

ation which has already arisen
 ortage of the crop this year,
 edly suggest great need for
 hat the requirements of the
 as met as fully as possible
 winter and spring months.
 ortage of supplies is to be
 d careful watchfulness is
 cessary, the statement made
 y Mr T. W. Russell, Vice-
 he Department, tends to show
 ion of affairs may not, perhaps,
 as it seems at present to be.
 Russell states, is somewhat
 o-thirds normal. There is,
 gh proportion of small tubers,
 , though not very high, per-
 isease. In some districts the
 quality are good, but on wet
 exposed places, and where
 neglected or imperfectly done
 not good. Generally speaking,
 esident adds "the situation
 e regarded as serious if con-
 normal." But unhappily they
 land is not the only sufferer in
 ced potato crop. There is a
 ngland and also in Scotland, so
 id, the winter has to be faced
 verably restricted area of potatoes
 domestic and agricultural re-
 The shortage of the crop
 el may tend to stimulate the
 bers from this country, and the
 ich exportation is carried out
 or less affect the adequacy or
 f our home supplies. The
 has no power to prohibit
 prices, but it is in consultation
 Government on the subject,
 ss, if over-exportation should
 e restrictions will be enforced.
 s, we feel assured, will exercise
 my in the husbanding of the
 everything that is possible to
 the deficiency with which, this
 ntry is confronted. Mr Russell
 mportant and practical sugges-

of the war, has received the Distinguished Service Medal for service in enemy waters.

Clonmel operative bakers having threatened to strike for higher pay, the masters have decided to close down the bakeries from Saturday next. Wages were increased twelve months' ago by 4s; a demand is now made for 6s more, and an offer of 2s war bonus has been refused.

Mrs Katie Riordan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Riordan, Bessborough Arms Hotel, Carrick-on-Suir, was drowned on Sunday night at the Quay, Carrick-on-Suir. She was returning from devotions in the Franciscan Church, when she stumbled and fell into the water, being carried away by the rapid current. Deceased was on a short holiday from England, where she was a governess.

A rare literary treat will be afforded the citizens at the George Hotel to-morrow evening at 8.30, when a Dramatic Recital will be given by Mr Alexander Watson, who has already been heard with great pleasure on two occasions in Limerick. Selections will be given from Shakespeare, and the miscellaneous items are—"The Highwayman" (by special request), "The Flight of Little Em'ly," "Mrs Poyser has her 'say' out," and "Cautionary Tales." There should be a big attendance. Admission, by programme, 1s 2d.

SHANNON BOATING FATALITY

Two Fishermen Drowned.

A sad boating accident, resulting in the loss of two fishermen named John Sheehan and John Sullivan, occurred in the Shannon, near Askeaton, on Tuesday. From the particulars to hand, it appears that the men left their home in the morning in pursuit of their occupation, and some hours later their boat was discovered upturned near the Beeves lighthouse. How the accident occurred is not known, but the presumption is that they were caught in a squall and capsized. So far the bodies have not been recovered, and in Askeaton, where the victims were from, the greatest sympathy is felt for their wives and families.

MR GINNELL, M.P., ARRESTED.

London, Wednesday Night.

In default of payment of the fines imposed upon him when prosecuted under the Defence of the Realm Act, Mr L Ginnell, M.P for North Westmeath, was arrested at his residence, at Richmond, to-day, and conducted to Pentonville to serve the alternative sentence of three weeks' imprisonment in the first division.

IRELAND AND CONSCRIPTION.

In the House of Commons last evening, Col Craig asked the Prime Minister whether he was now in a position to make a statement with regard to the Government's intention to extend the Military Service Act to Ireland.

Mr Asquith—I am unable to make any statement.

P.Y.M.A LITERARY CLASS.

losses on the enemy. The Germans made the Russians suffer severely

No Difference Betwe

Lord R Cecil repeated, in Oathwaite in Parliament yesterday, there was no difference of view or policy Allies.

ROLL OF HONO

Last night's casualty lists show losses:—

Officers—Dead, 51; wounded a Men—Dead, 504; wounded 2,139.

The principal losses are:—New Killed, 99; wounded, 139. Norfolk Killed, 97; wounded, 96; missing (Liverpool Regiment)—Killed, 29 Bedfordshire Regiment—Wounded, 215 —Dead, 33; wounded, 35.

Second Lieut A W

Second Lieutenant Alexander Royal Field Artillery, reported the youngest son of the Rev Dr Sa Canon of Killaloe, formerly Rector Professor of Biblical Greek in Dublin. He was gazetted to the Artillery in February last from the Academy, Woolwich.

German "Mass I

Enormous Fresh I

"Germany is," says the Amsterdam of the "Daily Mail," "pr enormous effort. The Germans what is called a mass levy, where every man and woman must place self at the disposal of the military service is required. The Minister General Gröner, who is said to wide powers, which apparently inisation of the production and su requirements. His appointment, 'Frankfurter Zeitung's' Berlin only one of the many signs of a determined, systematic preparat concentration of all the efforts necess

"There are other signs th Ludendorff (Hindenburg's right, the whole population will have entirely at the disposal of the i ments."

Lord Dunraven and I

The Earl of Dunraven contri letter to the "Morning Post" o Ireland:—"What we have to to obtain, under existing circ Ireland, her fair proportion of m sake, for the sake of the Allied the sake of the principles of right are fighting. The Irish are an pri In the eyes of all Irishmen, exc handful of crazy Republicans, t King of Ireland. An appeal by people would be viewed very