

THE WAR.

French Communique.

Successful Aerial Bombardments.

Paris, Saturday.

The communique reports—of importance to report. On the night of January 4th and 5th bombing squadrons dropped bombs on the line of Grisolles and Sailly Station, and on the line of Guisnoir where four fires and explosions were noticed. On the night of the bivouacs south of Spincourt, the railway station of Mesnil-Enchaux were bombed.

EASTERN ARMY.

British Fleet bombarded Akarvika and other points, south of Orfano.

ROMANS CLAIM BRAILA.

German communique issued last night reports the capture of Braila and the complete evacuation of all Rumanian troops from the town.

Yesterday's Petrograd communique reports that fighting at several points. The enemy's attacks were in most cases repelled with losses, but in others the Rumanians fell back.

Russians admit being obliged to withdraw from the Danube.

An Austrian Defeat.

Austrians, on the night of January 3, attacked the Italians on the Trentino and were forced to retire in disorder, suffering heavy losses. On the Carso the Italians have gained more ground.

General Haig and Munition Workers.

General Marshal Sir D Haig, in acknowledging congratulations from Mr Ben Tillett, urges the need for instant output of munitions and materials, as a tribute to the splendid services of the workers, and says if they pull together with the Government the triumph of their cause is certain.

President Wilson's Attitude.

Washington, Friday. According to the State Department, President Wilson is not contemplating sending another note.

MR LLOYD GEORGE IN ROME

The Press Bureau last night issued the following:—Mr Lloyd George and Lord Milner, with other British officials, have arrived in Rome to

DEATH OF MRS HACKETT.

We announce with very sincere regret the death of Mrs Hackett, wife of the Very Rev Dean Hackett, D.D, which occurred on Thursday evening at the Deanery, Ennis Road. The deceased, who was a daughter of Dr James Whiteside, M.D, of Ballyarton, Coleraine, had not been in good health for a considerable time past. She was a lady of a very genial disposition, kindly and charitable, and was beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her premature and rather unexpected demise is mourned by a wide circle of friends in city and county, with which she had been for so long connected, the Dean having been very many years Rector of Kilmallock and Brures before coming to the city, first as Rector of St Michael's and next as Dean of Limerick. We tender to the Dean and family our sympathy in their great bereavement.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock to-day from Edenmore, Ennis Road, for St Mary's Cathedral. There was a large and representative cortege present to pay a final tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased lady, and to show sympathy with the Dean and his family in their bereavement. On arrival at the Cathedral the remains were taken into the sacred edifice, where the service was held. It was conducted by the Lord Bishop, the Very Rev Chancellor Vance, Rev Chancellor Gillespie, Rev W E Hewetson, and Rev P Sweeney. The service opened with the hymn "Jesus Lover of My Soul" followed by Psalm 90. The Rev Chancellor Gillespie then read the lesson, and the service was concluded with the hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace."

The coffin was borne out of the church to the solemn strains of Beethoven's funeral march, played by Mr F Muspratt and laid to rest at the southern side of the venerable building.

The chief mourners were—The Very Rev Dean T A P Hackett (husband), Dr J Hackett (son), Mrs Robinson (daughter), Mr J Hackett and Ven Archdeacon Foley (brothers-in-law).

The clergy present were—The Lord Bishop, Right Rev Dr Orpen; Rev Chancellor Vance, Rev Chancellor Gillespie, Rev Canon Walker, Rev Canon Swain, Rev Canon Langbridge, Rev Canon Robertson, Rev S E Taylor, Rev J R Colthurst, Rev G Clarke, Rev V G Sutcliffe, Rev H A Orpen, Rev P Sweeney, Rev T W B Nicholson, Rev J H Moran, Rev R H Semple.

Amongst the general public were the Mayor (Mr S B Quin, D.L.), W M Beauchamp, C Croker, D.L.; J F Power, F C Cleve, D.L.; J Quin, J.P.; S O G Lawler, Colonel J O Grady, C.B.; R Lee, F A Johnston, R Harris, F J Cleve, W H Owens, D Tidmarsh, E Ludlow, A J Barnett, F Maspratt, D R Browning, B Gubbins, P R Toppin, G Batterton, A E Goodwin, M D Shaw, C H Fitt, A Cleve, H V Morony, E G Stokes, A C Fogerty, Captain Verschoyle, Captain Twiss, J Thomson, Ulster Bank; J Dodds, solr; D L Rosh, J.P.; J Boyd, J McNab, W Holliday, J P F C Conyers, C.E.; D R O'Brien, J Miller, J Stewart, J T C Day, J M Stack, Jacksou Harris, J H Brett, Munster and Limerick Bank; D Donovan, J Joynt, A J Blood Smyth, solicitor; W Barrington, C.E.; J Place, G E Farmer, G Angley, Dr J J Long, A Waterstone, B Barrington, solr, G Harris, T P Ledger, A Shire, J G Wilkinson, E G Fitt, R Parker, E D Hunt, solr, M Slade, C.E, J Ormston, W Thompson, D Fletcher, C.E, M Caffrey, J Welply, J E Galbraith, etc.

The Bishop and Chancellor Vance officiated at

LATEST NEWS

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS

(Special to the "Chronicle")

The Entente's Reply

Amsterdam, A Berlin message says—The American Affairs to-day presented the reply of the Entente on the peace offer of the Quadruple Alliance.

The Rome Conference

Rome, The "Giornale D'Italia" says—The Rome Conference promises to be an important and a decisive one on the way to victory.

Age Limit in Austria

Melbourne, General Mackinnon, Director General of Recruiting, is considering the question of an age limit to 50.

Famous Explorer Killed in Action

The Press Association's Gloucester correspondent telegraphs—A telegram was received this morning stating that Selous, D.S.O., the famous South African explorer and big game hunter, has been killed in action whilst serving in South East Africa. Selous, in addition to exploring, had a great deal of fighting, and acted as guide on the expedition to Mashonaland, and the Matabele War. He was 64 years of age.

THE NEW WAR LOAN

Possible for all Classes to Contribute.

The new War Loan will be so arranged that it will be possible for all classes to contribute. Doubtless the Post Office machinery will be utilised. The City regards the success of the loan already beyond doubt, as our financial resources of the country are adequate to meet the strain. An compulsory loan at the present stage is not necessary.

Regarding the question of converting the old loan into the new loan, this will be effected without the present loan being compelled to purchase the old loan. The public must be impressed that the mere conversion of old capital into the new capital is not sufficient. The leading