous disposition and easily excited.

Mr Gaffney suggested that the girl might have been excited by cinema pictures. His Honor—There is danger in that. Mr Gaffney in reply to the Court, said that an element of romance was sought to be introduced into the case, but on investigation by the police there was no foundation for it. He handed up letters found in the girl's possession, which did not suggest anything more than a slight relationship between her and a young man. After jumping into the river she gripped the life hook, which held her.

Nurse Lingard, Barrington's Hospital, stated she attended the accused after immersion in the water. She seemed to be of a nervous disposition then and also the following morning.

His Honor asked the mother what she intended doing with the girl as she required protection. The mother stated that she went to see the young man whose name was mentioned in the letters, and he told her he never promised the girl marriage.

His Honor—She does not suggest that in her letters. She signs herself in all of them "Your loving pal."

The accused was left out on her recognizances of £20, and also on the recognizances of her mother for the same amount.

The Court then took up the hearing of undefended civil suits.

DEATH OF MR. R. H. CHAMNEY.

We regret to record the death of Mr Robert H. Chamney, which took place last evening rather unexpectedly at his parents' residence, Roseville, Ballinacurra. The deceased, who was in his twenty-third year, was the eldest son of Mr J. E. Chamney, C.E., and for some years had been in the service of the Munster and Leinster Bank, proving himself a very efficient official, with bright prospects, while his kindly and affable manner made him a great favourite. He had been stationed in Killarney and Middleton, returning home a short time ago in failing health. His death in the full flush of manhood is deeply regretted by many friends, who sympathise with his family in their sorrow. The remains will be removed to St Michael's R.C. Church this evening at nine o'clock, and the funeral takes place at ten to-morrow morning for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

THE HOME SECRETARY IN DUBLIN.

Compensation Question.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, Home Secretary, has arranged to spend his Whitsuntide holidays in Ireland. It is understood that he will stay part of the time with a relative in County Donegal, and that he is expected to visit Dublin to-day or to-morrow, where he will have an opportunity of considering matters connected with the recent revolt in Dublin and the destruction of property which resulted from it. The Home Secretary will probably take charge, on the Government's behalf, of the various questions connected with compensation for losses and the reconstruction of Sackville street.

has not yet accepted the offered Von Buelow. It is not known what further step will be taken before the American Embassy in Berlin, Washington, returns to Germany.

General Smuts' Ad

General Smuts reports that his army has reached the southern end of the Pongola on Monday, and found the enemy in a position on a narrow neck between the Pangani and the Pangani River.

Casualty Lists

Casualty lists published this morning are as follows—Officer killed—Second Lieutenant C. E. Newell, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. Officers wounded—Lieutenant G. P. Ryl, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Lieutenant R. G. Ryl, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Lieutenant C. J. Ryl, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Lieutenant R. J. Ryl, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Lieutenant F. A. Ryl, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; Lieutenant C. J. Ryl, Royal Dublin Fusiliers; Lieutenant M. J. A. Ryl, Royal Munster Fusiliers; Lieutenant L. Ryl, Royal Dublin Fusiliers; Lieutenant K. M. Ryl, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Lieutenant Spring Rice

Lieutenant Gerald Spring Rice, I.R.C., was killed in action on Sunday in the "Morning Post." He was a great first Lord Monteagle of Brandon, brother of Sir Cecil Arthur Spring Rice, Ambassador at Washington. Lieutenant Rice, who was fifty-two years of age, was Deputy Lieutenant for Cumberland, and held a commission as transport officer in the 1st Regiment in July of last year.

Brave Limerick Soldier

Awarded D.C.M.

A supplement to Tuesday night's "Gazette" contains the announcement that Corporal T. Connolly, 2nd Battalion of the 1st Regiment, a native of Lower Geraldine, Limerick, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry in the field. A party of the enemy drove him from his post, but Lance-Corporal Connolly collected some bombs, led a party over the top, and recaptured the post. He then brought back a wounded man into safety.

Date of Allies' Conference

Reuter's Agency is officially informed that the French Government has now definitely fixed 14th as the date of the opening of the Economic Conference in Paris. Up to now it has not been settled who will represent Rumania at the Conference—Reuter.

The annual meeting of the Limerick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Saturday next at 3.30 o'clock. The Rev. Mr. G. J. O'Connell will preside.