

anzollern Redoubt, Vermeille, Ypres, Messines, and Passchendaele.

REV JAMES SHINE.

James Shine, who (says the "Tablet") died in Paris, is received on April 9th in France, was an

War May Last a Long Time.

Sir Wm Robertson, speaking in London, says war may last a long time, and their must be directed accordingly, as everyone wanting had made up his or her mind to rough.

Prisoner of War.

James Hickey, Coonagh, near Limerick, has a letter from his son, Private James R. M. F., who was reported missing a few days, saying that he is a prisoner of war in Germany.

IRISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

of Honourable Service.

Secretary of the British Red Cross Society writes as follows to Mrs O'Grady, Kilballyriff, Secretary Limerick City and County Aid League:—

—I have the honour to inform you that the Council of the Society has received your first recommendations to the Roll of Honourable Service. In view of the extent of the lists which have been received some time must necessarily elapse before it will be possible for the first list of names to be made. Immediately the lists have been fully considered a communication will be sent to you. Should you desire in the meantime to make any further additions to your list you kindly forward your recommendations as convenient.

EARLY CLOSING OF RAILWAY YARDS.

Following gentlemen waited as a deputation before the Irish Railway Executive Committee—Mr M'Arde, D.L., J.P. Dundalk; Mr J. J. O'Connell, Dundalk; Mr Gibson, Waterford; Mr J. J. O'Connell, J.P. Vice-President Dublin Chamber of Commerce; Mr P. Leonard, J.P. Chairman of the Irish and Transit Committee, do; Mr O'Dea, do; Mr John Brown, Irish Flour Millers' Association, do; Mr John Goad, J.P. hon. sec. The purpose of the deputation was to point out the great inconvenience and loss caused to the public by the closing of the goods yards at 5 o'clock p.m. instead of 6 p.m., as formerly. The deputation asked as a compromise that the yards be kept open for the receipt of goods to 5.30 o'clock p.m., and for the issue of goods till 6 o'clock p.m. The facilities for the receipt of flour, etc. at Belmullet, as compared with the facilities at other points, were also brought under the notice of the Committee, as were also other matters. Mr J. J. O'Connell, G.S. and W. Railway, and Mr J. J. O'Connell, G.N. Railway, in replying to the deputation stated that the earlier closing of the goods yards was entirely due to shortage of coal, goods having to leave earlier. It was not good railway point of view, but they now had a great deal less coal than formerly. However, the Committee would give this and the other matters brought before them their consideration, and what could be done.

ATTACK ON A POLICE HUT.

A request on John Browne and Richard Laidlaw were shot during a raid for arms at a County police hut at Gortalea on 13th April, and were killed on Thursday evening at Tralee, when

O'Gorman, M Hickey, Michael Laffan, Thomas Dundon, P O'Halloran, Daniel Godfrey, John Moloney, Michael Barry, T Hassett, C Keogh, and T Ryan.

A letter was read from the Local Government Board refusing to sanction a loan of £1,444 5s 7d for defraying the cost of sinking wells and pumps in the district, and drawing attention to previous correspondence on the subject. As to loans of £297 6s 3d and £203 14s asked for to meet expenses under the Labourers' Act, the necessary arrangements would be made for inquiring into the application.

The letter was referred to the Clerk to reply to.

With reference to an increase of £5 to the salaries of the six sub-sanitary officers, the Local Government Board stated they would be prepared to favourably consider the matter provided it was accepted in lieu of small claims for expenses in specified exceptional cases.

The Local Government Board forwarded the draft order proposed to be made closing St Patrick's Burial Ground.

The business before the meeting was unimportant.

FUNERAL OF MR W. H. OWENS.

The remains of the late Mr William H Owens, whose death took place on Thursday, were interred this morning in St Mary's Cathedral Cemetery. At 10 o'clock the funeral left Hazeldene, Ennis Road, the residence of the late lamented deceased, and was attended by a large concourse of mourners. For many years Mr Owens was connected with the commercial life of the city, and his demise at an early age has occasioned deep sympathy in city and county for his widow and relatives.

The chief mourners were—H J Owens and A Owens (sons); W Owens (father of the deceased); S Tanner (brother-in-law); R Brabason, W B McCarthy, B McCarthy, and T Whatley (relatives).

The members of the staff of the Whitehaven Colliery Company present were—R Despard, J Walsh, M O'Shaughnessy, T Treacy, M Allen, D O'Sullivan, M Keane, and P Moloney.

The clergy present were—The Rev R H Semple, Rev S G McConnell, Rev G A Macrae, C.F., 3rd Cameron Highlanders; Dean Haskett, Canon Waller, Canon Robertson, Rev A E Hewatson, Rev H Deale.

The Rev Mr Semple, the Rev Mr McConnell, and the Rev Mr Macrae officiated.

SOUTHERN UNIONISTS.

The Press Association says—Following the private meeting of the Council of the Irish Unionist Alliance yesterday in Dublin, at which it is stated there was some diversity of opinion with regard to the action of Unionist delegates to the Irish Convention, a meeting of Southern Unionists was held in the Shelbourne Hotel, and it was unanimously resolved to carry on the work of the Southern Unionist Committee on the lines already adopted, and to continue to press forward the movement for the maintenance of the Legislative Union.

PLOUGHING PROSECUTION IN CLARE.

Ennis, Friday.

At a special court here to-day, before Mr Geo McElroy, R.M., a man named John Joe Markham, was charged with unlawful assembly at Luskett, Kilsnora, and with entering and ploughing up the lands of Mrs Winifred Mellett.

Police evidence of the arrest was given, and the defendant was allowed out on bail to appear at a special court on Friday next.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Received by the King
The Prime Minister and Viscount Millicent Bouverie received in audience by the King to-day.

INVESTITURE BY THE KING.

The King held an investiture at Buck Palace to-day and knighted Major Richard Kwart.

HEREFORD ELECTION.

Polling is taking place in South Hereford. A member of Parliament to succeed the late Mr Clive.

FOR THE ITALIAN ARMY.

In sending a congratulatory message to the Italian Army a cinematographic record was to-day of the ceremony at Buckingham Palace of the Italian Army to witness the delivery message.

FATAL FIRE.

Three deaths have resulted from a fire at a model lodginghouse, Coatbridge.

INTERNED ALIENS ESCAPE.

Two interned aliens named Karl Koepfer and Alex Huelner have escaped from King's Camp.

DISTINGUISHED INVALIDS.

Viscount Chaplin is progressing satisfactorily but is ordered complete rest for the present. Sir Eric Geddes is going on very nicely.

EAST CAVAN ELECTION.

There has been no further development in the East Cavan vacancy, beyond the holding of a very large meeting at Carrigrohane in support of Mr A Griffith's candidature.

LIQUOR TRADE.

Committees' Reports.

The reports of the English, Scotch, and Irish Committees on the State Purchase and on the Liquor Trade were issued yesterday. Three reports propose definite terms for the purchase of the interests affected. As to the acquisition, the gross total, so far as calculation appears to be somewhat more than four million pounds, but substantially less than a hundred million. It is recommended that the State should not assume the obligation to acquire any property interest in public houses, but only the goodwill of the trading concern. The State is to become the tenant of any premises in which it desires to continue the sale of liquor.

The English Committee hold that no acquisition of the business of English wine and spirit dealers is necessary; but the Scotch and Irish Committees contemplate the inclusion of sale dealers in the purchase scheme. The Scotch Committee agree that the trade should be bought out on the basis of the profit which it brings before the war.

The "Daily News," discussing the result of the State purchase of the liquor trade, says that the State, as monopolist, should be in a position to effect such economies by concentration of the sale of redundant properties, and a candid advertisement, as to enable it not merely to secure a fair interest on the purchase price, but to pay the whole of that price in a relatively short time. The State is always justified in making economies, and the acquisition of the liquor