

THE WAR.

Attempted Advance on Rheims.

Germans Repulsed at all Points.

The Germans began what looked like a new offensive on the Rheims front yesterday. It ended at six o'clock with a violent bombardment, followed by an infantry attack between Virigny and La Pompelle. The French directed a devastating fire on the attacking waves, and after several unsuccessful attempts to reach the French positions the enemy was compelled to fall back. Violent combats took place in the environs of Rheims, in the course of which the Germans suffered heavy losses, and were everywhere repulsed.

The British carried out some successful raids, in one of which they recaptured a post taken by the enemy on the 14th inst. Hostile artillery was very active on parts of the line. On the 18th inst. British airmen destroyed 15 German machines, and drove down five others. Eight of our aeroplanes are missing.

German Report.

The German report says nothing of the attempted advance on Rheims, but speaks of strong attacks by the French, most of which it is claimed were repulsed. It is admitted that French regiments in front of the Villers Cotteteris Wood pressed back the German line. Twenty-three enemy aeroplanes and three captive balloons, they say, were shot down.

The Attack on Rheims

The Press Association's Special Correspondent with the French Army, telegraphing yesterday, writes—The Germans made their long-expected start against Rheims last night, with a view to sealing the loop they had already drawn around two-thirds of the city and completing its capture. The attack was delivered on a front of twelve to thirteen miles from Virigny at the foot of the hills which bound the plain of Rheims, west of the town, to the Pompelle Fort on the east. On the north-west and north between Saint Prix and Rheims the Germans were already in the suburbs.

Enemy Repulsed

ON ITALIAN FRONT.

Over 9,000 Prisoners Captured.

The news from the Italian front is again of a

FUNERAL OF MRS VANDERKISTE.

The remains of the late Mrs John Vanderkiste, whose death at an advanced age took place at her residence, 6 Pery Square, on Saturday evening, were interred in the family vault at St Mary's Cathedral yesterday. At a quarter past twelve the coffin, which was covered with beautiful floral tributes, was removed from Pery Square, and the funeral, which included numerous mourners from city and county, left immediately for the Cathedral. The service, which was conducted by the Rev Canon Waller, B.D., opened with the hymn "Nearer My God to Thee," after which the 90th Psalm was intoned. After the lesson the hymn "Jesus lover of my soul" was sung. The coffin was then borne to its last resting place to the strains of "The Dead March in Saul" played on the organ by Mr F Muspratt. At the grave the Canon Waller again officiated.

The chief mourners were—Dr Everina Massey, Miss Mary Massey, Mr and Mrs R Pennicfather, Mrs Massey and Miss Massey (Riverdale), Major J G Lowndes, Mr and Mrs T Harding, Captain T E Vanderkiste, Rev St John Seymour, Mr and Mrs Clennell Drew.

The clergy present were—Rev Canon Waller, Rev Canon Abbott, Rev Canon Atkinson, Rev Canon Swain, Rev A E Hewetson.

Amongst the general public were—Sir Charles B Barrington, Bart; Sir Vincent Nash, D.L; Mr W M Beauchamp, Capt Verschoyle, Dr Kennedy, Dr Malone, Mr A White, J.P; Mr J N Dicken, Rowbrook Manor, Hornham; Mr Barrington Jellatt, solicitor, Dublin; Mr G E Farmer, Mr G Gelston, Mr E F M Melville, Mr M D Shaw, Mr S O Vassittart, J.P; Mr W R Twigg, Mr B Gelston, C.E; Mr T Clarke, etc.

Carriages were sent by—Lord Clarina, Elm Park; Mrs H O'Brien, South Hill; Miss Croker, Grange; Mr A Murray, Mrs Shine, Miss Croker, Brackenbrae, and others.

The following sent wreaths—Lieut Colonel and Mrs F W Vanderkiste, Captain and Mrs T E Vanderkiste, Lord Clarina and Family—Susan, Luc, and Gertrude; Mr and Mrs Clennell Drew, Dr Everina Massey, Miss Mary Massey, Brigadier General and Mrs Trevor, Mr and Mrs T H Harding, Mr and Mrs Richard Pennicfather, Colonel and the Honble Mrs C D Guinness, Mr and the Honble Mrs C Vassittart, Mr and Mrs H M Lowndes, Major J G Lowndes, Mrs Massey (Riverdale), Lieut de Moleyna Massey, Miss Noeline Massey, Mr and Mrs Howe, the Servants at 6 Pery Square, Mr and Mrs J B Barrington, Mrs King French, Canon and Mrs Waller, Miss Rich, Captain and Mrs Verschoyle, Mrs Lucas, the Misses Russell, Dean Hackett, and Mrs Robinson.

Mr E M Russell, Milford House, was unavoidably absent from the funeral.

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

Criticism in the Commons.

The question of the better control of National expenditure was raised on the report of the Vote