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SITUATION IN NEAR EAST.

The situation in the Near East, as it is itself just now, is not without its difficulties and uncertainties. The collapse of General Wrangel's army in the Crimea, which was not unexpected, has been more rapid than had been anticipated, as it was expected he would be enabled to hold out during the winter, and then have his dispossessed forces to co-operate with the Allied Navies feel bound to do so to prevent unnecessary suffering. Several ships have already left Malta for Black Sea ports menaced by the Turkish advance. Meantime some forty thousand Crimean refugees are reported to have arrived at Constantinople, and General Wrangel is cruising off the coast for the purpose of picking up others. While the military situation is thus unstable, the possibilities of the resumption of British influence in the country should materially improve the economic position, and promote a settled state of things in Russia. The remarkable events in Greece are claiming widespread attention just now. In the recent elections M. Venizelos and the members of his Cabinet, with two exceptions, were defeated. Venizelos was formerly regarded as the "strong man" of Greece, and one result of his statesmanship has been that in the re-arrangement of the Balkans his country has gained more territory than any of the Balkan States. Its population has thereby been increased five and a half to seven and a half millions, and in her added territories are included Adrianople, the Aegean seaboard, Macedonia, and the Dodecanese—a great accession to the power and influence of Greece. Indeed, so much so, that the Council of Ministers, when referring to the death of King Alexander, expressed the opinion that he was not privileged longer to govern over a Greece "so considerably enlarged during his time." It seems, therefore, extraordinary that the Statesman who secured so much for Greece has been

OUTBREAK IN LIMERICK.

Soldiers Run Amok.

Windows Smashed in Business Premises.

A little before nine o'clock on Thursday night a party of soldiers ran amok and broke windows in Lower O'Connell street, Patrick street, and Rutland street, as well as in a few other streets. The provision shop of Mrs P Bourke, Deamark street, would appear to have been the first place of attack, and here the window was smashed in, evidently with heavy weapons. In Roach's street at the furniture shop of Mr T J Walsh a large plate-glass window was shattered. In O'Connell street the front window in the grocery and licensed establishment of Messrs John Quin & Co was completely demolished. Three windows in Messrs W Todd & Co's large drapery house were broken, and at Messrs Lipton's, Ltd, two windows were smashed, and one in the stationery shop of Mr T A O'Mahony next door. Lower down the thoroughfare a window in the grocery shop of Messrs W Kidd, Ltd, recently vacated, was smashed, and what looked like a bullet hole was made in the window of Mr T Geary's confectionery and restaurant. The plate-glass window of Mrs J Kivlahan, stationer and fancy warehouse, next door, also suffered, the damage done being extensive. In Patrick street the windows of three shops were broken. In this thoroughfare, before further damage was done, a military officer came on the scene and ordered the soldiers to barracks. The men complied, but about an hour later it appears that another party of military attacked the Town Hall and shattered the glass in the six windows on the ground floor.

The outbreak appears to be a sequel to the shooting dead of a soldier and the wounding of another near Cratloe (not Bawnmore, as stated on Thursday evening) during the early morning. At the time of the outbreak there were very few people in the streets in consequence of the inclemency of the weather and the violence of the storm raging.

It is understood that an inquiry is to be held within the ensuing week into the occurrences.

THE ATTACK ON MILITARY GUARD.

In our issue of Thursday it was stated, according to a report then current, that the attack on the guard took place at Bawnmore, two miles from the city. Inquiries made yesterday elicited that the fatal affray occurred in a field near Cratloe, where the aeroplane, owing to engine trouble, was forced to alight in a decent. At the time the machine was on its way from Clare to Limerick, the landing ground for which is near Bawnmore, and in this way the location of the scene of attack on the guard was confounded. During the encounter Private Spackman, of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, was shot through the head, and died immediately, while Private Robb was dangerously wounded in the lower part of the body and right knee. His condition was found to be serious, but he is reported this afternoon to be progressing favourably.

It appears that a second attack on the military guard took place on Thursday night, but it was beaten off, and some eight bicycles were found by the military the following morning. During the attack a young man, who was not of the attacking party, was wounded, and was subsequently challenged by the military, but not taken into custody.

Official Statement

An aeroplane proceeding from Ennis to Limerick on the 17th inst. was compelled to de-

THE CORPORATION.

Moore-McCormack Line and Limerick.

The Mayor presided at a quarterly meeting of the Corporation on Thursday night. There were also present—Alderman G Clancy, S M O'Mara, W Forde, P Doyle, J Casey; Councilors J Cronin, T A McInerney, P O Halloran, J O'Donnell, J Sexton, M Clancy, M Redden, D Bourke, M O'Dwyer, D Griffin, and T Donnellan.

The officials in attendance were—Messrs W M Nolan, Town Clerk; J Morrissey, assistant to City Treasurer; and J E Enright, Engineer, Gas Works.

MOORE-McCORMACK STEAMERS.

The Town Clerk said he communicated with the Secretary of the Harbour Board relative to the Council's decision on the proposal of the Moore-McCormack Company to make Limerick a port of call for their steamers. In his reply the Secretary said that Mrs Crowe had brought the matter before the Board last May, and he had been in communication with the management of the company since. He looked forward to one of these boats arriving in Limerick soon.

With reference to the same subject, a letter was received from the Secretary of the Cork Industrial Development Association acknowledging the adoption of the Council's resolution for which he expressed his best thanks. He asked that the Council forward a copy of the resolution to the United States Mail Steamship Company and Mr J L Fawcett, Irish Consul, New York.

Mr J H E McArdrews, American Vice-Consul, Queenstown, wrote acknowledging the Council's resolution on the same subject.

The Town Clerk was directed to carry out the wishes expressed in the letter of the Secretary Cork Industrial Development Association.

PROPOSED AUDIT.

A communication was received from Dell Egan asking that an abstract of the Council's accounts for the 31st March last be forwarded for the purpose of audit.

The request was ordered to be complied with.

VACANT CORONERSHIP.

A letter was read from Mr J F Barry, Jamesboro, city, resigning his position as Coroner of the city.

The Mayor—We asked Mr Barry to reconsider his decision on a former occasion when he tendered his resignation of the Coronership. He now wishes to resign, and it is for you to say what you think.

Ald Doyle—I take it that Mr Barry desires to resign in consequence of ill-health.

The Mayor—Yes. I am sorry to say that is so. Will you accept the resignation?

Ald O'Mara—With regret.

Ald Clancy—Under the circumstances we have nothing else to do. I understand that Mr Barry is in a bad state of health.

The resignation was accepted with regret.

The Town Clerk said on behalf of the officials of the Corporation he regretted the cause which led to Mr Barry's resignation. For a number of years Mr Barry was a member of the Council, and he held the office of Mayor.

RATES ON ALLOTMENTS.

With reference to the payment of rates on the allotments, the Mayor enquired if the Council were getting in the rents.

Alderman Doyle—At the last meeting of the Allotment Committee that question was considered, and is receiving attention.

The Mayor—That is satisfactory.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

Arising out of the Gas Committee minutes, Mr O'Dwyer complained that lamps were not lighted in some parts of the city.

Mr Enright pointed out that in localities where