

has evinced his sympathy clearly and emphatically—it will be good news for the community in these islands. We hope that the people will fully benefit by whatever arrangements or concessions that may be made. Strong complaint was made some time ago of the maximum prices fixed for Irish butter, which adversely affected our trade. It is to be hoped, therefore, that special needs and requirements of our country will receive the favourable consideration of Lord Rhondda. It has been suggested more than once that a Food Controller, or in the alternative that a Food Control Committee, should be specially appointed for this country to regulate prices, but what would be equitable from the point of view of the manufacturer and the consumer as well. The setting up of such a department would be fraught with no advantage to this country as well as requiring material help to the Ministry of Finance. Questions were recently put in the House relative to the suggestion, but the Government has not yet sent it does not seem likely to be adopted. Lord Rhondda's policy, however, will be followed with keen interest, and probably we shall have a more detailed announcement regarding it ere long. He is to be as fair as the conditions of the war will permit, and more than that cannot be expected with reason.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

### Nest in Front Line Trench.

The Wytschaete Ridge had been taken by the British (a British officer writes), my servant and I, when going across in the evening he saw a blackbird sitting on its nest in the front line trench. I could not believe it, but this morning, having a spare half, I got my servant to take me to the place, and there enough, there was the nest, with five eggs in it. One of the big mines had been exploded within 120 yards of the spot, making a large enough to accommodate a good-sized

their meeting as a mark of respect to the memory of Major Redmond.

### His Colonel's Fine Tribute.

A correspondent's recent reference in the London "Evening Standard" to Major Redmond is the subject of a note from Col Monteagle Browne, D.S.O., under whom he served. "Major Redmond's last and most eloquent speech in the House of Commons," says Col Browne, "came from his own heart, and to attribute its inspiration to any words of mine is, I feel, unchivalrous to the memory of a magnificent soldier and a great gentleman. Need I add that Major Redmond required no inspiration from me or anybody else, though he always most gladly welcomed suggestions, even from old political opponents."

### GAIETY THEATRE.

There were large audiences at the Gaiety Theatre last night, when a programme of exceptional merit was presented. The fourth instalment of "The Fanatic," the marvellous serial, disclosed a set of incidents culminating in an explosion which was realistic and thrilling to a degree. The pictorialisation of the renowned novel by Mrs Harriet Beecher Stowe, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was followed with keen interest. It is, as is well known, a delightful story, typical of American customs, and its beauty is intensified several fold on the screen. A very pretty comedy, "Never Again," was decidedly humorous; while through the medium of the Gaumont Graphic the world's news in epitome was exhibited.

### CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

Owen O'Neill, a Corporation employe, was found dead on the floor of his room in a house in Francis-street yesterday morning. He had not been seen since Friday morning, and the matter was reported to the police at William-street. Yesterday morning the police forced an entrance to his room, which had been locked, and found him, as stated, lying dead on the floor fully dressed. He was forty-five years of age and unmarried. An inquest was held on the body at the Town Hall last evening by the Coroner, Mr J F Barry, J.P., and a verdict of death from natural causes returned.

### FISHING ON THE FERGUS.

Owing to the low water just now in the river, fishing is practically at a standstill. During the week only two salmon were killed, Mr John Kerin landing a nice thirteen pounder, and one of 8 lbs, and in addition he killed two peal, 3½ lbs and 3 lbs. There are indications of a good run of peal. The net fishermen in the lower river have much success lately.

### NEWCASTLE WEST FAIR.

At above fair the supply was small and demand brisk for young cattle. Springers, £33 to £35; two year olds, £20 to £26; yearlings, £13 to £17 10s; milch cows, £18 to £25; bulls, £21 to £36; bopams, 30s to 42s 6d.

home keep our nerves steady. Admiral Tirpitz to the Independent Committee for a due to the internal condition partly explains the mutiny against England (says the president of the "Daily Telegraph" General Staff is forced to take action of affairs, not only by but also by the necessities tauten the slackening nerves

For the fulfilment of the Tirpitz's message is a "object" of the U boat campaign war in three months. I am now realising that, far from the campaign of murder and prolonged their miseries into the field. Something to her flagging spirits, and the forms. The first is a spectacular air raids on the publication every day alleged as a marine booty.

In connection with the compared with earlier statistics any convincing details. A of notice is the non-publication of the total tonnage sank during the war prompted by the circumstances great falling off, as compared with last month.

That this is so is implied in the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" accounts obscure everything in the Press, including the dwindling of the Even before the loss of the failure of these baby-killing obvious.

### German News

The union of leading proprietors has issued another statement about the continually increasing materials and cost of printing and the necessity for proprietors to increase their prices. They state that the Government's demands will also be increased. The decrease of editorial space

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M Edmond Hery, the editor of "Le Matin," points out that the United States has ruined the Bankers of neutral countries who are admirably placed on, are losing confidence in the credit organs which it in view of the war will their engagements. In Switzerland shows that themselves contributing to converting assets into neutral countries.—Reuter.

A Reuter's New York male British subjects between 45 now in the United States join the British colours, and recruiting agents in the lists.