

r that he will overcome the difficulties, but the
is not needed.

American General's Confidence

A Washington telegram of yesterday (Pres-
s Association War Special) says:—General March
ing Chief of the Staff, has issued a statement
addressing the American public that there is no
cause for alarm in the advance of the Germans in
the Ardennes. He expresses complete confidence in the
ultimate triumph of the Allied arms. Whatever
General says, may be the present ground held
by the Germans, whatever sacrifice of men the
situation must entail, the Allies will see it through,
and win.

Paris Bombarded

CHURCH STRUCK ON GOOD FRIDAY.

75 Lives Lost.

A Reuter Paris message, dated Friday, says:—
This afternoon a shell fired by the German long-
range gun struck a church in the Paris district
during a Good Friday Service. Seventy-five of
the congregation were killed and ninety wounded,
including a great number of women and children.
The one killed was the Councillor of the Swiss
Legation.

French War Zone Extended.

A "Times" Paris telegram says:—By order of
Clemenceau, Beauvais and Provins now form
part of the war zone. "The Times" says:—
Beauvais is about half-way between Paris and
Tours, while Provins is some 45 miles south-
west of Paris.

MESOPOTAMIA.

BIG TURKISH DEFEAT.

Thousands of Prisoners.

The Secretary of the War Office makes the fol-
lowing announcement:—
On the 26th March a highly successful operation
was carried out by our troops operating on the
Taurus, north-west of Hit, which resulted in
the capture or destruction of virtually the entire
Turkish force in that area. Early in the morning
our columns advanced to the attack of Turkish
positions about Khan Bagdadieh (22 miles north-
west of Hit), our cavalry making a wide movement
around the Turkish right to establish itself astride
the road to Aleppo, in the rear of the enemy. By
midday the enemy's main positions north of
Bagdadieh had been carried by assault. The
Turkish body of the enemy attempting to
break to the north-west, was intercepted by our
cavalry and repulsed with heavy loss. So far as
is reported, about three thousand prisoners have
been taken, including the divisional commander,
two regimental commanders, about two hundred
other Turkish Officers and German officers, and a
number of German non-commissioned officers. In addi-
tion, ten guns, two thousand rifles, many machine
guns, six hundred animals, and a quantity of
other booty have been taken. The pursuit of the
Turkish fugitives has already been carried to
about Haditha, forty-five miles north-west of
Hit. Our casualties were very slight.—P.A. War
Office.

THE CAUCASUS.

A Separate Peace.

...of the army's preparation, the German infantry
attacked again, but were cut to pieces. Ten times
their waves came on, and ten times fell back
helplessly. Twice when the fight was at its
thickest the British cavalry charged in a superb
manner with utmost contempt of death, and broke
up the enemy masses. At dusk the battle died
down, and I left my trench to take stock of the
situation when a bullet struck me. When I left
the first line ambulance station, the reserves were
hurryng up, and the big guns were at last
talking."

FUNERAL OF MR J. BEGLEY.

The remains of the late Mr John Begley,
Verona Villas, whose death has occasioned deep
regret in the city were interred this morning in
Mount St Lawrence Cemetery. On Thursday
evening the remains were removed to St Michael's
R.C. Church, from St John's Hospital, and at
eight o'clock this morning Solemn Requiem Mass
was celebrated for the dead in presence of a large
congregation. At 11 o'clock the funeral left for
the last resting place and was attended by a vast
concourse of mourners. In the cortege every class
in the city was represented, and demonstrated
the esteem and popularity enjoyed by the
deceased. It was a striking tribute of respect to
the memory of a young gentleman who was a
general favourite, and expressed very earnestly
the sympathy felt for his widow and children, as
well as his father and other relatives in their
bereavement.

The chief mourners were—Mr David Begley
(father); Mr Hugh Coyle, Dublin; Mr John
Kelly, Mr Michael Kennedy, Co Surveyor, Gal-
way (brother-in-law); Alderman P O'Donovan,
Mr J O'Donovan, Dr Fleury, Birr; Mr T
O'Donovan, Mr D Coyle, junior; Mr D Nolan,
Mr J Nolan, Rev W Kennedy, St Flannan's
College, Ennis; Mr H Clarke, Mr D Stephens, Mr
T Stephens, Mr J Mulready, Mr Joseph Halpin
(Cork); Mr W J Halpin, and Mr W A Delaney
(relatives).

The clergy present were—Rev Fr Dwane, Adm,
St Michael's; Rev Fr Carroll, C.C., do; Rev Fr
Hannan, C.C., Rev Fr Thornhill, C.C., Rev Fr
Treacy, C.C., Rev Fr O'Driscoll, P.P., V.F., St
Munchin's; Rev Fr Moloney, C.C., do; Rev Fr
Halpin, C.C., do; Rev Fr McWilliams, S.J., Rev
Fr O'Rielly, S.J., Rev Fr Connolly, Adm, St
John's; Rev Fr McNamara, C.C., do; Rev Fr
O'Connor, P.P., St Mary's; Rev Canon Begley,
P.P., Dromcollogher, and Rev Fr Quin, P.P.,
O'Callaghan's Mills.

The cortege was, as stated, of very large dimen-
sions, and anything like a list of the attendants
would be impossible.

A large number of wreaths were sent by sorrow-
ing relatives.

Rev Fr O'Driscoll officiated at the graveside.

DEATH OF MR J J McGUIRE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr John J
McGuire, which took place at an early hour this
morning, at his residence, 19 George street. The
deceased, who was in his thirty-eighth year, was
connected with the Limerick Press for the past
eighteen years, first on the literary staff of the
"Limerick Leader" and later on the "Munster
News." He was a very capable and painstaking
journalist, beloved by his colleagues and highly
esteemed by a wide circle of friends in the city,
as well as in Clare, where he was one time located.
He was son of the late Dr McGuire, of Ballinrobe,
and a brother of Mr Sarsfield McGuire, proprietor
of "The Clare Champion." He had been in fail-
ing health for some time past, and his demise was
not unexpected. The remains will be removed to
St Michael's R.C. Church at 9 o'clock this even-
ing, and the funeral will leave at 3 o'clock to-
morrow for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

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ment with hard labour, and to a f
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Cattle Driving.

Joseph Bassett and Thomas Mol
charged with driving the cattle o
Warren to compel him to surren
lands.

Constable Michael Egan, exami
Cullinan, Crown Solicitor, gave evid
drive. The cattle were driven to Bro
miles away, where they were stopped b
The crowd tried to force the cattle
police, but they were dispersed by a b
and the cattle were taken from t
defendants, who denied the right of t
try them, were sentenced to three
prisonment with hard labour, and t
three months' in default of giving t
their good behaviour for twelve mont

John Griffin, Thomas Kelleher, Jo
Laurence Loughlen, and Thomas Do
charged with unlawful assembly at
and with driving cattle belonging to
Tierney, of Dublin, and assaulting
Sergeant Crowley, Broadford, gave
a drive of about 117 cattle. The cr
force the cattle through the police at
and District Inspector Glynn ordere
to charge, and the crowd was disper
police witness said that when the t
was ordered the crowd fought with st
or ten minutes.

Loughlen denied that they fought wil
at all. They were on the road. He
would give bail, and the other prison
they would do likewise, and would no
driving any more.

The Chairman said that certain thin
proved which made it a very grave
had attacked the police with sticks
It was a very serious thing for a cr
one hundred people to oppose the p
defiant way. Taking a lenient view
the defendants would be sentenced to
imprisonment each, with hard labou
would have to give bail for their
behaviour.

THE CARRIGAHOLT A

Fatal Result.

A Kilrush correspondent writes:—
Russell, the Irish teacher, who,
received a bayonet wound in the bac
military made a bayonet charge in cle
at Carrigaholt do Sunday, where a Si
meeting was being held, succumbed t
at St Joseph's Hospital, Kilrush, c
evening. On Thursday, at one o'clo
Lillis, J.P., Coroner for West Clare
inquest on the remains at the school
workhouse. A jury of eighteen, wit
O'Brien as foreman, was empanelled.

Mr Barrett, District Inspector of C
conducted the proceedings for the Cr
M O'Shea, solr (Messrs Thos Kelly
appeared for the next-of-kin; and Mr E
solr, for the military.

Mr John Murphy, national teach
near Killee, identified the body of
man, whom he had known for a num
He was a native of Kerry.

When the formality of viewing the
the members of the jury had conc
post-mortem examination was about
Doctors Counihan and Callanan and
doctor, Mr O'Shea applied that D
should attend the post-mortem as an
witness. He was allowed by the Cor.

Mr O'Shea also applied for perm
summonses issued for the attendance
of the commander of the boat that c
military to Carrigaholt on the day
rence, also of the officer who was in c
military, and the sergent and the m