

a just now manifest reasons why war lords should strive to induce of the Entente to consent to a peace more or less speciously. The kind of attack which Germanies on the subject describe as and moral warfare has had an and unexpected success in Russia, has enlisted revolutionary fanatism, and the two forces have effect on the gullibility and war of Russian peasants. Duped and they have utterly destroyed the of the Russian people. For the many's will is law, and the only law,

But there are many signs that's domination will not endure in unless it is solidified by military on a vast scale. Patriotism and e not extinct among the greatest v races, and the hallucinations of n are being gradually expelled. of the Soviets to the new Republic n anarchy, civil war, tyranny, stitence and famine, and he who read their record. The Russian ill not permanently acquiesce in rvitude to an alien despot. But at ll the wildest dreams of the pan- and Prussian militarists seem to ten shape as accessible, tangible id wealth in the former realm of s. At the moment there is no opposition to the Kaiser's ambitions Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and are vassal States. If the Hohen- lynasty could win the substance of ow holds, it would rule an Empire a rival in history; it would com- e richest resources and the strongest er in the world; it would hold a of the earth under its sway, and ve won the promise of world con- due season. To keep the treasure- the East, it would be worth while tempting sacrifices in the West; for ny could retain in fact the position ow seized, the Western democra- id have been defeated in reality; uture would be imperilled more gly than it has been since the battle arne, and the danger would be con-

Militarist Germany could afford to ostensibly stipulations which would onquered Russia some independence and treat them at convenience as of paper." But to organise her Germany needs men and money and hem in the East at once. If the war ged, the German armies, pinned to stern front, will waste away under liar attrition, and there are no fresh of man-power by which losses can e good. If the submarine piracy it will, to bring Britain to subjec- fore next harvest, it will be plain o the masses of the German that it will never attain success- orward the weight of American war- ould make itself increasingly felt,

Mr E. A. Watson, Local Supt. G. S. & W. R., on Tuesday received a deputation in connection with the dismissal of an employe. The strike notices which were issued in the event of the deputation not being received were accordingly withdrawn.

Ed Dooling, farmer, over 70, Mounthawke, near Tralee, was struck at a level crossing by a train and killed. Drowned while temporarily insane was the verdict at the inquest on the body of Dan Keane, labourer, Killarida, Listowel, found dead in the river.

We regret to record the death of Sir Andrew Newton-Brady, which occurred yesterday at his residence, Mullaferry, Greystones. He was for many years a Resident Magistrate in Clare, and later on in Belfast. Sir Andrew was very highly esteemed by the public and by a numerous circle of friends.

At the Royal Society of Antiquaries meeting on Tuesday night in Dublin, the President (Mr T. J. Westropp) discoursed "On the Antiquities and Traditions of Tirawley and Erres," with illustrations; and Mr E. J. French exhibited views of antiquities which he had himself photographed in Counties Dublin and Meath, and elsewhere.

**LIMERICK APLOTMENTS COMMITTEE.**

At the meeting of the Limerick Applotments Committee last night, Alderman McNeice (locom tenens for the Mayor) presiding, it was stated that 858 allotments had been made to applicants, and that all the lots were in course of being tilled. The number of allotments made last year was 201, showing the increase to have been more than quadrupled this year. But for the limit of land available the number this season would have been even larger than it is, compared with last season, as the Committee were unable to entertain all the applications received for plots. The Committee did the best they could in the circumstances, dealing with each application on its individual merits.

**FATAL ASSAULT.**

On Monday evening a regrettable occurrence, ending fatally, took place near Cappamore. Two men, Patrick Cronin, a labourer, who had been, it is stated, some time in the Army, and John Godfrey, a farmer, had a dispute respecting a dog, with the result that Cronin is alleged to have picked up a stone, throwing it at Godfrey and striking him with such force that the injured man died next day. Cronin was subsequently arrested, but escaped from his escort, and the Constabulary are in quest of him. He is a young man, an athlete, and of powerful physique. Godfrey, who was a farmer, was an elderly man.

**WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS.**

The first selection Boards in Ireland in connection with the above are being held after Easter for the selection of applicants for enrolment. The Board will meet in Limerick on Thursday, 18th prox. Applications should be made at once to the Ministry of Labour, Employment Exchange, by those who desire to enrol.

**SUMMER TIME NEXT SUNDAY.**

Summer time will take effect in this country from 2 o'clock next Sunday morning. It is, therefore, incumbent on all who wish to keep their engagements to put on their timepieces an hour on Saturday night.

**BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COMPANY,**

We publish in our advertising columns this evening the Directors' Report of the Britannic

ship in retrograde, has arrived at Moscow, has submitted to the Council of the People's Commissioners a scheme for the defence of the coun-

**ALLIES AND DUTCH SHIPPING**

**German Press Threats.**

Reuter's Agency is informed that up to night the Foreign Office was without a reply of kind from the Dutch Government.

**Dutch Press.**

The "Telegraaf" (Amsterdam), after heartily applauding the Government's choice, proceeded to throw all the blame upon it for the fact that Dutch ships must now navigate in the danger zone, attributing this result to the Government having waited so long to see whether Germany would supply Holland, with grain from the Ukraine. The journal further draws the conclusion, and this long shilly-shallying behind the scenes of the German Government, "that the Dutch Government is more than ever a willing instrument in Germany's hands."

The "Handelsblad," in an article headed "Mess of Pottage," considers that the greater of the nation had not expected such a declaration as Jonkheer Loudon's, which, it says, evoked the Chamber, not only emotion, but disappointment on the part of many members.

**German Threat**

The "Cologne Gazette" says that Holland not only given the Entente an inch, but an ell. With all due appreciation of Holland's position, the German Government will not hesitate to give to Holland and the Entente the amount which it considers necessary. Our U-boats will soon settle with this tonnage increase.

The "Koelnische Volkszeitung" says that the refusal of Holland's compliance will very considerably increase hostile tonnage, and thereby prolong the war.

**Dutch Parliament and the Requisitioning.**

In the States General at the Hague on Tuesday, the Foreign Minister, Jonkheer Loudon, said that an agreement regarding the shipping was a hard one for them, but the interests of their food and raw material had to come first. The number of ships at the disposal of the Allies was contrary to our neutrality, nor was the navy in the danger zone.

**Allies' Action.**

The correspondent of the "Morning Post" from the Hague states that the Entente Powers refused to accept the proposed limitations on the use of Dutch shipping by the Allies.

The "Daily Telegraph," referring to the statement of the First Lord of the Admiralty on the subject of shipping, says:—We must admit that the statistics are not calculated to dissipate national anxiety. Figures were given of losses and world gains since the opening of the war. They are not relevant in any particular sense to the problem that confronts the Allies because if we include Allied and neutral tonnage operating outside the war zone the actual tonnage position of this country is not presented in true perspective. Where the First Lord was in explaining the reduction in merchant construction in January and February, a fear also in the current month, complete disastrous quarter.

The "Daily News" says—Public anxiety on the subject of shipbuilding will not be allayed by the speech of Sir Eric Geddes in the House of Commons yesterday. The figures given did not enlighten the position, and certainly did not fulfil the expectation aroused by the promise of the Government to take the public into the confidence.

What was not stated was more important than what was stated. If the situation is to