

ernment, he added, vision there was no people that could With regard to the German accounts of the submarine operations, and the countering U-boat operations, were very successful. The fact that when Russia was by the her great strength diminish, while those ease, and her power readily take it that the facts, and devoid of the same favourable country that it did any has failed in her, and she appears to be yet unrepentant, aggression to quibble, dove-like endeavour, and this with her promote the war, a seizure of Belgium, treatment of her unrepentant, as the Premier home pass through the temper which they enjoy a great military beginning of the last war, the world, would witness the valour of the military, and the men who followed, was less hopeful than the result of the war, and they will look forward to the future has for them, as an issue of this the liberty in the world's

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comedy films and a picture showing views in Biarritz and Madrid. In addition a very select musical programme will be played on each evening.

### NEW PENSIONS INSPECTORS.

The Minister of Pensions has appointed the following persons to act as Inspectors for the Ministry in Ireland:—Chief Inspector—Mr D H Lane. North Ireland (Ulster)—Mr H G Stevenson. Mid-Ireland (Connaught, Leinster)—Mr C A Pim. South of Ireland (Munster)—Captain R W Cooper.

### RAILWAY STRIKE THREATENED.

In connection with the demand put forward by the Government by the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen for an eight hours' day a conference of representatives of the members was held in London yesterday, and at the close Mr Fred Bromley, secretary of the society, made the following statement to the Press Association representative:—"The conference has decided on a strike. The President of the Board of Trade has, however, to-night made certain suggestions to me which will have to be discussed by the Executive Committee, and their report will be given to the conference, which will meet again in the morning."

### DEATH OF MR P McGUIRE.

The death which is deeply regretted in the city took place last night of Mr Patrick McGuire after a brief illness. The deceased, who was only in his thirty-fifth year, was a native of Enniscorthy. He was manager of Messrs W Lloyd's grocery establishment, George street, during the past ten years, and during that time he made many friends in the city who mourn his untimely demise. He was of a very affable disposition, devoted to outdoor pursuits, particularly fishing, of which he was a keen devotee.

### NEW MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments have been made:—The Right Hon John Hodge, M.P., to be Minister of Pensions. Mr George H Roberts, M.P., to be Minister of Labour. Mr A C Geddes to be Minister of National Service. Mr George J Wardle, M.P., to be Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade. Mr Hodge has been Minister of Labour since December, 1916. Mr Roberts, who succeeds Mr Hodge at the Ministry of Labour, has been Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade since 1916. Mr Geddes, in his capacity as Brigadier-General A C Geddes, has been Director-General of Recruiting. Mr Wardle is a prominent Labour member, and editor of the "Railway Review."

### THE PADDOCKS, LIMERICK.

Our troops are beginning to clear the ground which we captured north of Bixschoote, from Drie Grachten, with possession, as far as the river Broen.

We have succeeded in reducing the enemy was resisting, and have a number of our prisoners, which now We have also captured fifteen gun number of machine guns.

The cannonade has been rather lively at points of the Aisne front, notably in the plateaux in front of Craonne.

The enemy has fired 250 shells against us. There were two victims among the infantry.

On the right bank of the Meuse the duel continued with violence in the Cantiers Wood and Besonvaux. The infantry action.

The day was calm everywhere else. Aviation—Two German aeroplanes were brought down by the fire of our species.

### German False Claim.

The Press Bureau issues the following German wireless official communication:—"The 17th contains a series of misstatements on the right flank of the Allied attack on the Ypres-Menin road. There was no battle between this road and the river Lys. The length of the attack, therefore, nearly doubled the length of the attack. The enemy has not recovered the mark, nor did he make any attempt to do so. A British Staff Officer reported at 6 p.m. that he had just returned from the front where he had been for five hours. He held not only Langemarck, but a length of the German defensive position of a hundred yards north of Langemarck. The German advance to Poelcappelle is obviously interference with the impression that the British failed to reach some imaginary distant objective, just as the German official communique of August 15 implied that the British objective was the village of Vier. It is sufficient to state that the British troops gained all their objectives north of Lens on August 15, but also from the northwards on August 16. It may also be pointed out that the German statement that the British troops were captured on August 15 was made with four Canadian troops is an exaggeration."

### SALONIKA OPERATIONS.

In answer to questions in the House yesterday, Mr Balfour, referring to the operations in Salonika, said no one had a right to disparage its discipline or courage, and that there were no divided counsels. The force was composed of Russians, Italians, Serbians, British, and the Commander-in-Chief was Lord Curzon. The British War Office; he was a man of great distinction. He was certain that in the immediate future they could not expect operations on the Salonika front to be comparable with those now going on in Austria, and elsewhere. He was certain that transport there would soon be greatly increased. As to Serbia, the Premier's recent statement conveyed a full statement of the Government's policy. On a suggestion that the Relations Committee should be set up to deal with the work of the Foreign Office, he stated