

age of the fuel supply looks as if it prove a very serious matter for all of the community. In England the supply presented at first a question of difficulty in its adjustment by the critics, but the war has upset the theories, and even some of the old orbe, that one of them, as to carrying to Newcastle, has lost both its full and time-worn application. There is, all its remaining wealth of fuel in and, something like a coal famine ble in the winter, what with the ly restricted output that has, perforce, me compulsory, and the abnormally price of so necessary a commodity for y section of the people. The supply for country has been for a long time back much shortened, and the preparations e for meeting the public demand, more cially in regard to the poorer classes, do so far, appear to have reached the tion to meet adequately the possibilities he situation. There should be some if provided by the feasible development rich coal mines, and relief afforded, in the supply of peat from the fairly icious turbaries in the district, but the as have caused a great stimulus in the chase of peat, and prices have run up ordingly to a figure which will press vily on narrow household incomes. opily, however, the winter is still some aths from us, and the want of artificial mth from the fireside away until summer e is well of the past. But though hope ver with us, the prospect does not seem cheery for increased fuel supplies, ether of coal or peat, in the coming cold son. The situation is, no doubt, a ing one, and all the care, forethought, l economy possible will be an urgent need the time ahead, to guard, as has been d, against the inconvenience, the hard- ps, and sufferings of a prolonged fireless ater.

OUT AND ABOUT.

Verford Guardians have appointed four dele- as to a conference of representatives of the four ons in the county to consider a scheme of work- se amalgamation.

The Pope has sent his photograph with auto- ph at foot to the Limerick Arch-Confraternity connection with the golden jubilee celebration hat Sodality last month.

Mr R. M. D. Sanders, Ballinacourty, Glen of slow, has been appointed to the Commission

not have been allowed to look at he set out upon his desperate enterprise. Have we then reached the stage when there is a prospect of preliminary agreement upon essential points and of profitable conversations? I am certainly not prepared to affirm positively that we have. Many people are of opinion that there have been occasions when such an agreement might have been reached—when, at any rate, it was worth while trying to reach it. They may be right or they may be wrong. It is of no use to dispute over the past; but there are abundant indications that such occasions may present themselves in the near future. Let us be prepared to meet them, and in a reasonable spirit.

The Chairman, Lord Parmoor, and Lord Buck- master, were among those who spoke in favour of Lord Lansdowne's views generally.

No Enemy Peace Proposal.

Mr Balfour, replying to Mr Lees Smith in the House of Commons yesterday, said that no enemy Government had approached his Majesty's Govern- ment with a proposal to enter into negotiations for peace.

Mr Lees Smith asked whether the right hon gentleman was aware of the report circulated lately that proposals of this sort were considered at the Conference held not long ago at Versailles. Could he give that report a denial?

Mr Balfour—I presume I have given it a denial. I said that no enemy Government has approached us.

ARREST AT GLIN.

Sergeant O'Donnell, of the Glin police, arrested on Sunday, Gustavus Keamp, an Englishman, proprietor of a cinematograph entertainment billed for Sunday night in the town, on suspicion of being a military absentee from England, and having admitted the offense, he was detained pending the arrival of a military escort.

CITY TRADE DISPUTE.

Yesterday the coachbuilders in the various city workshops ceased work as their demand for an increase of wages was not conceded. The present rate of wages is 36s a week, and they sent in a demand for an additional 10s a week. The employers offered 6s, but this was refused, and the men as a consequence left work.

COUNTY LIMERICK FATALITY.

On Monday an inquest was held at Kilbenny into the circumstances connected with the death of a little girl named Bridget O'Sullivan, who was fatally injured by a kick from a horse. The evidence showed that while crossing the roadway the child was knocked down by a horse and trap. The jury returned a verdict that death was due to hæmorrhage of the brain resulting from a fracture of the base of the skull, caused by a kick from a horse.

IRISH MACKEREL EXPORTS TO AMERICA.

Mr Boland, in the House of Commons on Tues- day, asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether he could use his influence with the American Government to secure the withdrawal of the embargo on cured mackerel exported from Ireland to the United States in view of the fact that the industry gave employment to fishermen and others on the west coast of Ireland in the autumn months, that the trade had been in existence for a number of years, and that there was a demand for this article of food in the United States; there was practically no demand for it in the United Kingdom.

Lord Robert Cecil said that the Government

his troops, according to an Amsterdam states that with their faithful Allies confronted a world of enemies. You fighting spirit, he adds, carried the v first year, into the enemy's country and the Homeland from the horrors an tions of war. In the second years of war you, by destructiv broke the strength of the enem East. Meanwhile your comrades in offered a brave and victorious front to superior forces. As the fruit of the fourth year of war brought us p East. In the West the enemy was he the force of your assault. The batt recent months count amongst the high fame of German history. You are in of the hardest struggle. Desperate e enemy will, as hitherto, be foiled bravery. Of that I am certain, and the entire Fatherland.

German Dictator Assass

Amsterdam, W
An official telegram of yesterday's d here via Berlin says that an attempt y 2 o'clock in the afternoon to bomb Fie von Eichhorn, German military dict Ukraine, and his adjutant, Captain v as they were on their way home from and had nearly reached the marshal's man who drove closely past them in a were very seriously injured. The assassin and the cabdriver have bee An inquiry has established the fact th originated in the Social Revolutionary Moscow.

Another Reuter's message from says—According to a Rieff telegram r via Berlin Field Marshal von Eie yesterday evening. His adjutant, Dressler, died shortly before him.

A Hamburg telegram states clouds a on the political horizon in the Ukrain the Government is trying to wa threatening unrest by wholesale arre

SHIPPING PROBLE

First Lord's Statem America's Powerful

Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the in moving in Committee of Supply it of Commons on Tuesday the vote f and shipbuilding, said a year ago submarine war was at its highest. T Allied and neutral tonnage which they to contemplate was in the neigh 550,000 gross tons per month. Th destroying the submarines as fast a being built, and their merchant shi short of men and material. Some was the British deficit and that was which they had to face. A year ag faced with a situation almost insolv available mercantile carrying power sunk t a rate which would soon have to the point of inability to continue t had therefore to provide for a shipt granime of anti submarine e-ft. min appliances and of merchant ship e creased scale. The net increase of last 12 months in firms engaged in industries was, roundly, 35,000. was for 80,000, part of which were but owing to the events on the V last autumn, and the great dem technical staff for the Air Force and, it had been impossible to obtain the of skilled men by withdrawals fr Up to now Britain had borne the preponderating extent of fight g it Even to-day the increased assist about by the new construct