

great wastage, he added, is to be domestic lighting and heating; id, was apparent everywhere. At time, we think, people of limited at necessarily economise, as they doing for a long time past, the high cost of coal, which is increasing. But apart from the holders there is, doubtless, room erable saving. Mr Burgess has that hoarding will not be per- It is but right that all, rich and hall receive share and share alike. a Coal-Controller's desire, and he anxious to conserve supplies for who must always claim our sym- never more so than in the strenu- through which we are passing. e are the requirements of industry, keep the wheels of industry going. ere will be unemployment and loss ntry at large. So that, all round, or drastic economy in coal is un- e. Substitutes may be found in timber. Mr Burgess says he is now that much more peat has been country than hitherto, and he ex- he hope that the "owners in due l dispose of it at a reasonable price." one element of satisfaction in con- with the coal shortage and war generally, and that is the lesson on us of the need for developing al resources within the four our own country. The Govern- e in hands the linking up of some ge Irish mines with the trunk rail- ms, and when this is done the result o very substantially increase the Irish coal at some future time. ents have been completed by the ent to at once begin the construc- bout three and a half miles of rail- Arigna station, getting as close as o the coalfields. The line from ion to Wolfhill has just been com- id the Government have also begun ruction of a railway from a point S & W R near Kilkenny to Castle- liery. This and other information ss placed before the public is very ry and encouraging so far as the concerned. But we have to deal the immediate present, and as to Coal Controller was quite explicit, onvinced, he said, "that even with ler quantity of coal coming into ow and in the future, they would, be able to carry on; but if there strict economy they would have to npleasant spectacle of works clos- ployment, and the poor and even -off without fires of light. To se things waste under all heads." We must, therefore, all work and whole-heartedly to promote and thus save the situation.

CURRENT COMMENT.

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and informed me of a difference of opinion at H.Q., mentioning the arrest of Hobson, he stating a meeting had taken place, and it had been decided to cancel arrangements. I immediately sent out orders finally cancelling arrangements in all outside battalions, and took the City Battalion to Killoran for a 'camp out,' with the intention of proceeding normally, as if nothing had happened.

"I omitted to mention that on Saturday night I got word definitely from Tralee that the arms were gone, and this was confirmed by The O'Bahilly. I may also mention here that late on Saturday night I got news through Miss Laara Daly that 'everything was all right,' and that there were 'men and officers coming'; that we had received the Papal blessing, and that 'MacNeill was splendid.' O'Bahilly's news rather staggered me, and showed me a very serious cleavage at H.Q.; but I was glad that some *modus vivendi* had evidently been found.

"On Sunday morning also Lieut Gubbins returned to Dublin with two motor lorries sent down by Sean MacD. (I had asked for some through Fitzgibbon.) On Sunday night (midnight) Lieut Ford returned from Dublin with orders from Pearse cancelling all arrangements, but asking me to be ready for further orders. On Monday morning Lieut Whelan returned from a second trip to Tralee, having seen Monteith and brought word from the latter that no men were coming, that the arms sent to us were gone, that the Germans were out for cheap Irish blood, and that the best thing we could do was to try and bluff through. About 1.30 p.m. Monday I received from Pearse a message running, as well as I remember: 'Dublin Brigade goes into action at noon to-day (Monday). Carry out your orders.'

DEATH OF MR THOMAS BUCKLEY.

The death occurred to-day at his residence, Newenhau-street, of Mr Thomas Buckley, an old, much respected, and well-known citizen. The deceased, who was in his eighty-second year, enjoyed excellent health all through his long life, until a short time since, when he contracted the illness which terminated fatally this afternoon. Mr Buckley was a director of the Limerick Race Company, in the promotion of which he took an active part. He was for a number of years engaged in commercial life, and he was a general favourite with all classes of his fellow-citizens. The late Mr Buckley was a native of the County of Kerry.

FISHERY PROSECUTION AT LISTOWEL.

The Listowel magistrates fined John Nolan £2 and 10s costs for having in his possession a stroke-haul on the bank of the River Feale on the 4th inst, with the intent of taking fish from the river at Ballyglenno, Listowel. Mr J. Condon, solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the Limerick Fishery Conservators, and the evidence of Assistant Inspector Kane was that while going through Ballinrudery he heard an explosion. Further down the river he came across Nolan, and having questioned him about the explosion, he denied hearing it, and on allowing the inspector to search him, a stroke-haul was found in his possession. The magistrates refused to recommend a reduction of the fine.

GREAT MUNSTER FAIR.

The Great Munster Quarterly Horse Fair yesterday was one of the best held for a long time past. All the principal markets were well represented, and the supply was larger and of an all round better quality than to be seen for some seasons back. Extensive purchases were made for army purposes, prices being good and ranging from £50 to £85. Very few hunters and carriage horses were on show at the Green, but in several instances

a couple of torpedoes by gunfire. Early the morning the attack was renewed. The accompanying destroyers fired depth charges, another general engagement took place, when Justicia was finally crippled.

The Justicia was built in 1915 by Harland Wolff for the Holland-America line, but originally the Statendam.

Decrease in Tonnage Lost.

Tonnage lost in June, through enemy action and marine risk, show decreases on the May figure 64,627 tons British and Allied, and neutral 17,278 tons—a total of 81,905 tons. June's was lower than in any month since Sept, 1916.

A Throne for Constantine.

The "Matin" (Paris) learns from Stockholm that according to a report received there from Helsingfors, the German Government has sought Finnish opinion regarding the candidature of King Constantine for the Throne of Finland. The Germans hope, the report adds, that a cordial welcome will be extended to him as a "Scandinavian candidate."

The Zeebrugge Raid.

The Victoria Cross has been awarded to following officers and men, who took part in the naval raid on Zeebrugge—Commander A J Carpenter, R N; Lieut R D Sandford, R N; L P T Dean, R N V R (Motor Launch 282), (Edward Bomford, R M L I; Sergeant N A F R M A; Able Seaman A E McKenzie.

Lieut. John Barnett.

Mrs Hauly, Sydenham Terrace, Ballinacorney, Limerick, received a wire last evening informing that her grandson, Lieut John Barnett, R Naval Air Service, was killed in an accident. Lieut Barnett was the flying officer of H. Tiger, and grandson of the late Mr John Hauly of this city. No details have been received up to this.

SEPARATION ALLOWANCES.

The New Scale.

The new scale of separation allowances to widows and dependents of sailors, soldiers, and airmen was issued last night in the form of a written answer by the Prime Minister to Mr Rowland Lytton. No alteration is made in the case of a wife or for children over 14. When there is one child under 14 the weekly rate of separation allowance is increased by half-a-crown, and where there are two or more children under 14 the increase is £1. For motherless children under 14 maintained in a home the rate for the first child is to be increased by 3s a week, for the second and subsequent children by 1s each child. These increases, which are payable from the first day in October, are estimated to cost £14,000,000 a year. In regard to allowances to parents of unmarried apprentices, students, and youths, of progressive wages, the War Office have fixed a flat rate of 5s a week for all sailors, soldiers, and airmen over the age of 21 and under 23. Allowances already given on the basis of dependency are to be brought up to the new scale where parents can show the allowance is necessary. The cost of this proposal is estimated at £9,000,000 for the first year. The allowances will date from the first pay day in October.

LOWER FOOD PRICES.

Mr Hoover on the Outlook.

Addressing the Consumers' Council at the Ministry of Food yesterday, Mr Hoover said that discontent over prices was a trifle compared