

er is complicated from the point of view of the German taxpayer and investor by the fact that Austria-Hungary is heavily indebted to Germany. Many herself has to face a prospect of complicated bankruptcy in which the consequences of our financial transgression are availed by those of another in every direction; for the whole German scheme of finance was based on the presupposition of victory. The victims of the Kaiser's aggression—especially Britain—were to pay

This postulate being taken for granted, was considered advisable to ease the load of taxation for all classes in the continent during the struggle, and to pile debt as a burden for the antagonists when they were vanquished. The pile is and is enormous, and the antagonists are as victors at Germany's gates. The social world and the militarist world of many cherish the hope that the "liquidation of Austria-Hungary," even if it is instantaneous on the monetary side may yield territorial advantages to the northern neighbour. The Austrian Germans may be to cast in their lot with their German kinsmen across the frontier, and thus many's boundaries might possibly be ended even in defeat. But Germany is very responsible for the ruin which has overtaken Austria-Hungary and it would be monstrous that unrepentant Germany could profit by dragging down the realm of the Hapsburgs. The Entente nations have secured at terrible cost the freedom of the races formerly oppressed in the Dual monarchy and it is for the peoples of the Entente to say what shall ensue in the re-arrangement of the map of Europe.

**CURRENT COMMENT.**

**Sunday Mail Service.**

The Harbour Board are certainly deserving of credit for the persistency with which they are giving a resumption in some shape or form of the Sunday mail service to Limerick. The fact of the mails being allowed to lie twenty-four hours at Limerick Junction, and there being no morning delivery on Monday, is causing great inconvenience to merchants and traders, especially with such limited time at their disposal to catch the outward English mail. A Sunday motor car service from the Junction on the Sunday was suggested to the Post Office authorities. A letter from the Secretary G.P.O. read at yesterday's meeting of the Harbour Board, however, expressed regret that "in existing circumstances it was not practicable to make any better arrangement than is present in force." To say the least, this arrangement places at a great disadvantage an important distributing centre like Limerick, and now that the Board have decided to follow the matter up and approach the Treasury, it is to be hoped the concession asked for, a very reasonable one in the circumstances, will be granted without further delay.

**Registrar-General's Report.**

The births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in the eighteen principal provincial Urban Districts of Ireland, with the annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented by the figures for the purposes of these

statistics would resume work to-day, but it is believed no step in this direction will be taken until the terms of the award are published

**CITY TANNERY STRIKE.**

The dispute at Messrs O'Callaghan's Tannery still exists, the men being out for the past fortnight. It was stated last evening that negotiations, which it is hoped will result in a settlement, are in progress.

**OBITUARY.**

**Miss Edna Holliday.**

Amongst a wide circle of friends deep sorrow is felt at the death, which took place yesterday morning at the residence of her father, Mr Wm Holliday, J.P., Rose Villa, Corbally, of his youngest daughter, Miss Edna Holliday. The young lady had been in delicate health for some time past, but it was not till Wednesday last that her illness took a serious turn. Her death, needless to say, creates a great void in the family circle where she was so much beloved, and deep sympathy is expressed with her parents and family in their hour of trial. A vote of sympathy was passed at the Harbour Board yesterday, of which Mr Holliday is an esteemed member. The funeral takes place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock for St Mary's Cathedral.

**Mr J. Bowles.**

After an illness of considerable duration the death took place at his residence, Thomondgate, on Sunday morning of Mr Joseph Bowles at a rather advanced age. The deceased was father of Mr J J Bowles, the Irish handball champion, with whom and his family the condolence of very many friends is extended in their affliction. The remains were removed to St Munchin's Parochial Church last evening, and the funeral, which was largely attended, took place to-day at 3 o'clock for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery.

**Mr C Gleeson.**

The death, which is greatly regretted by his numerous friends in the city and district, occurred yesterday morning of Mr Cornelius Gleeson, after a very brief illness, and at an early age. The deceased was brother of Mr James Gleeson, B.C., George-street, with whom the sympathy of the public will be extended in his bereavement. Requiem Mass for the deceased was celebrated at St Michael's parochial Church this morning at 10.30, and the funeral, which was large and representative, took place at 12 o'clock for the family burial place, Ballysheen, Sixmilebriggs.

**WINTER ASSIZE ORDER.**

A special supplement of the "Dublin Gazette" announces that the Ulster Winter Assizes will be held at Belfast for the Counties of Antrim, Down, Armagh, Monaghan, Donegal, Londonderry, Fermanagh, Tyrone, Cavan, Sligo, Leitrim, and Roscommon, and the Cities of Belfast and Londonderry. Munster—At Cork, for the Counties of Waterford, Kerry, Clara, Cork, Tipperary (North and South Ridings), Limerick and the Cities of Cork, Waterford, and Limerick. Leinster—At the Commission Court, Green-street, Dublin, for the Counties of Dublin, Kilkenny, Queen's County, King's County, Meath, Westmeath, Louth, Longford, Wicklow, Kildare, Wexford, Carlow, Galway, Mayo.

**THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC.**

The influenza is still very prevalent in Limerick, though not so acute as in other cities. Some fatalities from the disease, or from pneumonia and complications following on pneumonia, have

Austrian armies. 300,000 men and more were taken. Hostilities were suspended as from November 4th.

**King Boris's Flight to V**

A telegram from Berlin, via Copenhagen, that information from Bulgarian sources that the laws of the proclamation of a Republic, and it is added that King Boris to Vienna.

**THE ARMISTICE CONFERENCE**

**Statement by Mr Bonar**

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr Law said he could not hold out any very early statement regarding the result of the Allied Conference at Versailles. Some have to be made first of all with the Government of the United States, and he did not think it should be able to make a statement until also known to the German Government. He said in the London papers, he said in the least represent the decision of the King yesterday.

The "Times" Correspondent says that armistice conditions have been stated upon by the Allies. The events of the last few days on the French front leave but little doubt of German acceptance, the correspondent

**Prince Max on the New**

**Kaiser and Abdication**

In an interview published in the "Zeitungs," says Reuter, Prince Max, who describes the reforms in Germany as a real political revolution. "The old regime has gone for good. I am confident that the new German Government will be living at peace with its present neighbours in order to be able to complete the modernising of Germany."

"Vorwaerts," says Reuter, published a statement by the leaders of the Social Party to workers and members of the party urging them not to respond to the leave work during the next few days in the streets.

Herr Schiedeman, in agreement with the Kaiser, had recommended the Chancellor to hinder the negotiations which are on this matter by thoughtless interference. The thing to do now is to keep calm and discipline.

**DISINTEGRATION OF AUSTRIA.**

**Hungarian Statement to the World.**

A wireless message from Budapest Hungary has addressed the following to the peoples of the world:—"The entire Hungarian people completed a peaceful and victorious revolution breaking the yoke by which it has been for centuries, has now formed a completely independent State. The people energetically repudiates all responsibility for the world war declared by it. Listening only to the cry of conscience, down its arms and desires peace. Entering the League of Nations, the fraternity and equality of all peoples, Magyars and non-Magyars. The people recalls at this solemn moment that Hungary has a historic part to play in the future of the world."