

instructed by the British Government to order all British travellers and residents in Germany to return at once to London.

France to-day indulged in partial mobilisation. Huge posters were placed outside all public buildings ordering all reservists of the 3 and 4 classe to report to their barracks.

No private orders were issued and this is the first occasion that there has been a collective mobilisation in France.

ULTIMATUM EXPECTED.

No definite indication can be gained of the manner in which the blow, which is expected to fall very soon may be delivered by Germany. Polish official quarters are confident that an ultimatum will be delivered to their Government to-day or to-morrow, and certain indications point to early action, perhaps even before the Tannenberg ceremony, which is due to be held on Sunday.

Yesterday morning balloon barrages were sent up by the German forces along various parts of the Polish frontier, and the whole of Eastern Germany, including Bavaria, was declared a closed area for civil aircraft.

Just how Herr Hitler may intend to set his military machine in motion is a matter of conjecture, but a message from Danzig issued by the official News Agency may be regarded as having possible significance. The German correspondent reports "feverish military activity" on the part of the Polish forces across the frontier and says that this lends colour to the belief that Poland will undertake a sudden military move against the Free City with the object of presenting the Western Powers with a "fait accompli" and thus forcing them to fulfil their guarantees.

AN EXCUSE.

This suspicion, it is said, is reinforced by the precedent given by Poland in the occupation of Vilna and the Ukraine after the war. This report, coupled with the sensational despatches which are published in the Press of a Polish attempt to starve Danzig out, and of the unhappy state of the population there in consequence, gives some ground for the suspicion that Danzig may furnish an excuse for an attack on the Polish Republic if Herr Hitler as appears likely, adheres to his present intention.

KING'S BROADCAST.

King Leopold of the Belgians broadcast at eight o'clock last night from Brussels a statement on behalf of seven "neutral" Powers, which have been meeting in Brussels to consider the European crisis.

A communique issued by the seven Powers reaffirms their decision to remain neutral and to defend their independence.

Referring to the "similarity of interests of these States in the present critical circumstances, the communique continues—"This is the reason why they decided to hold a conference in Brussels.

Many ghost "fans" who gathered near the Park last night were disappointed when the spirits failed to materialize.

If the ghosts are to hold their box-office attraction in future, they cannot let their public down like this. Some excuse could be offered for the failure of the "spooks" to put in an appearance if the night was wet or stormy, but on such a fine balmy night as last night one would expect them to take the air according to schedule.

LATE MR. D. MURNANE

Funeral to Co. Limerick

The funeral of Mr. David Murnane, ex-District Inspector of the R.I.C., Clontarf Road, Dublin, took place to Caherconlish, Co. Limerick, following Requiem Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Clontarf, celebrated by Rev. J. O'Keeffe, C.C.

The chief mourners were:—Mrs. G. Murnane (widow); Dr. J. A. Murnane, Dr. P. J. Murnane, Messrs. J. P. Murnane, B.L., Nicholas Murnane (sons); Dr. Helen Dunne (daughter); Mrs. A. J. Murnane, Mrs. P. Murnane, Mrs. N. Murnane (daughters-in-law); Messrs. Denis Murnane and Con Murnane (grandsons); Mr. John Cummins (nephew); Miss Cummins (niece); Mr. and Mrs. Coster, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dunne, Miss N. Dunne, Mr. A. M. P. Dunne (relatives).

The attendance included:—Rev. E. Conran, C.M.; Rev. J. Conran, C.M.; District Justice and Mrs. Hannan, Messrs. T. O'Byrne, B. Collins, solicitor; Messrs. J. L. Collins solicitor, J. Fagan, M. O'Connell, B. Seales, solicitor, P. J. Walsh, M. Doyle, T. Joyce H. Tracy, H. Langan, M. J. Langan, D. Scully, J. Foley, R. Campion, T. Delaney, P. Delaney, Mrs. J. Corbett, Messrs. H. Heron, J. Ryan, J. Degnan, D. Hurley, M. Halpin, J. Donohue, W. O'Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lyon, Miss G. Gaffney, Miss Heavey, Miss Daverin, Mr. and Mrs. M. O'Connell, O. C. Maher, A. V. Wilkinson, T. Teevan, B.L.; Supt. P. Brennan, W. Corcoran, Dr. Marion Gallagher, Dr. J. Redmond, Capt. T. O'Driscoll, Messrs. E. Rodgers, T. Burke, P. J. Reynolds, T. Flaherty, Supt. O'Callaghan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Staines, Capt. Regan, O.B.E.; Mr. T. J. Regan.

"DIVINE SECRETS"

INTERESTING DISCOVERY IN MILAN LIBRARY.

An apocryphal version of St. John's Gospel, entitled "The Divine Secrets," has been discovered by a Swedish professor, Dr. Oscar Lofgren, among a collection of 2,000 Oriental manuscripts at

There is, she says, undoubted of Irish adventure stories young people, with the result libraries had to rely largely on stories. She could only think of Irish writers, both of whom who are specialising in stories. Quite apart from reasons, they in the library not give the juveniles stories to note from Irish reality, such of English public school life absurdly far from the facts they here have to encounter. One could be said for these stories "glorified the Empire"—that all very moral, and good triumphed over evil.

CINEMAS' EFFECT

Dublin Public Libraries, the population, are not as well used as they should be, according to Walsh, and she thought that of Limerick County might represent a proportion to the population there was not the same competition for people's attention there from and theatres. Nevertheless, they added in their own way to the number of books read. Whenever there was a film in Dublin based upon a story there was always a big demand for a book and for others on the same subject. People always took seriously the paper reviews of books and were largely guided by them.

CLARE'S RECORD

Thirteen Lives Saved by Drowning.

Recent rescues of persons from drowning on the Clare coast bring the number to thirteen for two seasons.

Last week Mr. B. Maurer, of the Clare Swimming and Diving Association, who was presented with a medal for rescue work, was prominently in one of the rescues. A Dublin visitor to Kilkee was in difficulties after entering the water and brought the bathers to his aid.

At Doolin, near Lisdoonvarna, a visitor got into difficulties and was rescued by Joe O'Donnell and Joe O'Donnell and Joe O'Donnell. Two life guards stationed there at the spring tide was running at the time the training imparted to them enabled them to effect the rescue in a manner which was the subject of the highest praise from those who witnessed it.

While demonstrating to how she had seen competitor at a swimming gala, a little Mary O'Loughlin, of Lisdoonvarna