

ment to have achieved half of the successes during the campaign. Through the early stages of the war both officers and other ranks who served with the 1st Batt were a credit both to the battalion and the R.I.C., and the formation of the 2nd Batt as a fighting unit was only made possible by the men of the force, from whom most of the original N.C.O.'s of the battalion were drawn. During the evening handouts pieces of silver plate were presented to Lady M. Byrne, and accepted on her behalf by General Byrne, and to Mrs Peirson, wife of the Depot Commandant, in recognition of their work in dispatching parcels of comforts to R.I.C. men in the field. An excellent musical programme was supplied by artists from the Theatre Royal and Liréli, and by local talent.

REPRESSIVE MEASURES FOR EGYPT.

A Reuter's message from Cairo says General Allenby, Commander-in-Chief, summoned a meeting of leading Egyptian notables, at which he stated he had hitherto employed nothing but defensive measures. It was his duty, he continued, to restore order, and as it had been found impossible, so far, to achieve this object by merely defensive measures, he was now faced with the necessity of employing measures of active repression which must bring tremendous suffering upon the people and result in great loss of public and private property, in which many innocent persons must of necessity become involved.

A delayed Reuter's message from Cairo gives details of the outbreak of March 20th. Various railway stations were destroyed. Some of the wreckers were caught in the act and suffered many casualties. In southern provinces a train from Luxor was attacked and sacked. The bodies of seven British officers were found in a guard's van at Benisouy. At Medinet a large force of Bedouins attacked the garrison, but was driven off suffering forty casualties.

THE ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

A series of important tests are being conducted on the Airship R 34 at Glasgow. It is proposed to redope the outer covering of the balloon, which, however, successfully withstood the severe snow-storm on the voyage to Ireland. It is expected that the airship may try the Atlantic trip in May or June.

With the arrival on Saturday, at St. John's (Newfoundland) of the British airmen, Messrs Hawker and Grievs, the date for the trans-Atlantic flight has been tentatively fixed for April 16, if weather conditions are favourable. It will probably take a week to assemble the machines, and a series of practice flights to determine air conditions will precede the actual attempt.

WAREHOUSE COLLAPSES.

Several Lives Lost.

A warehouse near Liverpool pierhead, which was well stowed with oilseed, collapsed without warning yesterday afternoon. The seven floors fell one upon the other, leaving the outer walls enclosing a compact mass of debris. A motor lorry which was standing opposite the building was buried by the wreckage. Rescue parties speedily got to work and quickly released two men. It is feared that at least ten or a dozen people are under the debris.

A later message received from Liverpool says it is feared that between nine and twelve are killed and five injured.

McCAUSLAND—March 29, 1919, at Geraldine, Limerick, the wife of Rev. D. McCausland, B.A., Tipperary, of a son.

McMAHON—March 18, 1919, at 169 North Circular road, Dublin, to Lieutenant V. M. McMahon, M.C., and Mrs McMahon, a daughter.

MORROGH RYAN—March 29, 1919, at Dunboyne Castle, the wife of L. Morrogh Ryan, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

LAYNG and MOWERAY—March 15, 1919 (by special licence), at St. John's Church, Kingstown, by the Rev. Charles Lowse, M.A., Arthur Edward Layng, M.A., LL.D., fifth son of William F. Layng, to Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of W. W. Despard, J.P., Donore, Mountrath, and widow of Captain J. S. S. Mowbray, Killeany, Mountrath.

POTTLE and LANNING—February 13, 1919, at Cape Town, S.A., Captain R. G. H. Pottle, 1st East Surrey Regiment (attached King's African Rifles), of "Bella Vista," Killiney, Co. Dublin, to Margaret L. Lanning, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Lanning, of "Tasmaline," Rosebank, Cape Province, S.A.

DEATHS.

CLARKE—March 27, 1919, quite suddenly, at his residence, Jervis-place, Clonmel, William Clarke, aged 88 years.

MAXWELL—March 28, 1919, at 2 Laurelmount, Highfield West, Cork, George Maxwell, ex-District Inspector, R.I. Constabulary, of Tattahoele, Co. Tyrone, son of the late James Maxwell M.D., 2nd Queen's Regiment of Foot.

VANCE—On March 30th, at Rathronan, suddenly, of pneumonia, the Venerable Joseph Vance, M.A., Archdeacon of Limerick. Funeral at Rathronan, Wednesday, April 2nd, 1920.

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THE EXPORT OF HIDES.

Mr Archdale asked the Food Controller in the Commons if he would state why the Food Ministry considered it still necessary to prohibit the export of hides from Ireland to Great Britain except through selected markets and firms, and whether this handicap on outside firms could now be removed.

Mr McCurdy replied—It is necessary for the present arrangement, by which hides exported from Ireland pass through a clearing house controlled by the Army Contracts Department of the War Office, to be retained until the termination of the present control of meat supplies, under which farmers are guaranteed prices for live beasts. As however, any Irish firm desiring to do so may export its hides through the clearing house at the controlled price, I cannot agree that the regulation is unjust to a trade in or outside firms.