

d. But the Somme battle has placed doubt the ability of the Allies to gain objects.

Western Field.

Enemy Attack Broken in Verdun Region.

troops carried out a successful raid against enemy's lines east of Le Sars, where the lines were found to be greatly damaged by our fire.

of the Ancre there was artillery activity on both sides.

Yesterday afternoon's French communique reported an intense bombardment by the Germans, which the enemy made a strong attack from Hill 304 to east of Dead Man. The attack was broken by the French fire, but some German elements penetrated one of the trenches. The latest communique reports further violent fighting from the Meuse to Avocourt.

Enemy Advance in Moldavia.

On the Moldavian frontier the enemy has made considerable advance at different points, and fighting is taking place for dominating heights. On the Russian front the enemy pressed back the Rumanians eastwards from Grovesha.

In the Rimmik region the Russo-Rumanian forces gallantly repulsed enemy attacks.

The Germans claim to have stormed several villages in the highlands of the Transylvanian front, and captured 1,400 Russians.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Capt H. S. Wright.

Captain Henry Somerset Wright, 2nd Battalion Manchester Regiment, died on December 24th at Soudan, Soudan, while on active service in the Egyptian Army. He was the eldest son of Mr J. Thomas Wright, Clerk of the Crown Office for the City of Cork (the East Riding) and Registrar of the Cork Local Bankruptcy and Admiralty Courts. Captain Wright died in his 33rd year, having given all his life to service in the Manchester Regiment.

LIMERICK FOOTBALLER.

Killed in Action.

News was received in the city yesterday of the death in action on the 19th of Private Timothy Carroll, of the 8th Limerick Fusiliers. The deceased met his death in a shell explosion while attached to a mortar battery. Previous to joining the 8th Limerick Fusiliers, Private Carroll, familiarly known as 'Timmy', was employed at Messrs J. Quin and Sons, a well-known firm of spirit merchants, where he was a favourite. This time twelve months ago he went to France with the 16th (Irish) Division, and during that time he had seen a good deal of fighting.

He was present at the battle of Loos, one of the more famous battles of the Somme, where he won the highest praise. In a letter to his mother, who resides in the Island Road, Limerick, he expressed deep regret at the death of his only son, and spoke of his courage and fearlessness in every phase of the war.

This was only to be expected, as he had the same qualities in the football field, where he won several honours for Garryowen and Shannon.

The "Petit Parisien" publishes an article by M. Ernest Lavisse giving numerous extracts from letters of German prisoners which justify one in saying now that Germany is really dying of hunger.

OBITUARY.

Mr George Abel.

It is with very sincere regret we announce the death of Mr George Abel, which occurred at Barrington's Hospital yesterday morning, in his forty-seventh year. The deceased gentleman had only been ailing a short time, and his death in the prime of life has come as a shock to many friends in the city and elsewhere. About eighteen months ago Mr Abel came to Limerick in connection with a theatrical event at the Royal, and succeeded to the management at the close of his engagement. Some time later he became lessee of the Royal, and during his connection with it he was responsible for many improvements. He was most successful as an entrepreneur, and brought some very fine dramatic and variety entertainments to the city. Born in Manchester, he was possessed of keen business instincts, being quick and accurate in his decisions, but every ready to please his patrons, as well as generously doing his part in the cause of charity and benevolence. Prior to coming to Limerick he was connected with several theatrical enterprises in England, and consequently spoke with authority on stage matters. He was manager to the late Mrs Kendal, and to Mrs Langtry, and was Managing Director of the Arthur Rousby Opera Company. He numbered among his acquaintances some of the best known theatrical people of the day, and was a member of the Savage and Garrick Clubs. His death is keenly felt in the city, and the utmost sympathy is extended to his widow in her bereavement.

The funeral takes place to-morrow from Barrington's Hospital at 1.15 p.m. for St. Munchin's.

Mr Michael McMahon.

We regret to record the death of a highly esteemed citizen, Mr Michael McMahon, which took place yesterday at Lansdowne, in the 66th year of his age. He had been but a short time ill, but for some time past had been in failing health. For the long span of 35 years he was an engineer at Lansdowne, and was held in very high regard by the firm and by his colleagues and many other friends. Sincere sympathy is expressed with his widow and family in their bereavement. The remains will be removed to St Munchin's R.C. Church at 7.30 this evening, and the funeral takes place at 2.30 p.m. to-morrow to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

Mr Daniel McNeice.

The death, at an advanced age, took place at his residence, 7 Harbour View, this morning of Mr Daniel McNeice, senior, for many years a respected employe of the Limerick Harbour Board. The deceased had only been ailing a few days, and the end came peaceably. He was father of Alderman D. McNeice, with whom and the other members of his family, general sympathy is expressed in their bereavement. The remains will be removed to St Michael's R.C. Church this evening, and the funeral will take place at 2 o'clock to-morrow for Mount St. Lawrence.

Coroner Byrne.

The death of Coroner James Byrne, which took place at Ballyhooly House, Ballyhooly, yesterday

out that America said nothing was to be done about Russia and France, neutrality, sought to annihilate Serbia, Montenegro, and Armenians, and methods of savages to warfare. America is providing German escape from her responsibilities.

Britain and Ve Government

A Reuter message states, that the British Government has been officially notified of his appointment as diplomatic agent to Great Britain.

RAILWAY OFFICIALS BONUS.

Our Dublin correspondent wires that the Secretary of the Executive of the Railway Clerks Association has announced that he is authorised to state that the representation made to the Board of Railway Commissioners that the war bonus of 7s per week granted to railway employes is to be extended to all station masters, and clerks on Irish railways.

GOVERNMENT AND RAILWAYS

Staffs Not Unnecessarily Disturbed.

Assurances have been received from the Government that clerical staffs, including the Railway Clearing House, will not be disturbed by any new arrangements for the Government under State control.

BRITISH SHIPPING CA

East London Lloyd's says:—A tug returned from the steamer Obell, reports the probable loss of ship and cargo.

DEATHS OF PROMINENT

The death took place of Mr Robert Thomson, many years prominent in the pulp and paper trade in the West of Scotland. He was ninety years of age, and had been instrumental in the establishment of the Glasgow and Gourock to a flourishing seaside resort. Mr Henry Thomson, formerly a member for Newry, died to-day, aged 75. Mr John Waters, for forty years a member for Newry, died at Yarmouth to-day. Mr John Roberts, a well-known member, has died at Swansea.

NEWCASTLE WEST

At the meeting of the Newcastle West Guardians on Thursday, Mr T. J. O'Connell, Chairman, presided. Also present were Mr J. O'Kelly, J. Quaid, P. P. Donohue, E. D. Liston, T. Roche.

NURSES' SALARY.

A letter was read from the Local Board in reference to the proposal to increase the salary of Nursemaid in Abbeyfeale, from £100 to £120 per year. In reference thereto the Board decided to refer the matter to the Local Board. It was pointed out that this additional post was of