

scenes and great public indignation, the Chief Burgomaster of Berlin publishes a strongly-worded protest addressed to the Prussian Minister of the Interior. He says that it is impossible for respectable traders to put up any longer with the police examination, and that the raids are acting as a check on trade; while the elaborate police machinery involved is out of all proportion to the importance of any offences that may be discovered.

Bernstorff Near Home

Count Bernstorff had a hearty reception from the German colony on his arrival at Copenhagen yesterday. To Pressmen, he said he could not talk politics before communicating with his Government. He will proceed to Berlin to-day.

'Knell of German Aspirations' in the East.

The "Times" says—The German route to the East is blocked, and the existing terminus of the Bagdad Railway has passed into our hands: Great though this achievement may well be reckoned from the military point of view, the moral effect will be even greater. To the watching East it will sound the knell of German aspirations. To the Germans themselves it will mean the ignominious collapse of a scheme to which they directed infinite, subtle, and secret labour, and the frustration of one of the principal objects for which they wantonly set the world ablaze: The culminating operations of our forces appear to have been conducted with remarkable skill, and they closed with actions on both sides of the River Tigris. There is no harm in saying now that Sir Stanley Maude smashed the Turkish Army centring on Kut even more thoroughly than the public are quite aware. In the laborious series of movements on the right bank of the Tigris opposite and above Kut, which were protracted through many days, he inflicted terrible losses on the Turks. Thousands of prisoners were taken, and time after time the Turkish dead were found in heaps. When the Turkish Army broke and bolted for Bagdad, it was not much more than a remnant. On all their main campaigning fronts the Turks are falling back, while their power in Arabia is now broken.

Field Honours for Irishmen

At Victoria Barracks, Cork, General Doran, C.B., presented Lieut G A Steele, Inspector, Military Schools, with the Serbian Order of the White Eagle; Private Hayes and Sergt Cummins with the Military Medal, the latter being also decorated with the Croix de Guerre for service in Gallipoli, while Sergt Leonard and Lance-Corporal Carroll received the Military Medal for service at the Western front. The men are attached to the 1st Dublins.

DEATH OF SIR P. COLL, K.C.B.

We regret to announce the death of the Right Hon Sir Patrick Coll, P.C., K.C.B., ex-Chief Crown Solicitor for Ireland, which occurred yesterday afternoon in a private nursing home. The deceased, who had been several weeks seriously indisposed, was a son of Mr James Coll, Belview, Co. Limerick, and was born in 1839. He acted as conducting agent for Mr Parnell, when he was elected in 1875 as representative for Meath. In 1884, in the re-organisation of the office of Crown Solicitor for the City and County of Dublin, Mr Coll was appointed by Earl Spencer to succeed Mr Matthew Anderson in that office, on the recommendation of the Attorney-General of the day, who afterwards became Lord Chancellor Naish. Four years later, on the abolition of the office of Crown and Treasury Solicitor, after the retirement of the late Mr William Lane Joynt, he was appointed Chief Crown Solicitor for Ireland, and in his new office he took over the legal duties connected with the Treasury, and became responsible for the carriage of much of the legal business of the Irish Government. During his term of office Sir Patrick had the carriage from time to time of prosecutions arising out of agrarian disturbances and political movements in different parts of the country. The courage and impartiality with which he discharged his duties were recognised in 1890, when the Government conferred on him the dignity of C.B. Some half dozen years later he was further honoured by receiving a knighthood, and in 1903 he was created a K.C.B. On his retirement in December, 1905, the King appointed him a member of the Irish Privy Council, and it is a noteworthy fact that Sir Patrick Coll was the first solicitor to have the honour of being appointed a member of that body. Sir Patrick was a Roman Catholic, and a Liberal of the old school. On his retirement he was succeeded in the office of Chief Crown Solicitor by Sir Malachi Kelly, his son-in-law. Sir Patrick Coll was popular with members of both branches of the legal profession, and enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends among the general public. The funeral is announced to be private.

THEATRE ROYAL.

There were large audiences at the Theatre Royal last night to renew acquaintance with "Rosco," whose named appeared at the top of the bill. The

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

FUNERAL OF MR JAS HEWSON.

The remains of the late Mr James Hewson, whose death took place on Saturday morning, at 4 Clongrennan Terrace, were interred to-day at St Mary's. At 12 o'clock, the funeral, which was of large and representative proportions left the residence of the deceased. Nearly every interest in the city was represented, and during the passage of the funeral the establishment of Messrs W Todd & Co were closed as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, whose connection with the firm extended over half a century. On arrival at the Cathedral the remains were taken into the sacred edifice where the service was conducted by the Rev Canon Waller and the Rev V G Sutcliffe.

The chief mourners were—Frederick Hewson, Masy Hewson, Richard Hewson, Victor Hewson (sons); Edward Hewson and Septimus Hewson (brothers).

Amongst the general public were—A Murray, Dr F W Kennedy, R F M Melville, P R Toppin, B Murray, W Walshe, W M Beauchamp, L O B Kelly, B L; M Slater, J A McKensie, E Leahy, solr; E Bell, C H Fitt, J G O'Brien, M Caffrey, R Nash, solr; M O'Toole, E G Fitt, J E Gaibraith, Rev Canon Robertson, Rev R H Semple, Rev A E Hewatson, J T C Day, J King, Dr J Brennan, G P Cross, J Whetstley, P Rookby, Captain Kimmitt, T Ewart, S Kerr, J G Wilkinson, W N Metcalfe, B M Widdess, P O'Connor, G Maybury, T Auchmuty, J Joynt, C Hill, G Mitchell, J Hassett, J Mitchell, A J Barnett, R A Hanna, W J Horne, J Hackett, J H Page, E A Wickham, W Angley, J Dodds, solr; J McNamara, W H Owens, W B Smith, P J Hamilton, J McGuire, G Cromer, J Stewart, G Bruce, A J Bakins, C C O'Donoghue, H Nestor, A Wyde, J Quin, J P; J McNamara, H Stewart, G Owens, G Lovell, J Elliott, J McNab, J Bromell, J G Angley, E H Dennis, W Holliday, J P; A Bruce, E W Christy, E H Collopy, C Downey, H Blissett, M J Russell, W Higgins, T P Ledger, W Dunn, R Horne, W Thompson, E Kidd, W Griffiths, W Mearthur, W Webb, E Ludlow, C C Mercier, R E Myles, J McClatchey, W Pike, J Parker, J H Todd, A Woodhouse, J N A Wallace, J B Waugh, J O'Dwyer, J Hartnett, D Punch, M Lynch, T Long, J Joyce, F Crowe, M Griffin, J M Stack, J A McCutcheon, A C Fogarty, G Pike, M O'Loughlin, P Kelly, P Liston, etc. Canon Waller and Rev V G Sutcliffe officiated at the graveside.

DEATH OF MR U SPARLING

We regret to announce the death of a respected member of an old County Limerick family, Mr Uriah Sparling, Dromard House, Rathkeale, which took place at his residence on the 6th inst, at the age of 80 years. He was a well-known and extensive farmer, and was also for a long number of years factor and general manager for the late Col Browne, of Mount Browne. The immense attendance at the funeral on Wednesday bore witness to the respect and esteem in which he was held by all classes and creeds in his native county. The remains were interred in the family burying place at Rathkeale Parish Church. The Rev Canon McLean, LL.D., C.F., who journeyed specially from Dublin to officiate at the funeral of his old friend, paid an eloquent testimony to the deceased, his many sterling qualities, and charity. Mr Sparling was a Select Vestryman for the Parish of Rathkeale, and for years a Synodman for the Diocese of Limerick. He always took a keen interest in the work of the Limerick Protestant Orphan Society, and yearly collected a large sum for that Institution. To his sorrowing widow and family we tender our sincere sympathy.

The chief mourners were—His widow, Messrs H and J Sparling (sons); Mrs Miller, Mrs Lane, and Mrs Frawley (daughters); Messrs Millar, Lane, and Frawley (sons-in-law); Mrs W Teskey (cousin); Mr G Teskey (brother-in-law); Mr J Teskey (nephew); Sapper H Teskey, R E (nephew); Mrs and Capt Paul, Limerick; Mr A Switzer, Ballygarra; Mr R Miller, Tarbert; Mr A Hill, Tralee.

Wreaths were sent by the following—Mrs Sparling (widow); Mrs H Sparling (daughter-in-law); Canon and Mrs McLean. Mr T Healy and family, Mr G Micks and family.

GAIETY THEATRE.

The outstanding attraction at the Gaiety Theatre last night was the superb play "In the Hour of Trial." Large and appreciative audiences were present to derive pleasure and instruction from this specimen of the camera. It is a beautiful affair, redolent of intensive drama, and affording situations of the most fetching description. In the sixth episode of the popular serial "The Laughing Mask," the story is continued and developed with extraordinary vigour, and winds up in a terrific struggle between the principal figure's secretary and a celebrated crook. The Gaumont Graphic current news was again up-to-date. To-morrow and Thursday nights "Child of Paris Streets" will be filmed, while on Friday and Saturday nights "The Typhoon" will be presented, and commencing

Also ran—Mrs Gunn, Barjo, Molly's Pet. Betting—5 to 2 agst Pat Ryan, and Barjo, 3 to 1 Maskita, and Target's Bay, 50 to 1 others. Won easily. Winner trained by Anthony, Curragh.

METROPOLITAN STEEPLECHASE. BETTING.

1,000 to 20 agst Kissaway.
500 to 50 agst Antius.

LIMERICK TECHNICAL SCHOOL ARTS EXHIBITION.

An exhibition of work done by the art students attending the classes in connexion with the City Technical school was opened to-day, and it is well worthy a visit from all to whom such an event should appeal. The exhibition is not an over large one, but the examples of art work displayed are most creditable to the headmaster of the classes, Mr George Wood, and also Miss Mary O'Neill, who has special charge of some art branches. The work, the painting from models, from nature, or from still life, is, generally speaking, excellent, showing great earnestness and taste, and better still, a striving after the ideal, while watchful of art limitations, that bespeaks much promise in efforts to come from the amateurs. There are exhibits in several branches—wood work, leather work, pottery, lace (hand-made from model or design), stencilling, embroidery—and the pupils in the House Painters' Class in charge of Mr E Fitzgibbon, send in some show and inscribed boards painted in an attractive and tasteful manner, which should prove very taking for business people. Some of the exhibitors have applied themselves with considerable success to more than one branch of art, and not a few of the lady contributors, whether in oils or water colours, in stencilling or pen and ink sketches, display great merit and a talent which needs but time for still further development. The male pupils also are prominent amongst the successful competitors. The exhibition is deserving of all praise, and it is a pleasure indeed to find the pursuit of art among so many young citizens attended with such fruitful results, and seemingly of still more to follow. Where all the exhibits are more or less meritorious it is not necessary to particularise in a too brief notice, such as the present.

AWARDS FOR VALOUR.

IRISH REGIMENTS.

A supplement to last night's "London Gazette" states that his Majesty the King has approved the award of a number of decorations for bravery in the field. They include the following:—

MILITARY CROSS-BAR.

Sec-Lt (Actg Capt) H St C Roy, M.C., R Inniskilling Fusiliers—For conspicuous gallantry in action. He led his company with great dash, captured all his objectives, and maintained his position against a hostile counter-attack. He captured two officers, 100 other ranks, and a machine gun.

MILITARY CROSS.

Second Lieut G de la Poer Beresford, R.E. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when in charge of a working party. He successfully carried out his work under very heavy fire. Later he made a dangerous reconnaissance, and obtained most valuable information.

Second Lieut H Mac Boyle, R.I Fus, attd R.I Rifles. For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He crawled with a patrol through a thick stretch of wire to the enemy parapet. On another occasion he gallantly led a successful raiding party against the enemy's trenches.

Captain Ivan H Garvey, Connaught Rangers, Spec Res—For conspicuous gallantry in action. He displayed great courage and determination in driving off a strong enemy attack with severe casualties. He has on several previous occasions done fine work.

Temp Lt W C Hill, R.I Rif. attd T.M By—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He succeeded in moving his guns to defensive positions under very heavy fire. Later, in spite of heavy fire, he continued to fire a gun himself. He set a splendid example of courage and determination throughout.

Temp Sec-Lt P J Lyne, R Munster Fusiliers.—For conspicuous gallantry in action. He reorganised all the men of his company and supported the troops advancing to the second objective, leading them with great gallantry and capturing many prisoners.

Capt D Scollard, R.I Rifles.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out several dangerous reconnaissances, and obtained most valuable information. Later, he led a successful raiding party, and inflicted many casualties on the enemy.

MILITARY MEDAL—BAR.

Band-man H Fisher, R Innis Fus.

MILITARY MEDAL.

Pte W English, Leinster Regt.

Pte P O'Leary, Leinster Regt.

Cpl C M Dermott, Leinster Regt.

Cpl M McNamara, Leinster Regt.

THE BREAD ORDER.

Hindu Staden

A Hindu student of Calcutta has been remanded charged with neutrality of the United Kingdom with Von Papen to organize against India.

Sir E Shackleton From

Sir Ernest Shackleton, in his latest expedition, expresses his intention of going to the South Pole.

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Funeral of Lord F

The funeral of Mrs H French, who fell a victim to the influenza epidemic, took place to-day. Military honours were accorded.

Labour Support

The labour of the country, represented by its representatives, has unanimously decided to support every field of activity, should be drawn into the war.

PRIVY COUNCIL

General Smuts

The King held a Privy Council at the Palace to-day. Hon W Selous, Minister of South Africa, attended, and were sworn in to attend the Palace, General Clarence House to inquire regarding the Duchess of Connaught. General called upon the Prime Minister.

RAILWAY APPEAL

The House of Lords to-day decided on the appeal of the Great Western Railway Company against the decision of the Courts below of the judge at Bristol in an action for damages for non-delivery of five lambs in three separate consignments. The railway Company contended that the carcasses were missing on delivery, and that the consignments constituted non-delivery within the meaning of the railway consignment note. The appeal was allowed, and the railway Company ordered to pay costs.

LETTER FROM MR

Tribute to Irish Militar

The Home Rule Q

In a letter to Bristol Liberal Club, Mr J. P. Kelly, an Irishman from all parts of the country, has flocked to the colours and gained a high military reputation in glorious service. The Home Rule question, he says, is not settled by insisting on an unconditional going down on his knees for preliminary concessions one to another. A scheme authoritatively produced and recommended to the Irish Nation would provide a basis for discussion, and at least some chance of success.

THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT'S ILLNESS.

Slight Improver

The Press Association says: The Duchess of Connaught—During the first part of the illness the patient had a quivering fever diminished. There is a slight improvement in the anxiety of the outlook.

DEATH OF COL E. S.

A Striking Car