

our machine-guns." It is estimated between twenty and thirty from 300,000 to 450,000 men, engaged in the battle. The enemy has made no progress, and that at a very slow rate, but he seems determined to go on what it may, until the enterprise is in complete victory or in complete defeat. Doubtless, the internal forces behind the War Lords' gamble in the fighting line. In any circumstances, it is no wonder that a "naïve" is again being discussed in Press.

DIVERGENT COMMENT.

General's Report.

and deaths registered in the Dublin Area and in the eighteen principal Urban Districts of Ireland, with the population of the population represented at 1,127,268, are given in the Registrar-General's report. The rates per 1,000 in Dublin Area; Belfast, 21.8; Cork, 20.4; 20.9; Limerick, 16.0; and Waterford, 14.9. The deaths from all causes ascertained in the undermentioned areas for last year and for the past four weeks, respectively, are given in the following annual rates per 1,000 population:—Nineteen Town Districts, 17.3; Dublin Registration Area, 19.9; Dublin City, 17.8 and 19.7; and 18.2; Cork, 23.1 and 19.0; 24.8 and 18.6; Limerick, 14.9 and 14.9; and 19.0 and 21.4. The deaths from epidemic diseases registered in the 19 weeks ending last week were equal to an average of 1.1 per 1,000. Among the 106 deaths from all causes for Belfast are 1 from diphtheria, 2 from whooping-cough, 2 from diphtheria, 2 from diarrhoea and enteritis of the bowels, and 2 from other causes. The 34 deaths from all causes for Dublin include 6 from measles, and one from all causes for Londonderry is from disease.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Crown Business.

no Crown business at the Ennis Sessions. There was but one case sent to the Ennis Sessions, and it was decided to send up no bill in any circumstances. It was a family matter between a father and son, in which some cattle were involved, and a charge of larceny of the lands, and a charge of larceny of the lands, and a charge of larceny of the lands.

ROYAL PROCLAMATION.

Mr Carson's Action.

Mr Carson has given notice to ask the Court on Monday if he will give a day for the Court to consider the Proclamation, and the Government's policy of recruiting in Ireland.

THE KERRY SHOW.

the most important Show, annually held in Kerry, and one of the best known in the country, has been arranged to take place at Tralee on Wednesday, 18th and 19th inst. It is expected to be a record success. The entries are to be large and representative, and prizes are offered. It will be seen that the entries for the jumping will be received on both days of the show.

been attached to the Headquarters Staff at Dublin Castle.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Limerick County Scholarship Committee was held yesterday in the County Council offices. There were present—Most Rev Dr Hallinan, Bishop of Limerick; Very Rev Canon Lee, P.P., Newcastle West; Rev Father Doyle, S.J.; Rev Father Keane, Brother Stapleton, Superior, Christian Brothers; Messrs W R Gubbins, Chairman, County Council; T Hurley, Vice-Chairman, do; M P O'Shaughnessy, J.P., Co.C; J J O'Mahony, Co.O; M Quinlan, Co.O; and J Hogan, School Inspector.

The proceedings were routine, and consisted of the consideration of the applications of fourteen candidates for the four scholarships offered for competition.

SOLDIERS AND LAND.

Replying in the House of Commons to questions on the provision of land for Army volunteers in Ireland, Mr A W Samuels said the proposed legislation would take the form of an amendment of the Irish Land Purchase Act, securing to men who are not tenants or proprietors of land the same privileges with regard to the purchase of untenanted land, as already enjoyed by tenants and proprietors of holdings, and extending the provision as to purchase and settlement for relief of congestion in the case of untenanted land as might be required. It was intended that the proposals should extend to all Irish soldiers who enlisted at any time during the war, priority of enlistment and length of service being a factor to be dealt with.

THE LATE MR W CLOSE.

The funeral of Mr W Close, who was drowned in the Thames on the 1st of June while bravely attempting to save the life of a lady friend who had fallen from a boat, took place on Tuesday morning from 69 Adys-road, Dulwich. The chief mourners were—Mr Cutbush, Mrs Cutbush (mother), A Close, J Close (brother), Miss M E Close (aunt), Mrs Cutbush, senior; Miss Cutbush, Mr and Mrs C MacDonald, Mrs A Cutbush, Mrs Potter, Mr Langton (War Office), Mr J Murdoch, (War Office), Major the Rev Fr King, Australian I Forces; Mr P Murray, Mr Moore, Lieut Gracey, and others. The Rev Fr Alston officiated at the grave. Wreaths were sent from the following:—"Mother and Guv"; "Mark, Jim, Harry, Kitty"; "Auntie and Meg"; "Friends and Colleagues in War Office"; "Mr and Mrs Smith"; "Kitty and Jo Cullen"; "Mrs A Cutbush and Mrs Potter"; "P Murray and J Golden"; "East Dulwich Patrol"; "Major and Mrs Pollock"; "Mr and Mrs McDonald"; "Mrs Cutbush, senr"; and "Miss Cutbush."

The deceased, it was stated at the inquest, swam fifty yards in a strong current and never let go of the young lady with him even when they sank together.

FISHERY APPEAL

At Ennis Sessions.

This afternoon Judge Bodkin disposed of a fishery appeal adjourned from an earlier stage in the Sessions. It was brought by Mr William Griffin, draper, Church-street, Ennis, against a decision of the Ennis magistrates fining him £4 at the suit of the Limerick Fishery Conservators for illegal fishing with an "otter" boat on Lough Bourke-lake on May 12.

It had been adjourned on a point raised by the respondents that the seven day's notice of intention to prosecute the appeal was not served on the plaintiffs.

Mr J H Moran, solicitor, Limerick, for Mr Griffin, said he had looked into the matter, and it was

of militarist Germany may breed wild penitents."

Von Stein and the War Situation.

General Von Stein (Minister of War) speaking in the Reichstag, said the fall of the Chemin Damer was one of the gravest defeats for the Entente. He also said great parts of the French Army have been beaten, and General Foch's called army of reserves exist no more. The number and strength of the American troops was less than the Germans expected. Germany (he said) looked to the issue of the struggle with confidence.

BRILLIANT FRENCH SUCCESSES.

Towns Regained.

American Troops Capture Belleau Wood.

Tuesday night's French communique shows that the French launched a strong counter-attack between Rubescourt and St Maur, a distance of 12 kilometres, and although they met with bitter resistance, it was a complete success. They reached the outskirts of Le Fresnoy, and captured the heights between Curchelle and Mortemer. Mery was recaptured on Monday night, and as a result of the counter-attack the French line was carried a considerable distance east of the town. The enemy were also driven from Bolly, on the outskirts of St Maur were reached. South of the Ourcq, American troops captured Belleau Wood.

Australians Capture Prisoners

Sir Douglas Haig reports that as the result of an attack carried out by Australian troops in the neighbourhood of Morlancourt, 298 prisoners were taken.

Italy's New "Sea Tank."

Italy is using a kind of sea tank called Grillo 40 feet long and 6 feet broad, with an electric motor, which makes almost no sound. An endless rotary chain around the vessel, fitted with barb-catches, nets, or other obstacles, and the sea tank is drawn along similarly to the land tank. The vessel is armed with two torpedoes.

Two British Officers Shot Dead.

An Amsterdam message states that two British officers—Lieutenant Medlicott, R.F.C., and Capt Walter—were shot dead on Whit-Sunday while attempting to escape from Bad Colberg Camp. The former, it is stated, had a record for attempted escapes. A British Agency gives Capt Walter's full name as Capt J S Walter, M.C., W Surrey Regt.

German Warning to Russia.

The "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung," says a Reuter Amsterdam telegram, warns Russia that it would "endanger her dearly-bought peace" if she permitted Czech-Slav troops who fought in the Russian Army to leave Russia with arms to join the Entente. These troops are estimated at 150,000, who, for the most part, voluntarily joined the Russians from the Austrian Army. They are distributed over North and East Russia.

The Russian Government has complained to Berlin that on June 10 the Vinka-Zukovka front the Germans started an offensive over a front of 60 miles wide with large detachments acting independently.