

possible. I desire peace, and it would be criminal to have any other thought; but it is not by bellowing peace that we can silence Prussian militarism. My motto is the same everywhere. In domestic politics I wage war. In foreign policy I wage war. I continue to wage war, and I shall continue until the last quarter of an hour, for it is we who shall have the last quarter of an hour." France thoroughly approves of M. Clemenceau's policy, one in every way worthy that great Nation, and the glorious part she is taking in the fight against Prussian despotism and its attempted world-supremacy.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Palestine and Mesopotamia.

General Allenby, in his movement northwards, is widening his position in the Jordan Valley, which he already commands. One immediate effect is seen in the announcement that the Turks have blown up the bridge at El Ghoraniyeh, which connects their line of communication and supply from the Hedjaz Railway. The bridge was a new structure, built by the Germans, and though its existence would have saved trouble and time, its destruction will not seriously impede the British forces when the time comes to move eastward. Meanwhile the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia continue their retirement. Their garrison at Hit have fallen back to Khan Baghdadi on the Euphrates, a distance of 22 miles. During their retreat heavy casualties were inflicted upon them by means of bombs and machine gun fire from British aeroplanes.

DEATH OF MR W. J. WOODHOUSE.

We announce with very sincere regret the demise of an old and respected citizen, Mr Wm J. Woodhouse, who passed away on Sunday at his residence, 35 George street. The deceased, who had attained the ripe age of 77 years, was for something like half a century identified with the select grocery trade in the city, and in all his relations through life he was characteristic for his urbanity and courtesy. He had been in failing health for some time past, and his demise was not unexpected. The sympathy of many friends will be extended to Mrs Woodhouse and family in their sorrow. The funeral takes place to-morrow (Wednesday) at ten o'clock.

THE BUDGET.

Mr Bonar Law, replying to a question in the Commons, stated he intended to introduce the Budget as soon as possible after Easter.

in Parliamentary circles. Mr Macpherson stands high in the esteem of the House of Commons, and his comparative youth and Celtic blood ought to be valuable assets to Ireland. He will go to a difficult office at a difficult time. But if hearty goodwill to Ireland, sympathy, courtesy, energy, and capacity can conquer Irish difficulties, then he will overcome them.

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY.

Mr P J Kelly, R.M., further remanded to-day the three men Ryan, O'Loughlin, and Hanly, who are out on bail charged with conspiring to influence a Crown witness who gave evidence in a case recently heard in court.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Recent military honours include the D.S.O. for Captain P Hickey, R.E., son of Dr P C Hickey, Kilkree.

Belgian decorations include the Croix de Guerre for Major J A F Cuffe, Royal Munster Fusiliers.

Wholesale tea merchants in Ireland are expecting supplies of control tea shortly. From April 15th, no tea may be retailed above 2s 8s per pound.

The business of Limerick Assizes concluded yesterday, and the Judges left Adare by the evening train for Tralee where the Commission opened to-day.

The death of Private Falkiner Broderick, R.F.A., third son of the late Mr John P Broderick, solicitor, Feale View, Abbeysfeale, is much regretted. He died in France from wounds caused by the premature explosion of a shell.

At the Waterford Asylum Committee meeting yesterday, Dr Edward McCarthy, Parkswood, was appointed Assistant Resident Medical Superintendent. Dr Weakman, Summerhill, Youghal, the only other applicant, was disqualified on account of being married.

Journeymen butchers in Cork have ceased work and the messenger boys have struck in sympathy with them. The master butchers are doing the work themselves. They say that having already given increases from 8s to 13s a week they cannot comply with the present demand.

At Listowel, before Mr H R Jones, R.M., John and Michael Moroney were returned for trial to Kerry Assizes on a charge of entering the house of John R Scanlan, farmer, Ballyline, and taking by force a shot-gun. An application by Mr Marshall, solr, for bail for the accused was refused.

On Saturday evening Mr James Gilligan, Island Road, caught at Corbally with rod and line a salmon weighing 47lbs, the largest ever taken in that part of the Shannon, except with the net. Mr Gilligan is to be congratulated on his splendid capture. The fish was 29 inches in girth, and was altogether a magnificent fresh run salmon.

The details of a comprehensive settlement of the housing problem were under consideration above on Sunday last. This was approved of is to be submitted to the Housing Conference. The Council found it impossible to arrange the All-Ireland Conference for Monday as intended, as it replied that neither the Ma City Hall was available for to obtain the use of the Trades Promises of support were received from the Chamber of Commerce Housing Town Planning Association, and the Associated Authorities for Ireland. It was decided the Conference be held as soon as can be arranged.

CONACRE LETS.

Sales by Mr Jack O'Brien.

Mr Jack O'Brien, instructor of agriculture and Technical Education, held the first of his lettings yesterday on the land at Drombanny. There was a large attendance at the sale, and 39 acres in all were sold. The land was purchased by Mr O'Brien and enteredprising tillage farms were bricked and business-like sale. Every lot was bid for and the auctioneer had no trouble in disposing of the lands, thirty-five acres being set to tender averaging £4. Judging by the results of the lettings, it seems that Mr O'Brien will be able to dispose of all the lands which were appointed him to sell.

ANGLING AT CASTLECONNELL.

A good many anglers have been residing at the Shannon Hotel for the salmon fishing. They promise to be a far better year, the fish running strong with the improved weather fortnight, rapidly getting to line work which anglers most week ended on Monday. Capt. killed at Castleconnell, five salmon and 35lbs; Major O'Connell weighing 26 and 25lbs; Major 33lbs, and Mr D R Brown one each, 31lbs and 32lbs. fishermen at Castleconnell killed 24, 13, 35, 25, 22, and 29 lbs. quite exhausting the best for

THANKS.

The Council of St Vincent's gratefully acknowledge receipt of thirteen shillings from "And Rev P Leo, C.S.S.R., St Alphonsus."