

of those to whom charge of the helm is entrusted, and neither apathy issues, nor the fads nor predilections who would warp the efforts of the to defeat Germany, should have or power of deflection with those the future of the country, if but for a time, in their keeping. It is story, then, that the Paliaurus at the rightly views the outlook, steadily, and with the resolve that public shall be shaped, guided, and con-

l in the sole interests of the common The Prime Minister, who has done ch, and so well, and without stint of y, to carry on the war to a successful has caused the announcement to be public that much that has been written g the past few days about a General ion in November is pure fiction. He given no encouragement to the sug- on that he has any intention of pitating an appeal to the country. over, he does not intend doing anything b will distract his energies from the

There are three months of hard ing ahead on the Western front, and Lloyd George is believed to regard it as ly essential that nothing should be xed to interfere with the supreme task ie Nation during the period. All this e-assuring. That it represents the ngs of the great majority of the Nation the situation is obvious to all who ously look at the march of events. The ernal Election can wait, but the end of war, the successful end of the present fe, cannot come too speedily.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Submarines.
 ord Jellison, in the spring of this year, phesised that the menace of the submarine ld be t an end in August. The most significant ence one could have that his words have come is the revival of holiday traffic with the Isle an. Crowded excursion steamers would not allowed to navigate the seventy odd miles of Atlantic unless the chance of attack had elled almost to nothingness. For the last yars visitors to the Isle of Man have been uly Gorman civilian prisoners for internment. ev, at any r. te, can no longer doubt that the all-d U-boat blockade of our coasts has been ed

ord Economy.
 A London contemporary writes:—"Nonethe- " as one word is an excellent example of war nomy in space, and its appearance in our daily as should be welcomed by all who deplou

reasonable times of the year (usually, when they should be mowing their hay); that we desire to bring under the notice of the Department the hardship inflicted upon farmers who have to cart long distances large consignments of agricultural produce at very short notice, sometimes only a day's notice, and under threat of fines."

CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

Denis Murphy, Watergate, an ex-soldier who fought in the South African and present war, was taken suddenly ill after entering the Theatre Royal last night for the first performance and died in a short time. He was a married man about 50 years of age.

An inquest was held to-day by Mr J F Barry, J.P. City Coroner, when the evidence went to show that deceased was in his usual health when he left Beal's bridge with a companion, James McNamara, for the Theatre Royal last night. They were only a short time inside when Murphy collapsed, and died before medical aid arrived. Dr Roberts attributed death to natural causes, and the jury returned a verdict to this effect.

PROSPECTS OF A GENERAL ELECTION.

The Press Association says—The plain truth about all the talk of a General Election is that the Government has formed no plan, and has so far done nothing beyond giving careful attention to various suggestions put forward. The need of securing a new mandate is recognised by no one more than the Government, but the difficulties are considerable, and are likely to be more apparent as time goes on, but the insistence of the need may outgrow the difficulties, and render an appeal to the constituencies imperative. Political associations are disappearing, and are being replaced by new organisations. While the Government has made no plan for an appeal to the electorate, there is little doubt that the plunge would be taken if opportunity offered. Thus the position is that a General Election at an early date is a distinct possibility, but at the moment not even an approximate date can be assigned.

THE CITY REVISION.

The revision of the Parliamentary and Local Government voters' lists was concluded in the County Courthouse last night by Mr W M Beauchamp, solr, Clerk of the Crown and Peace and Registration Officer. The number of voters remain practically the same as when the lists were published recently.

IRISH RECRUITING.

It is officially announced by the Authorities that he recruits for various branches of the Service from all Ireland since June 1st amount to over 2,000. Owing to inevitable delay in constructing a new organisation, the machinery of the Irish Recruiting Council is not yet fully installed, and did not begin to come into operation until August 12th. But in the seven days beginning August 12th over 1,000 men were medically examined at the various recruiting stations.

COUNTY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN RESIGNS.

At a meeting of the Waterford County Council in Dungarvan on Tuesday, a letter was read from Mr Thos Power, Chairman of the Council tendering his resignation. It was unanimously decided to ask him to reconsider his decision. Mr Power was elected recently by his own casting vote.

ESCAPING GERMAN PRISONER SHOT.

The loss of British, Allied, and neutral merchant tonnage due to enemy action and risk during the month of July last was—179,476; Allied and neutral, 136,532 313,011.

In July, 1917, the figures were—323,430; Allied and neutral, 192,519 575,949.

The figures for last month were in excess month preceding, June, for which the tonnage was—British, 165,514; Allied and 115 980; total, 281,494.

The British losses in July exceeded but the United Kingdom yards by 34,531 gross but in the same month 12,220 gross to completed abroad on British account, the deficit to 23,311 gross tons compared average monthly deficit during the first six of this year of nearly 90,000 gross tons.

The tonnage of steamships of 500 gross ton over entering and clearing United Kingdom ports from and to ports overseas was as follows: January, 6,336,663; February, 6,326,965; 7,295,620; April, 7,040,309; May, 7,7 June, 7,420,386; July, 7,718,898.

Note—This statement embraces all Kingdom seaborne traffic other than Channel and cross Channel.

Premier and French Women

At a mass meeting of Allied women war held in Paris last evening, the following from Mr Lloyd George was read:—"This begun in order that force and brutality mi out freedom among men. Its author- can foreseen that one of its main effect- we give to women a commanding position fluence in the public affairs of the world. an nobling influence we look not only for to win the war but for inspiration during work of reconstruction which we shall undertake after victory is won. The we have flocked to France to work for the among the foremost leaders of this gr ment of regeneration. My message to representatives gathered together in Paris 'Well done. Carry on. You are h create a new earth for yourselves and children.'—(Signed) D Lloyd George."

Propaganda in Ireland

Lord Duncaven writes in a letter "Times" on propaganda:—"To my o not peculiar knowledge German lies an money were lavishly employed even war to debauch the Irish people, and ha employed almost without check ever si ignorance of the people as to the causes and the conduct of the war by the ene palling; but not strange, seeing that r effort has been made to enlighten them. has been the default on the part of authority that, coupled with the inept War Office, the object of Government to put Ireland out of court by encour Ally sentiment. The mischief done is not irreparable, if the Ministry of I for Great Britain is extended to Irela matter placed in competent and d hands."

Germany and Her Colonies

Dr Solf, German Colonial Secretary, by Reuter as announcing in a public s the safeguarding of her Colonial future of Germany's Government and people. consciousness was spreading among workers that the retention of her C vital question of honour for German Germany's Colonial war aim is second in national importance. This was specially gratifying in view of the clearly recalled to them in the last Having referred to a recent speech of Dr Solf said it was bear German- A w