

MAIN FORCE OF ATTACK

The main force of the attack is directed at a point on the Somme, just east of the Oise. Both British and French troops are engaged and it is stated that the British forces are considerable.

Later messages state that the German attack extends southward as far as a point where the Oise-Aisne Canal enters the Aisne river. German pressure is stated to be severe in the region of Aimeux.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE SPOKESMAN

The French War Office spokesman stated to-day that the use of infantry by the Germans, supported by artillery, did not preclude the possibility of the employment of armoured units at an early date. The use of dive bombers in sup-

HANDED OVER TO GERMAN FORCES

The bodies of five German airmen who were killed in Switzerland on Sunday were brought to the frontier to-day and handed over to the German forces.

Heavy explosions on the French Coast were heard in the South of England to-day.

The ground was shaken over a considerable area and windows in houses on the sea-front were broken.

BUST OF KING LEOPOLD REMOVED

From New York it is reported that a bust of King Leopold III exposed in the Belgian stand at the New York World Fair has been removed by order of the Belgian Government.

OBITUARY

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MR. THOMAS COLLINS, MURROE P.O.

Very deep regret has been felt in Murroe and adjoining districts following the announcement of the death of the late Mr. Thomas Collins, Murroe P.O. Deceased, who had reached a ripe old age, was a particularly fine type of gentleman of the old school, and his passing has removed a very popular figure, held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He possessed very many estimable qualities, and was of a singularly kind-hearted and genial disposition.

In his early days he was closely connected with the Fenian movement and as a member of the Brotherhood was at one critical period entrusted with the personal delivery of a big consignment of arms and ammunition from Limerick City to Ballyvara, near Barrington's Bridge, an undertaking which was successfully accomplished. Up to the time of his death he took a very keen interest in every phase of the national movement.

The funeral attendance bore a striking tribute to his popularity, a very large cortege having accompanied the remains for burial at Abington, after Solemn Office and Requiem Mass at the Church of the Holy Rosary, Murroe. As a mark of respect the coffin was shouldered to the Monument—a memorial erected some years ago adjacent to the village in memory of local I.R.A. men who fell in the fight for freedom.

Very Rev. Canon Purcell, P.P., Murroe, officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev. Father Kennedy, C.C., do.; Rev. Father O'Dea, O.S.B., Sub-Prior, Glenstal Abbey, and Rev. Father Maur, O.S.B.

The chief mourners were—Mr. P. J. Collins (son); Mrs. M. K. Sheehan, Mrs. R. Ryan, and Mrs. P. J. O'Brien (daughters); Mr. J. Sheehan and Master T. Ryan (grandsons); Misses Maureen Sheehan and Eileen O'Brien (granddaughters); Mrs. P. J. Collins (daughter-in-law); Messrs. Ed. Sheehan, R. Ryan and P. J. O'Brien (sons-in-law).

Numerous Mass cards, telegrams, and letters of sympathy were received. R.I.P.

"DAMAGED THEIR OWN HOUSE"

That they caused damage to their own house and made statements to the Gardai accusing their neighbours of the outrage was alleged by the prosecution in a charge of conspiracy against Thomas Doherty and Margaret Doherty, Lung, and Francis Corrigan, Lisacul, at Ballaghaderreen Court. They were returned for trial.

APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS

Dublin Chamber of Commerce is appealing to the people for unity; calling upon all citizens to assist in the maintenance of law and order, appealing to

THE WEATHER

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OBSERVATIONS FOR APRIL AND MAY

The following is a summary of weather recordings for April and May, 1940:—Highest barometer, 30.52; lowest, 29.62 inches; shade temperature, 70 degrees; lowest, or night, temperature, 33 degrees; rainfall for month, 4.33 inches; maximum fall on the 27th, 0.76 inches; a cool and showery month; over average in rainfall; some frosts and some snow or hail fell in the middle of the month; sunshine was somewhat deficient; for April, 1939, only 1.35 inches of rain fell, as compared with 4.33 in 1940.

Highest barometer for May, 30.48; lowest, 29.75 inches; shade temperature, 79 degrees; lowest, or night, temperature, 41 degrees; rainfall for month only 0.935 inches, well distributed; maximum fall on the 25th, 0.24 inches; May was very considerate and proved to be of some service to all. It was a welcome month after a long and trying winter. Rain was needed for the country and a liberal supply was provided, together with sunshine. In May, 1939, 1.445 inches of rain fell.

W. J. HORNE.

Crescent, Limerick.
June 3rd, 1940.

FOR KILLARNEY MATCH

The following will do duty for Limerick against Waterford in the first round of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship at Killarney on Sunday week:—

P. Scanlan (goal) (Galway), P. O'Carroll (Ballyhea), M. Kennedy (Ahane), T. Cooke (Knockainey), P. Cregan (Croom), P. Clohessy (Fedamore), P. Kelly, T. Ryan, T. Herbert, J. Mackey, M. Macky (Ahane), R. Stokes (Univ. College, Dublin), P. McMahon (Ahane), J. Roche (Croom).

Subs.—P. Mackey, D. Givens, M. Hickey (Ahane), J. Purcell (Croom), M. McCarthy (St. Patrick's).

The Waterford team will be:—

Jim Ware (Erin's Own), Regan (Lismore), Curley (Tallow), O'Connor (Mount Sion), Fleming (do.), Keane (do.), Dowling (do.), Daly (Dungarvan), Hickey (Portlaw), Moylan (Dungarvan), Rhenish (Dublin), Barron (Dungarvan), Wyse (Erin's Own), Goode (Dungarvan), Greene (Mount Sion).

THE SECURITY FORCE

Already it is calculated that about 5,000 men have applied for enrolment in the National Security Force in Eire. The force is purely voluntary and the members will work without remuneration. Their activities will include a watch on people whose actions might lead to a breach of neutrality.

RESULT OF ROUND-UP

A statement on the county was submitted to the Limerick Board of last, Mr. M. Ryan, C.

The Secretary (Mr. course of his report s "I beg to submit he rent collection in resp new rural cottages, the Non-Municipal Schemes for the ha 31st March, 1940.

"Old Cottages—The brought down from on the 30th Septemb 4s. 11d. on the 31st M tion of £123 11s. 7d outstanding represent

"In the Rathkeale tion of the collection satisfactory. The an half year increased fr £847 0s. 4d. The colle of £122 6s. 1d. on ha the half year. He loc the 9th April, 1940, a the 25th April, 1940.

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"Kilfinane No. 1 Patrick Leahy.

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"In Collector Ryan area, the arrears ha from £57 14s. 4d. at t 1939, to £20 11s. 2d., at 1940. On the other part of the district a to Leahy, the arrea duced during the s £119 13s. 11d. to £111 tion of only £7 14s. 5d

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District, Rathkeale; from £24 9s. 8d. to £

District, Hospital; nell; from £4 3s. 4d. to

District, Kilfinane Leahy; from £2 4s. 2d.

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The total arrears o of March last in respec

(old and new) represe 9/- per cottage.

The Board decided t ber of the collectors t

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There never was a t danger for Ireland, but a greater opportunity Irish people together former disagreements, Minister for Posts and appeal for support Forces.

LOYALTY U

Where would Ireland whole world if "gunm became the rule here, Dr. Cohalan in Cork. who helped or co-oper vities of any foreign p would be acting unla disloyally.

SCOUTS ASKED

The Chief of the Cat of Ireland has request