

the postal service which have had thought about, with, as a sequence, the grumbings and complaints, one's notion of the administration of the Post Office, when all the circumstances of the situation are considered, be rather increased than diminished. For we must remember that the regular staffs of the Post Office have been enormously diminished throughout the country owing to the exigencies of the war. A huge number have responded to the patriotic call of King and Country, and, what is more, the distinctions of them have earned for valour and courage, reflect the highest credit on the profession to which they belong. Of the officials on military service 2,000 volunteered in Ireland, and as to the honours won on the field, they include 7 C's, thirteen D.S.O's, and 205 Medals, a proud record certainly. In addition to these examples of individual gallantry, the Post Office Rifles, who have been in France since 1915, have established for themselves a reputation for dashing and courageous attack, and stubborn and unflinching defence. The war has, as everyone knows, greatly increased the burden on the shoulders of the Post Office Department. Striking figures are given to illustrate this were given by the Postmaster-General. Some 900,000 and ten million letters are despatched over-seas every week, while letters from the Army to this country total a billion. These figures are a striking testimony on our undoubted command of resources, when such a huge traffic can be so easily and effectively handled. There are 830 British prisoners of war and 100,000 civilians in Germany, and each week some 85,000 papers are sent them from the United Kingdom. With regard to German prisoners of war and interned persons in the United Kingdom of whom there are in all 58,113 they receive, on an

average of 100 papers per week. Arrangements for the proposed Convention, wire me at the Hammam Hotel, Dublin, on receipt of this, saying simply, "Yes." I would have written you towards the end of last week, but I was disappointed in getting some lists of names I had expected.

I am, faithfully yours,

✠ CHARLES McHUGH.

P.S.—A Committee meeting will be held in Dublin at the Presbytery, Marlborough street, on Wednesday, 6th, at 11 a.m.

Sinn Fein and the Convention.

The Executive Committee of Sinn Fein in Dublin issued a contradiction last night of the statement circulated in England yesterday, that the organisation will be represented at the Irish Convention.

DEATH OF MAJOR F H WISE.

Very many friends in Limerick City and County will regret to learn of the death which occurred suddenly on Tuesday, of Major Francis Wise, at his residence, Rochestown, Cahir. Major Wise, who was 48 years of age, had a distinguished military career. He served as a Lieutenant in the Durham Light Infantry from 1888 to 1890. Subsequently, with the 13th Hussars, he went through the South African War up to the Relief of Ladysmith, and was mentioned in despatches. He was a prominent figure in hunting, polo, and racing circles in Ireland, and was held in high esteem by sportsmen generally. From 1899 to 1908 he was Master of the Limerick Hounds, previous to which he hunted the regimental hounds of the 13th Hussars, when stationed at Dundalk. A noted polo player, he was a member of the 13th Hussars team, which won many important tournaments in this country and in England. Major Wise's brilliant and dashing play contributed largely to the victories achieved by the team. There were few better judges of the thoroughbred horse. Amongst some of the good animals bred by him were Stornoway and Shogun. For the former he got, at the Doncaster yearling sales, 5,000 guineas. Since the outbreak of the war, Major Wise was from time to time engaged in the purchasing of remounts in Canada for the British Government.

CROOM DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr John Coleman, J.P., presided at the meeting of the Croom District Council to-day. Also present were—Messrs T D Clifford, J.P.; J Power, J Bennett, D S O'Connell, P Morrissey, M Hannan, P J O'Leary, M Noonan.

Mr Jas Conway, Clerk, was also present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Local Government Board forwarded a further letter which they had received from a man named Ml Dunne relative to his application for the tenancy of a cottage provided in the district under the Labourers Acts, and they requested that they might be furnished with the Council's observations on the subject.

The matter was adjourned for the presence of the Guardians of the division.

previous week's.

Over 1,600
Under 1,600
Fishing vessels

Totals
Unsuccessful at
13).

Italy

Italian losses of
steamer under 2,000
200 tons, and two
Italian ports numerous
sailings 446 (369,
and small coasting

Submarine

A Washington telegram
The State Department
believed that a German
by an armed American
The steamer's final
submarine, which
of the water, and

THAMES RIVER

Two

It is now official
the Thames estuary
killed and 36 injured
was slight. On Tuesday
met by 10 British
numerous fights two
and four driven down
paper states that
safely home.

BIG BATTLE

CA

(ITALY)

Yesterday lively
the front from the
heights east of Gort
shelling of our position
was resumed, proving
our batteries. Some
action on the 4th,
line, fronting the
slightly withdrawn
tenuous position.
captured 256 prisoners
Aerial activity was
was beaten down
Secten Valley, and
during an air fight
Mount Santo. Ja
in spite of violent
guns, dropped over
station of St Py
Railway. Our men
War Special.