

whether the abdication of the Kaiser is necessary in order to secure peace. Democratic professions are thus the top note in the German reply, and coincident with this comes a very dramatic and quite unexpected episode, the resignation—in other words, the dismissal—of General von Ludendorff. The head and front of the Military Party, his disappearance from the scene is not only a sign of Germany's admission of military defeat, but an indication also of the extreme tension that prevails in political circles in Germany. And what applies both from a military and political sense to Germany appertains equally to her vassals. Austria-Hungary is in a state of rapid disintegration. This morning her capitulation is announced, and her acceptance of all President Wilson's proposals. Croat soldiers in the Austrian Army have seized Fiume, the second port of the Dual Monarchy, and disarmed the Militia loyal to the Empire. In Hungary the Government has resigned. The Turks have just sustained another smashing blow at the hands of General Allenby's forces, who have entered Aleppo, and at this rate of progress it may not be long before the Bagdad railway is cut by the British troops, and possibly a junction formed with our forces in Mesopotamia. Then we have the renewed Italian offensive, which is another thorn in the side of Austria-Hungary. Germany thus sees the power and the will of her vassals being surely and steadily shattered, while she herself is being moved homewards by the remorseless pressure of the Allied troops. Hence her peace offensive, her appeals to President Wilson, and her subdued replies to his firm and declared verdict, that the only armistice he would feel justified in submitting for consideration to the Allies would be one which would leave them in a position "to make a renewal of hostilities on the part of Germany impossible." We shall, doubtless, hear in due course the armistice conditions that will be required by the military advisers of the Allied Governments. It will then be seen whether Germany will accept them or elect to hopelessly prolong the struggle sometime longer. At present she is endeavouring to mark time. The Allied Commanders, as the "Times" says, are "attending to the war to a good purpose and with united success. Not less united must be their plans for making that success effective." As the Vice-Chancellor declared in the Reichstag the other day, Germany wants peace, and she needs it. Such an admission made to the German people tells its own tale.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Fuel Fund.

It will be seen by advertisement that the annual public meeting in behalf of the Limerick Fuel and Basket Fund will take place next Tuesday, at 4.15 p.m., at the Town Hall. Never, perhaps, is this Fund more necessary than it is, or will be, this winter and we are sure the citizens will

doctors are very hard pressed in attending to the increasing calls from various parts of the city. Indeed, with a view to lightening the labours of the medical profession, and reducing the number of visits to the same localities, it is suggested that patients should send in their calls at the earliest opportunity. Several deaths due to pneumonia and complications following on influenza are reported.

The Christian Brothers' Schools are closed for a week. Other schools are also closed.

The "Nenagh Guardian" says that during the week the influenza epidemic increased to an alarming extent in Nenagh. Few families have escaped its ravages, and many business houses are working with depleted staffs.

On the recommendation of Dr Courtney, M.O.H., Nenagh, all the schools in the district have closed down for a fortnight.

In Cork, Sir Bertram Windle announced on Saturday that a vaccine for use in cases of influenza is now under preparation at the University College, and will be supplied free to the poor.

THE LATE MISS VENICE C H HACKETT.

At Cashel Board of Guardians the following resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr O Davern, M.C.C., seconded by Mr T Price, J.P., Vice-Chairman:—"That we desire to offer to Mr E A Hackett, County Surveyor, our deep sympathy in his sad bereavement caused by the recent death of his daughter. Following so soon on the deaths of his brave boy at the front, the sad event must be a sore affliction for him and his family."

Mr Davern—It is four out of six in three years. He has lost three sons and a daughter in three years. We all feel very much for him in his latest trouble.

The resolution was passed in silence.

CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

An elderly man named Patrick Treacy died suddenly at his residence, Vize's Field, early yesterday morning. He complained of a pain in the heart on Sunday night before retiring to rest, and passed away as stated. He was for the past thirty years an employe of the Clyde Shipping Company, and was a faithful and responsible servant. An inquest was held last evening by Mr J F Barry, J.P., City Coroner, and a jury, and a verdict of death from heart failure returned.

TIVOLI PICTURE PALACE

The programme submitted to patrons of the Tivoli Picture Palace last night was entertaining, and was visited by large audiences. "Wild and Woolly" proved to be a film of very fine parts, while "Seven Pearls" (No 8) constituted a very pretty picture. To-morrow and Thursday nights "Judex" (No 1) will be presented, as well as an Irish Events film. The programme for Friday and Saturday contains "Miss U.S.A." and the eleventh instalment of "The Secret Kingdom."

THEATRE ROYAL

Anniversary Dance.

The dance organised in connection with the eightieth anniversary of the opening of the Theatre Royal will take place in that building to-morrow night. The event promises to be one of the most enjoyable held in the city for some years, and tickets should be secured at once by those who intend patronising the re-union. Dancing will commence as nine o'clock sharp to the music of Mr Clarke-Barry's band, and a feature of the re-union will be a display of limelight effects and confetti showers.

tion to duty as a signaller. he has repaired the wires and on one occasion, on his own initiative the gun position a column of which were held up by horse casualties and helping the. On another occasion he was injured by enemy shell gun-pit caused by enemy shell the gun and ammunition from constantly shown courage and

RECRUITING F

Recruiting figures up to October, 1918, are as follow:

Area total postings from	
DUBLIN	...
BELFAST	...
CORK	...
LIMERICK	...
WATERFORD	...
OMAGH	...
GAWAY	...
ARMAGH	...
MULLINGAR	...
CLIG	...

Total all Ireland

MR WM B FITT'S B SALE

At the Repository, Cecil day, Mr W B Fitt, Auctioneer, sale of bloodstock. There was and some remunerative prices.

Appended are the principal: The Greenfield Stud—The Purefoy—Lady Sentry, a chestnut, to Mr M B Lavery, for £28 foal, by Uster King, to Mr J Castleknock, for £100. A bay King, to Mr N S Carroll, foal, by Charles O'Malley, for £120.

The property of Viscount Rock, a chest mare, by Perio for £70. Lady Naughty, by Edgar, to Mr M W Gavio, foal.

The property of Mr H Scott mare, by Desmond, to Mr P bay yearling filly, by By Geo for £22.

The property of Mr P Me old bay filly, by Charles O White, for £16.

From the Ballykisteen stallion, by Flying Orb, to Mr C £35.

The property of Mr D I Nest, a chest mare, by Wild Connolly, for £40. A chest Barn, to Mr Turlay, Belfast.

From the Garryowen Stud, M Gleeson—A bay yearling Star, to Mr M Mitchell for £100.

The property of Mr Arth a chest mare, by Lord Edw Ryan, for £18. Gelignite, a stallion, to Mr D Harvey, for £100.

The property of Major Jaeger, to Mr T Mitchell, for £100. The property of a gentleman or brown mare, by Desmond £50. A bay gelding, by White, for £22.

The property of Captain J Nancy, a chest mare, by Mer worth, Charleville, for £48.

The property of Lieut-Col bay filly by Goldminer, to J The property of Mr E J foal by Battle Axe, to Mr W dale, a chest filly, by Baron for £19. Foxdale, a chest

Mr D O'B Hishon, for £19