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LORD BRYCE AND THE WAR.

Lord Bryce, speaking at a meeting of the Congregational Union at Birmingham to day, said the country was practically unanimous in holding that the war must be prosecuted to victory. After the war we must avoid the spirit of hatred. To indulge in revenge would be to sow the seeds of future wars. Talk of starting after peace had been declared a new war of trade had immense possibilities of mischief. Our main purpose would have failed if we did not secure a durable peace.

DEATH OF LORD ROLLO.

The death has occurred at his Perthshire residence, Duncrub Castle, of Lord Rollo and Dunning in his 81st year.

KING HOLDS COUNCIL.

The King held a Council at Buckingham Palace this morning. The business related to various matters arising out of the war.

HOTEL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Narrow Escape of Inmates.

Falstaff Hotel, Liverpool, was destroyed by fire early this morning. The licensee, his wife, seven children, and a servant were rescued in night attire.

WAR COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the War Committee of the Cabinet was held at 10 Downing street at 11.30 this morning. The Prime Minister presided.

RAILWAYMEN'S WAR BONUS

Borne by Government.

In an official statement to the Glasgow Stock Exchange, the Secretary of the Caledonian Railway Company announced that the Government are bearing the whole cost of the railwaymen's war bonus.

LORD FRENCH BETTER.

Viscount French was stated this morning to be very much better, and to be going on as well as possible.

Class No 1—Thomas Wain. Class No 2—J O'Mahony. Class No 3—Miss C O'Donnell. Junior Class No 6—The Misses A O'Flanagan, L O'Farrell, M Sperin, M Foley. Class No 7—Joseph Bowman. Class No 8—The Misses C Meade, A Spencer, and M Halpin. Class No 9—The Misses C O'Donnell, M Kennedy, M Buckner. Class No 10—The Misses G Brown, A Brawn, A Conway, E Foley, M O'Neill.

The following officers were elected—Rev Dr O'Brien, President; Rev J Maiden, Vice-President; Mr Joseph Purcell, Secretary; Mr P Griffin, Treasurer; Mr J Troy, Assistant Secretary. Committee—Mr Wm O'Sullivan, Mr J J O'Donovan, Mrs M Purcell, and Rev J Dolan.

The President addressed the meeting, and said they might congratulate themselves on the report, which showed that a good and great work was being done by the branch for the revival of their native language.

HAY CROP IN IRELAND, 1916.

The excessive moisture of May and June, according to a leaflet of the Department of Agriculture, encouraged the strong growth of grass in all situations. At the time of cutting, which started somewhat later than usual, first and second crop fields were carrying heavy bulks of herbage. A very small proportion of these fields was cut during the broken weather in the earlier part of July, but, when cutting became general, saving and making up were done under exceedingly favourable conditions. Fields of rotation hay as well as old meadows were saved in perfect order, and the yields in each case turned out very satisfactory. The feeding quality of the crop has not been so good for many seasons.

The yield for all Ireland in 1916 and 1915, respectively, was as follows:—First year's hay, 1,077,580, against 1,010,854 tons last year; second and third year's hay, 751,075, against 684,606 tons last year; permanent meadow, 3,496,777, against 3,401,312 tons last year.

THE LATE MRS BRIDGET KERR.

We regret to record the death of Mrs Bridget Kerr, widow of the late David Kerr, and mother of Mr John Kerr, ex-Mayor of Limerick, which took place at the residence of her son, 34 Clare street, on Wednesday, September 27th. The deceased had attained the ripe old age of 85 years. The remains were removed to St John's Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. on Friday. The funeral took place at 3 p.m. to Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. The cortege was very large, and included the office staff and employes of the firm of Messrs James Bannatyne and Sons.

The chief mourners were—John Kerr (son), Alec and John Kerr (grandsons), John M. Lehane (great-grandson), Albert Kerr, John Lehane, and P. Lehane (relatives).

The following clergy attended—Rev Father Fitzgerald, Adm, St John's; Rev Father Connolly, C.C., do; Rev Father MacNamara, C.C., do; Rev Fr. O'Carroll, C.C., do; Rev Fr. Kelly, C.C., do; Rev Father Murphy, P.P., St Patrick's, Rev Father O'Carroll, C.C., do.

Rev Father Connolly, C.C., officiated at the graveside.