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AMERICA AND THE WAR.

Saturday last marked an event of tremendous significance and help to the Allied cause, we refer to the first anniversary of the entry of the United States into the war. It was but fitting that such an historic episode should have been duly honoured in London, and so it was that at the invitation of the Lord Mayor there was a great gathering in the Mansion House of the Ambassadors of the Allied Nations, together with many Ministers, Admirals, and Generals. It will be recalled that just a year ago the United States decided to enter the lists, just at a time when it was apparent that Russian defection from the Allies was likely to take effect. As the world knows, Germany benefitted greatly by that defection, as by that means she has been enabled to draw off her forces from the Russian front and pour them in to strengthen her army in the West, where she is now making a super-human effort to strike a decisive blow. But to-day, though Russia has failed us, the forces of the great Republic

managers of the Industrial Schools for an increase in the capitation grant for children committed to these institutions. The Corporation aver that they have no money to meet this expenditure. Yet they can find sufficient to add to salaries which many think already adequate. It is well at this juncture in Municipal affairs that a Ratepayers Protective Association is in existence and in its various duties it will find plenty of useful and beneficial work to engage its attention for some time to come.

DEATH MR P R TOPPIN.

We regret to record the death of Mr Philip R Toppin, Managing Director of Cannock and Company, which took place this morning at his residence, Willmount House, Roxboro. Mr Toppin contracted a heavy cold some five weeks ago, and developments supervened, but up to Sunday last there were hopes of his ultimate convalescence. The end, however, came peacefully this morning, and the sad news, when known in town, caused sincere regret amongst the community, none more so, of course, than by the firm of Cannock & Co, with which for a long span of years he was connected. Serving his apprenticeship at Revington's (the old Limerick Warehouse), he spent some years in that firm, later on joining Cannock's, first as a buyer, and in later years becoming Managing Director in 1889 on the death of the late Mr James Moran. A keen business man, Mr Toppin's invariable courtesy and amiability of disposition won for him the highest esteem and regard of the staff of the firm and the public, and his death, as stated, is mourned by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, either in business or private life, and who deeply sympathise with his widow and family in their sorrow. Mr Toppin was one of the oldest members of the congregation of Trinity Church and St. Lawrence, and filled various church offices, including that of Vestryman, Parochial Nominator, and Synodman, to each of which he was but re-appointed at the annual Vestry last week. The deceased gentleman was also a life-long member of the Protestant Young Men's Association, of which he was a Trustee and Vice-President. Many charities had his generous and unostentatious support. He practically took no part in public life.

The funeral is announced to be private.

CARRIGAHOLT TRAGEDY.

The Inquest.

The inquest on Thomas Russell, the young Gaelic teacher, who died in Kilrush hospital from the effects of a bayonet wound received from the military in dispersing a Sinn Fein meeting at Carrigaholt, was resumed by Mr Thomas Lillia, Coroner for West Clare, yesterday at Kilrush, and adjourned till to-day.

SUGAR BEET CULTIVATION.

With a view to the encouragement of sugar beet cultivation the Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce recommend that a committee be formed consisting of those interested in the cultivation of beet in Ireland, and placed the use of the Council

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**The Great I
INCREASED ART
ACTIVITY.**

British Line Adv

On the British front Sir Doug an advance of our line south of increased artillery activity on 1 There was heavy gas shelling in The evening despatch mentions the neighbourhood of Bucquoy. In the Oise sector the French reconnaissances and the capture of this sector the Germans claim for Berlin report states that the in the Oise fighting number over The Germans also mention r activity at Verdun.

**Message to the
From President V**

President Wilson has sent th gram to the King—"Permit m warm gratification with which message has been received, and t it is with greatest satisfaction th the United States find themse in this final war for self-governr steadfast and indomitable associ also to assure your Majesty th tinue to do everything possible force of the United States into t "WOOD

Belgian Relief Sh

It is feared here that the Be Ministre de Smet de Naeyer was She is reported to have struck a of the crew were drowned and se

General Got

A writer in the London "Daily I saw General Gough in town very well and fit.

Bolo's Execution P

A postponement of the executi sentence has been granted in Pasha.

Ships From Au

The Australian Government that 22 oversea ships, five Gover ships, and 34 coastal vessels have l disposal of the British Governme has been made with the co vessels in Australia, while of America two have been launched