

and the County and City United Aid e. To this end the meeting, as ed in our last issue, decided to rate a Gift Sale, a very popular and means of providing the "sinews of Close on two years ago, to be y accurate, in January, 1916 a Gift or the Red Cross was held in Limerick and proved a distinct financial success ers and business people heartily coe ted with that object by sending in its or contributions of various kinds, hich high prices were received at the on conducted by Messrs Ebrill, who again kindly consented to give the use Agricultural Hall for that purpose dy gifts for the forthcoming sale on 0th Nov, as well as monetary help, been received, and it is not too much icipate that the movement so success- launched on Saturday will in every t justify the anticipations of its pro- s. We confidently leave this under- ; with the public, feeling assured that will leave nothing undone to make the sale a pronounced success, and in every onthly the traditions of city and county- ance may here be made to another of war work which presents itself to otice just now. That is, the necessity king the fullest provision for sending d and other comforts to our gallant during the coming winter months. Limerick City and County United Aid e has been unceasing in its labours in aspect, and what it has accomplished past does its members infinite credit. re faced with another winter of this wide war, and so, as Sir Edward Ward letter to Mrs O'Grady, Kilballyowen, out: "We must commence forthwith ed up our output of supplies of com- of all kinds to ensure that ample num- of warm articles and other gifts may be ble during the coming months." It is ance that the greater number of these s will be required. Voluntary organi- a throughout the United Kingdom e relied on to supply these comforts. Limerick City and County United Aid e will, we are certain, redouble its e to bring all the comfort that is ble to our gallant soldiers during the s of Winter. If, as Sir Edward Ward anything should encourage the women e country to continue their splendid "it is provided by the magnificent ies—results of hard fighting—achieved ir splendid Army during these last . These magnificent victories con- uninterrupted day by day, and not re they achieved in the West but in ast; in Palestine, for instance, where rees—and we are proud to see Irish s conspicuous amongst them—have ed a smashing blow at the Turks, ing twenty-five thousand prisoners and uns, and in short, achieving a swift complete victory which has brought cally the whole of the country into ands. Whatever theatre of war we to the heroism of our gallant troops ; with unspeakable pride and admira-

## Bathing Boxes Smashed

A fierce storm prevailed at Kilkee day & d night on Saturday, while at four o'clock on Sunday morning a tempestuous spring tide rolled in with great fury. So unexpected was its violence that there was no time to save the gentlemen's bathing boxes to the number of 12 or 14, which, our correspondent informs us, were made matchwood of against the battlement. This is a sad loss to the proprietor, Jack Brann, so well and popularly known, and so courteous and obliging to the visitors. A suggestion has been made, and one which we feel assured will be heartily taken up in Limerick, that a fund should be opened which would help to compensate Mr Brann for the great and unexpected loss he has sustained. If some prominent citizen took the matter up, we have little doubt that success would attend his efforts in a very deserving cause.

## KILKEE BATHING FATALITY.

### Limerick Visitor Drowned

Intelligence reached Limerick yesterday morning of a sad bathing fatality which occurred at Kilkee on Sunday evening, the victim being a young fellow named Patrick McCormack, 24 years of age, and son of Mr F McCormack, an employe of the Army Clothing Factory, Limerick. The deceased had been in Kilkee on a holiday, and the circumstances attending his death, when it became known in the city, were learned with deep regret. He was a bright young fellow, who enjoyed a wide measure of popularity, and was greatly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was a member of the clerical staff of Messrs F Spaight and Sons, Ltd, where his services were greatly appreciated.

Our Kilkee correspondent, writing on the melancholy fatality says:—This (Sunday) evening, with a heavy sea running into the bay, five young Limerick visitors—Falk McCormack, Joe Knight, Jack Sullivan, William Murphy, and another named Ludlow—went to bathe off the breakwater. All of them, with the exception of Murphy, who did not venture further than the slip, jumped off the breakwater into the sea. Eight and a half miles, after a brief stay in the water, came ashore safely, and after a while the other two, McCormack and Ludlow, got into difficulties. They were washed past the end of the breakwater towards the open sea, and in their plight began to shout for help. Sullivan rushed to the end of the breakwater and threw a lifebuoy to Ludlow who missed it. One of the Kilkee coastguards named Lwin, a man of powerful physique, being attracted by the screams for help, rushed to the spot, and jumped into the surf, and after a gallant effort succeeded in rescuing Ludlow. The other poor fellow, McCormack, after being borne by the current out beyond the breakwater, was last seen to throw up his arms and sink. In Kilkee the melancholy event is greatly deplored, and the greatest sympathy felt for his family and relatives.

## GREAT FLOODS IN WEST LIMERICK

If the Feale, Oulagh, and Oonlaghaun valleys are flooded to an abnormal height from Abbeyfeale to Kilmorna, succeeding the incessant downpour of over thirty hours. Great damage has been inflicted on hay, oats, wheat and potato crops; and to a irreparable degree in many instances. The broad valley of the Feale presented the appearance of a huge lake for many miles.

## FLOODS IN CLARE

### Serious Outlook

Our Ennis correspondent writes:—At first Mass at the Cathedral in Ennis on Sunday morning prayers were offered up by Most Rev Dr Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, for fine weather and for the preservation of crops. At all the other Masses

## Allies in Hot Pursuit.

The advance by the Serbians has recul the Gradsko-Prilep line being severed, an enemy is retiring in the neighbourho Monastir, followed by Allied forces. A large quantity of booty has been take the Bulgarians are in a very difficult po They have no lateral line of railway in rear, and the situation offers important possibilities.

## HEAVY TURKISH DEFEAT

Loss of 18,000 Prisoners and 120 Guns.

### Nazareth Captured.

Eighteen thousand prisoners and 120 guns been captured in Palestine, where Irish troops taking part in the fighting.

The break-through was effected on E morning, and cavalry forces reached the re the Turkish position and cut off their retr

Traversing the field of Armageddon, E cavalry have occupied Nazareth, a few miles Lake Tiberias, or the Sea of Galilee, represent an advance of about sixty miles.

## 25,000 Prisoners and 260 Guns

The latest news from Palestine shows the Turkish defeat has been complete. Two a have been virtually wiped out.

All roads of escape to the north have blocked.

Up to the present General Allenby anno the capture of 25,000 troops, with 260 guns. are, however, still others to be counted.

The War Office announces:—

Having seized the passages of the Jord Jisrad Damieh, on the morning of 22nd Septe the last avenue of escape open to the enemy of the river was closed by our troops.

The 7th and 8th Turkish Armies have vict ceas d to exist.

Their entire transport is in our hands. 8 p.m. on the 22nd 25,000 prisoners and 260 had been counted.

Many prisoners and much material reme be enumerated.

## The King's Congratulation

The following telegram has been sent b King to General Allenby:—

"It is with feelings of pride and admira that we at home have received the news c ably conceived and brilliantly carried out ction, in which the British, Indian, and r forces under your command, with the supp the Royal Navy, have gained a complete v over the enemy. I am confident that this su which has effected the liberation of Palestine Turkish rule, will rank as a great exploit i history of the British Empire, and will sta all time as a memorable testimony to B leadership and to the fighting qualities c British and Indian troops.

"GEORGE R. In a leading article "The Times" says th Turkish Army in Palestine has ceased to The plan which led to this result does the highest credit to the abilities of General Al and its execution bears fresh witness to the courage, and endurance of his troops. It teresting to note that our Navy, which ha Napoleon's adventurous march upon Acre finally played a chief part in the defeat o enterprise, gave our men useful help so h their advance lay by the same sea road. T an instructive reminder of the many sides c power. It is too soon to speculate on the remote consequences of General Allenby's br achievements, but they may be considerable from the military and from the political point. The liberation of the Holy Land seem to be accomplished, and that is an