

The Fall of Bagdad.

Stanley Maude's Brilliant Feat.

Bonar Law, in the House of Commons yesterday, made a statement on the operations which resulted in the capture of Bagdad, from which he supplied to him by the General Staff. The capture of Bagdad was, he said, a sequel to a series of brilliant operations carried out by the British and Indian troops with a dash and determination, for which no praise could be too high. The capture of the enemy's artillery either fell into their hands, or was thrown by the enemy into the sea. The pursuit of 110 miles was affected in fifteen days during which the river Tigris was crossed several times. The whole operations, concluded Mr Law, reflect the greatest credit upon the British Staff.

Welcomed in Allied Countries

The fall of Bagdad has been welcomed in Allied countries with the greatest enthusiasm, and in view of its significance, as putting an end to the long dream of an Eastern Dominion, has not been overlooked. It is pointed out by several writers that the Berlin to Bagdad railway no longer exists.

British Position Improved IN WEST

Successful French Attack.

In the region of Bouchavesnes our position has improved slightly. In the same neighbourhood successful raids on enemy trenches have taken place.

At Arras our troops bombed enemy dug-outs and inflicted many casualties.

An enemy attack against the French between Arras and Rheims completely failed. The British sustained loss and left prisoners.

The French carried out a successful attack on our positions west of Maisons de Champagne. In the front of 1,500 metres they carried the trenches, captured Hill 185, and penetrated our defences on the northern slopes of that hill. They took 100 prisoners.

The British front there was continuous air attacks yesterday. Nine enemy machines were shot down, or forced down. Five of our machines are missing.

Raids by the Berlin Police

Some time past, says "The Times," the Berlin police, accompanied by officials of the Prussian Government, which is charged with the suppression of "subversion," have been making organised raids on railway stations to prevent illicit importation of food to Berlin. As the result of scandalous and great public indignation, the Chief Minister of Berlin publishes a strongly-worded statement addressed to the Prussian Minister of the Interior. He says that it is impossible for

DEATH OF MR P G BOURKE.

We regret to record the death of Mr Patrick Gerald Bourke, only surviving son of Mr P E Bourke, J.P., and Mrs Bourke, of Limerick and 25 Herbert Avenue, Dublin, which took place on Sunday, at Rathboland, Limerick, after a brief illness. The deceased, who was only in his 23rd year, came of an old and highly esteemed family, who for generations have been prominently associated with commercial life in this city. The lamented young gentleman himself, for one of his years, displayed a remarkably keen business instinct, and some twelve months ago became managing partner in the firm of Messrs P D Bourke and Co. William street, where his invariable courtesy won for him the highest esteem of the staff and the customers of the house. He was educated at the Crescent College, S.J., Limerick, whence he proceeded to St Vincent's College, Castleknock, and after a brilliant academic course was articled to the electrical department of Messrs Thomas Dockrell and Sons, Ltd, Dublin. Quite recently he was unanimously elected a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Cut off in the bloom of manhood, a bright and promising career has been ended, and the deepest sympathy is expressed by a wide circle of friends with Mr Bourke's parents in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

The funeral took place this morning at 10 o'clock from St Michael's R.C. church for the family burial place at Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the general public present to pay a final tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, and to offer sympathy to his parents and relatives.

The chief mourners were—Mr P E Bourke, J.P. (father); Mrs Bourke (mother) Mr G R Ryan (uncle), Mr J S Gaffney, C.S., and Mr P J Lynch, C.E.

The clergy present were—Rev Fr O'Connor, Adm, St Michael's; Rev Fr Hannon, C.C., do; Rev Fr Loyle, S.J.; Rev Fr McCarthy, P.P., Donoughmore; Rev Fr Brosnahan, C.C., do.

Amongst the general public present were—The City High Sheriff, Dr P F Graham, Capt J O'G D'Imge, D.L.; F A Johnstone, W M Kidd, M O'Callaghan, B.C.; D O'Callaghan, solicitor; B E F Sheery, C.E.; J P O'Mahony, Wm M Nolan, J.P.; E F M Melville, P Hartigan, A Hayes, T H Brett, J F Power, E O'Callaghan, J Barry, W G Peacocke, J.P.; J Flynn, R T Hartigan, J J Quaid, J.P.; E O'Donnell, J.P.; S Flynn, A C Fogerty, Dr W J O'Sullivan, V Dowling, P J O'Sullivan, solicitor; A Murray, Dr J F Devane, R F Ryan, T McGrath, J Johnson, T J Loughrey, J H Roche, J.P.; J McCarthy, J J Delaney, J.P.; M D McCoy, solr; P E O'Donnell, J.P.; J F Barry, J.P.; P O'Meehan, L.D.S.; J J McMahon, S M O'Mara, J McNeice, W J Halpin, J Egan, J Lawler, J Murphy, M O'Toole, A S Hall, R M Twigg, S Tubridy, S M Reardon, J Cahill, J N Wallace, E G Fitt, V J Turner, J V Coogan, L.D.S.; M Ryan, J Tomkins, J McNamara, J Shannon, Mrs O'Brien, South Hill; P R Toppin, J Clune, W Holliday, J.P.; P Coyle, H Kearney, J A Bourke, S Hastings, solr; John Corboy, P O'Halloran, W Keidy, M Bartley, P J Barry, W Delany, M O'Sullivan, R Nash, solr, T F Ryan, M Cahill, N Gleeson, W S Bourke, P B Malone, E M Toppin, etc., etc.

Father McCarthy officiated at the graveside. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs P McCarthy & Sons.

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SPORTING.

KELLS MEETING.

THE FARMERS' PLATE.

Poor Willy (H Harty) 1
Ormachus (Mr H S Harrison) ...
Reinstated (Houlihan)
Also ran—Dormy, Little Slavey, General P
Betting—5 to 2 agst Ormachus, 4 to 1
Willy, and Little Slavey, 5 to 1 Dormy, 6
Reinstated, 10 to 1 General Blane.
Won in a canter. Winner trained private

THE HILL PLATE.

Mabestown (George Harty)
Merry Point (P Kelly)
Archias (W Gadsden)
Also ran—Ballycaddin, Rathrue, King
Meath.
Betting—5 to 4 agst Mabestown, 4 to 1 Archias,
6 to 1 Ballycaddin, and King of Meath, 10
to 1 others.
Won in a canter. Winner trained private

THE KELLS PLATE.

Single Stick (Hegan)
Glandavedogue (H Harty)
Hope of Hinton (Joe Canty)
Also ran—Ogen, Enchanted Prince, Cellar
Sailaway.
Betting—3 to 1 agst Single Stick, and Hope
of Hinton, 5 to 1 Flax Meadow, and Glandavedogue
6 to 1 Sailaway, 10 to 1 others.
Won in a canter. Winner trained by Kir

THE MAIDEN PLATE.

Gris de Lin (F Morgan)
Ballnamona (Houlihan)
Kroo Boy (Aylin)
Also ran—Donor's Green, Acclaiming, 1
dale, Lord Carbery, White Heels. An
Surprise.
Betting—3 to 1 agst Gris de Lin, and
Carbery, 7 to 2 Donor's Green, 5 to 1 An
Surprise, 8 to 1 Ballnamona, 10 to 8 others
Won easily. Winner trained by Arnott

THE ROUND TOWER PLATE.

Pat Ryan (Mr P Nugent)
Maskita (E Houlihan)
Target's Bay (Lawn)
Also ran—Mrs Gunn, Banjo, Molly's Pet.
Betting—5 to 2 agst Pat Ryan, and Banjo,
1 Maskita, and Target's Bay, 50 to 1 others.
Won easily. Winner trained by Anthon