

THE WAR.

BRITISH GAINS IN WEST.

Prisoners Taken.

"A series of well-executed enterprises" is the description in the official communique of actions undertaken by our troops at various points of the line during yesterday and the previous night.

East of Beaumont Hamel a sector of enemy trenches was seized and consolidated, and 140 prisoners taken. East of Loos a raid resulted in the capture of some prisoners. Opposite Arrmentieres trenches were entered and many of the enemy killed, and other damage done.

Artillery was active in the region of Lesbœufs and, on both sides of the Ancre Valley, and with good results.

On the French front there was artillery fighting north of the Somme, and in the regions of Bouba-vesnes and Clerly.

RUMANIA.

Lost Positions Regained.

Enemy Attacks Repulsed.

The Russian communique reports the repulse of eight enemy attacks on the heights north of the River Kasino. South of Rekoza the Rumanians were pressed back, but as a result of a counter-attack the position was regained, and 270 prisoners taken.

Heavy fighting took place at the mouth of the Rinnik. All the attacks here were repulsed, and prisoners taken.

Mackensen claimed to have gained a footing on the left bank of the Putna between Focsani and Fundeni, compelling the Russians to retreat beyond the Sereth.

ULTIMATUM TO GREECE

Time Limit Expired.

The period fixed by the Allies' ultimatum to Greece has now expired. It was reported from Athens on Tuesday night that the Government was inclined to adopt a conciliatory attitude.

From the Piræus it is reported that if King Constantine resist, diplomatic relations will be severed, and General Sarraïl will be instructed to take steps to enforce the Allies' demands.

The French Press calls for firm action.

Allies' Reply to President Wilson.

The Allies' reply to President Wilson's Peace Note was handed to the American Ambassador in Paris yesterday afternoon by M. Briand.

War Honours.

Capt Duncan Vandeleur Creagh, 7th Hussars, has been awarded the Military Cross for distinguished service in the field with a signalling squadron. He is only son of General Sir O'Moore Creagh, V.C., G.C.B.

Sergeant Flora Sandes, of Kerry.

Rev W J Wilson, Cloyne, writing to the London "Daily Telegraph," denies that Sergeant Flora Sandes, the Serbian soldier, is a Scotswoman. She belongs to an old Kerry family—the Sandes, of Sallow Glen, her father, Rev S D Sandes, before going to England, being for a long time rector of White Church, Cork, and her grandfather, Dr Steven Sandes, was Provost of T.C.D., Bishop of Killaloe, and afterwards Bishop of Cashel.

SEPARATION PAYMENTS.

New Scale of Allowances.

The promised scheme of increased separation allowances has now been settled by the Government, says the London "Times." It is understood the new scale will be as follows:—

	Present Scale	New Scale
Wife	12 6	12 6
Wife and 1 child	17 6	19 5
Wife, 2 children	21 0	24 6
Wife, 3 children	23 0	28 0
Wife, 4 children	25 0	31 0

There will be an addition of 3s for each additional child, as compared with the present scale of 2s. The additional 3s 6d a week in the case of London families will be retained. These concessions will cost the Treasury several millions a year—a provisional estimate being between £10,000,000 and £15,000,000.

"A new Royal warrant establishing a more liberal system of military pensions has been drawn up, but it has not yet received the sanction of the Treasury. Mr Barnes is now turning his attention to a new Royal warrant for naval pensions.

DEATH OF MR R J LEE.

We record with very sincere regret the death of a highly esteemed citizen, Mr Richard J Lee, which occurred at his residence Rockmount, North Strand, on Tuesday evening, in the 67th year of his age. The deceased who was brother of the late Mr Samuel E Lee, J.P., was the senior surviving partner in the firm of Messrs Harrison and Lee and Sons, Iron-Founders, High street. He had been in failing health for some time past, and his demise has occasioned great regret amongst very many friends in the city and throughout the country. Mr Lee was a noted oarsman from the seventies to the early eighties. As a representative of the Limerick Boat Club at various Irish regattas in these years he was one of many a winning crew, and also brought off himself several sculler events, including the cup for junior scullers at Dublin Metropolitan Amateur Regatta and "The Championship of the Lee" (seniors) at the Cork Harbour Rowing Club Regatta. For over fifty years, in fact since his boyhood, Mr Lee had been a member of the choir of St Mary's Cathedral. He was also for many years a member of the Select Vestry. He was an accomplished cello player, and in years gone by generously gave his services at concerts promoted by the old Limerick Orchestral Society, as well as at entertainments for charitable purposes. In business and private life Mr Lee was held in high esteem for his genial, kindly, and sympathetic manner, and his death removes from our midst an enterprising citizen and a steadfast friend. To his widow, son, and relatives we tender our sympathy in their bereavement.

The Funeral.

The remains of the deceased gentleman were interred this afternoon in St Mary's Cemetery, the family burial place. At three o'clock the funeral left Rockmount, and was of considerable proportions. The various mercantile and professional interests in the city were represented in the cortege, which was a striking testimony to the memory of the deceased, and the sympathy felt for his family in their bereavement.

The service in the church opened with the hymn, "Rock of Ages," which was followed by psalm 90. The Rev Chancellor Gillespie read the lesson, and the service was concluded with hymn, "Just as I am without one plea." The officiating clergy were:—The Lord Bishop, Right Rev Dr Orpen; Rev Chancellor Gillespie, Rev Canon Abbott, and Rev E A Hewetson.

The chief mourners were:—Mr Richard M Lee (son); Dr C A Johns (brother-in-law); Mr J G Wilkinson, Mr W P Byrne, Mr J G Angley, and Mr S McComb.

Amongst the general public were—Sir Charles B Barrington, Bart; F C Cleave, D.L.; J F Power, C C Mercier, W M Beauchamp, V G Turner, H Blackall, solr; J Welby, W B Fitt, J M Stack, M D Shaw, W G Peacocke, J.P., C H Fitt, A Hall, J Barry, E W Angley, J Barry, J Flynn, A Cleave, Rev Canon Swain, J Cunningham, E G Fitt, T Ryan, J.P., Rev Canon Waller, E Lloyd, M Griffin, B.C., M Caffrey, D O'Sullivan, J W Elliott, E Ludlow, F Muspratt, D S Waters, F Dudley Fletcher, C.E.; W R Twigg, J Dodds, solicitor; T Ewart, R Hanna, J O. Myles, solicitor; J Stewart, G Owens, E G Stokes, S Christy, E A Wickham, B M Nelson, E Christy, W F Pike, G Mitchell, J A Baldwin, J J McMahon, J Hall, Martin Griffin, P R Toppin, A J Barnett, B Barrington, solr; W Holliday, J.P.; J Miller, Dr J J Long, J T C Day, C Hill, J Riddle, J Johnston, B.A.; W McArthur, E F M Melville, W Thompson T Auchmuty, R Lavery, J F Bennis, E H Collopy, W Trousdell, J Harris, W Hassett, T P Ledger, W J Horne, M H Wills, A J Waterstone, W H Owens, P Rookby, J Carr, P Griffin, J Kavanagh, W Kavanagh, D O'Connor, J Byrnes, J. Doherty, etc, etc.

The Bishop and Canon Abbott officiated at the graveside.

Owing to illness the Rev Canon Lee, D.D. brother, Mr A Nelson, D.L., and Mr W Tisdall brothers-in-law of the deceased, were unable to be present at the funeral.

There were no flowers, by request.

THE LATE MRS HACKETT.

In our report of the funeral of the late Mrs Hackett the names of Mr W F Hackett and Mr E A Hackett, M. Inst. C.E. brothers-in-law of the deceased lady, were inadvertently omitted. Also from the list of the general public—Messrs Thos Browning, Frank Browning, A E Browning, J E Coatello, G M Harris, S G Harris, L Harris, Henry Bailey, E F M Melville, Gerald Goodbody, and George Armstrong. The late Mrs Hackett was grand-daughter of the late Mr Cunningham-Cunningham. Her uncle was Gentleman-at-Arms to Queen Victoria, and she was a cousin to the Earls of Glencairn and Semphill.

At Limerick Board of Guardians yesterday, Mrs McDonnell proposed, and Mr Lynch seconded, the following resolution, which was passed:—That we, the Limerick Board of Guardians beg to tender to the Very Rev Dean Hackett, Chaplain to the Workhouse, our deepest sympathy and condolence in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his wife. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dean Hackett."

LIMERICK UNION ESTIMATE.

A special meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians was held yesterday, Mr T Donnellan.

STOP PRESS NEWS

VICTORY WAR LOAN.

Great City Meeting.

Mr Bonar Law Explains Basis of Loan.

At the great City meeting in support of the new War Loan, held at the Guildhall, London, to-day.

Mr Bonar Law said the basis of the loan was the issue of Government Stock at the rate of five per cent., the price of which was ninety-five. That meant almost exactly a yield of 5½ per cent to the investor. The Loan was for a period of thirty years, but the State had the option at the end of twelve years of redeeming it at par if the desire were so felt.

Mr Bonar Law said five per cent would be paid on application, and the balance in fairly equal proportions, the last of which would be May 30th. In addition the Government were giving the option of taking tax compounded loan at the rate of four per cent, issued at par, and redeemable at option at the end of twelve years, and then at the period of twenty-five years. To make it easier for the public to subscribe the Government had extended somewhat the period of subscription. There would be the right of conversion of existing securities, the 4½, 5, and 6 per cent Exchequer Bonds into the new Loan at par. He said the German military machine was crumbling, and we had it in our power to secure peace for all time.

THE PREMIER.

Mr Lloyd George said we ought to secure a big loan now.

LATEST

TO-DAY'S TEL

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Greece Accepts Ultimatum

The reply of Greece to the Entente Powers was handed to their representatives this afternoon. It was in favour of the Allies.

NEUTRALS AND

Speech of American

Speaking here Mr Whitne known American Architect, Institute de France, said the war, impelled by lust of glory as neutrals was constantly doctrine that might takes Convention and humanity in that the authors of the war Comparing the conduct of the war, nothing could be Allies. He eulogised the effort of Britain, and Italy.

H.M.S. 'Cornwallis'

IN MEDITERRANEAN

Small Loss

13 Men Feared

The Admiralty announces H.M.S Cornwallis, battleship (type) was of 14,000 tons displacement, and was completed in 1907.

BRITISH SEAPLANE SUNK

In an Asia Minor

No Loss of

The Admiralty also announces carrier Ben-my-Chree (Win Samson, D.S.O.), was sunk by rizo harbour, Asia Minor, on only casualties were one wounded.

French Communique

Enemy Attack

To-day's communique reports In the Argonne, at the Hi a mine which caused great destruction.

On the right bank of the the enemy upon one of our trenches. Wood was repulsed after heavy losses.

The night was calm everywhere.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCES

Mr Hogge, M.P., has received Chancellor of the Exchequer has been devised under which to meet all cases where a connection with separation allowances.

MR H. O'B. MORAN, SOLR.

Great interest, says a Dublin correspondent, continues to be taken in the case of Mr H. O'B. Moran, solr, who has been arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act in connection with a secret document arising out of the prosecution of Mr Ryan, Secretary of the local branch of the G.A.A. at New Pallas, Co Limerick. He was visited by Mr L J O'Toole, Secretary G.A.A., who found him in excellent spirits. He is allowed certain privileges, including smoking and the use of the library. It has not yet been decided by what form of tribunal Mr Moran will be tried. It is stated that the authorities contemplate taking steps to have the decision of the magistrates at New Pallas quashed.

The "Freeman" states that Mr T M Healy, K.C., M.P., and Mr James Reardon will be instructed by Mr Magee to conduct Mr Moran's case. It is possible, says the paper, that Mr Moran's legal advisers may seek to have the question at issue determined by moving for a writ of habeas corpus in the King's Bench Division.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

Farewell Address to T.C.D. Electors.

On his elevation to the Judicial Bench as Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, Sir James H Campbell has issued a farewell address to the electors of Dublin University, in which he says that during the fourteen years he had the honour to be one of the representatives of the University in Parlia-

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