

POSITION OF BRITISH EX-SERVICE MEN

In Free State.

Government Defeat.

The Government was defeated in the Dail last night on a motion by Capt. Redmond regarding the claims of British ex-Service men.

Capt. Redmond's motion was opposed by the Government, who supported an amendment by Major Cooper. The division resulted:—

Amendment (Lost)—For, 63; against, 66.
 Motion (Carried)—For, 66; against, 64.
 Fianna Fail and Labour supported Capt. Redmond, whilst three Independents also went into the division lobby with him.
 President Cosgrave, immediately the result was announced, intimated that arising out of the division he would accept a motion of no confidence, and give time for it to-day to-morrow.

So far, however, such a motion has not been handed in.

ARMY DEFENCE FORCES.

Debate in the Dail.

Militia Force to be Created.

In the Dail yesterday, the second reading of the Defence Forces Temporary Provisions (No. 2) Bill, 1927, was taken, and the Minister for Defence (Mr Fitzgerald) outlined the Government's policy. It is to push on with the creation of a Reserve and a Territorial Militia force, but the standing army, he said, could not be immediately limited to a mere framework. A Military College would be started without delay.

Mr De Valera moved an amendment, and said if they wanted protection from England they could get an army organised on a better system. Their defence should consist in having a territorial volunteer force, and they would be able to get on with a standing army of 5,000.

Mr Fitzgerald, replying, said that the army existed for the protection of the people's rights against any and every enemy, whether internal or external.

The amendment was defeated by 81 votes to 50, and the second reading was passed.

COUNTY LIMERICK FATALITY.

Engine Driver's Death.

A distressing accident occurred at Ballycunniff, Patrickswell, yesterday, involving the death of Peter Glennon, aged 40 years. The deceased, who was a native of Mount-rath, Queen's County, was employed by the South of Ireland Asphalt Company, who are engaged in trunk road reconstruction in the county. Yesterday morning Glennon, who was an engine driver, after re-starting the engine, was fixing belting to a wheel, when his coat became entangled in the revolving machinery, and before assistance was forthcoming the unfortunate man received injuries which terminated fatally last evening in the County Hospital, Croom. The deceased leaves a widow and children to mourn his untimely death.

An inquest was opened this evening in the Board-room of the Hospital at Croom by Dr Clery, Coroner, East Limerick.

Supt. Kenny represented the Civic Guards, and Mr P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, appeared for the South of Ireland Asphalt Company.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

How Liverpool Defeated Bohemians.

LIVERPOOL, 3 pts.—LIMERICK BOHEMIANS, Nil.

The following is taken from the "Daily Courier":—

The Irishmen concluded their short tour on Merseyside yesterday (Monday), when at Aigburth, they were adjudged losers by a try to nothing.

Play was contested mainly on forward lines, hard scrummaging and clean saving being the features of the game. Neither side, however, could go through the defence of the respective backs until the last minute when Liverpool were awarded a lucky try. Ludlow was the scorer, but in the movement that led up to his going over the Bohemians' line there was an obvious forward pass and a flagrant knock-on.

The light was bad, following a late start, but the small crowd's sympathies were with the Bohemians, who in general play, were a slightly better side.

The Irishmen were particularly good for

SPORTING

DERBY MEETING

ELVASTON FLAT

Orphean (Stokes)
 Some Pep (J Childs)
 Gnomie (Graves)
 Also ran—Glendor, Sarcen
 The Inconstant Nymph, Resou
 Flaming Flag, Manuscript, I
 Severn Tunnel, Norah Elsie,
 Betting—4 to 1 agst Gnom
 Pep and Flaming Flag, 8 to 1
 100 to 8 Glendor and Th
 Nymph, 100 to 7 Orphean ar
 20 to 1 others.

Flaming Flag won the race qualified for boring.

FOSTON FLAT

Bonne Chance III (J Chil
 L'Aine (Turtle)
 Ethelwulf (Christie)
 Also ran—Crevecoeur II,
 Mountain Stag, Drummin f.
 Trained by Boyd-Bo
 Betting—3 to 1 agst Bom
 100 to 30 Ethelwulf, 5 to 1
 Bucks Yesman, and L'Aine,
 Won by 4 lengths.

CHATSWORTH P

Easter Gift (J Dines)
 Good Measure (Elliott)
 Cincinnatus (Baines)
 Also ran—White Maize,
 Golden Emblem, Elfinette
 Quivel, Galadeer, Fair Pa
 Prince, Topaz, Hadlow, Ce
 Dame, Blue Flame.

Trained by Lark
 Betting—11 to 4 agst Arg
 Cincinnatus, 7 to 1 Easter G
 Dame, 8 to 1 Quick Return,
 Maize, 10 to 1 Topaz, Quivel,
 20 to 1 others.

Won by a head.

OSMASTON PL

Lion Heart (H Wragg)
 Phantom Jim (Nevett)
 Butterfly Belle (C Ray)
 Also ran—Sunny Dell, C
 Covenden, Mountain Lad,
 Rag, Ma Poupee, Alchemist.
 Trained by R J G
 Betting—5 to 1 agst Alc
 Sunny Dell, Ma Poupee, Mo
 Butterfly Belle 7 to 1 Cove