NEILSON MYSTERY

Conflicting Accounts of Alleged Attack

WERE GUNMEN AT WORK?

In yesterday's principal news page of the "Daily Mail," under large headings, was a circumstantial story of the shooting of Major G. Neilson, who until the recent disbandment was Chief Intelligence Officer of the R.I.C., and who, it was stated, was found lying in a precarious condition in a quiet country lane at Buckland-on-the-Moor, Ashburton, Devonshire. He had been attacked by gunmen, who had, so the report said, followed him from Ireland for the purpose.

Two anonymous letters were stated to have been received by the Major threatening him with death on account of his having shot a man in Ireland, it is claimed in defence.

The assailants were able to make good their escape, and this is alleged to have completely mystified the police, as the place is a very small village.

THE PLOT THICKENS.

The "Evening Standard's" special correspondent at Exeter, wiring yesterday, announces that mystery still involves the shooting of Major Neilson.

He was found shot in a Devonshire lane, the theory being advanced that he was attacked by gunmen who followed him from London.

"I understand," says the correspondent, "that Major Neilson took a cottage at Buckland about six months ago. It is said that of late he had been suffering from ill-health. Major Neilson is in hospital here, and is making fair progress. He regained consciousness just before noon.

POLICE PUZZLED.

"The Chief Constable of Devon, Major Vyvyan, has been prosecuting inquiries since Thursday night. The police are puzzled by the fact that if the men had tracked the Major all the way from Dublin to the remote moorland village to murder him they didn't complete the work instead of leaving their victim still living. But it is said the Major feigned death when it was fired at, thus tricking his assailants into believing they had accomplished their task.

"No suspicious characters are in the neighbourhood; neither have any been seen

ACCURATE DETAILS LACKING.

The Devon County Police, says an Exchange telegram, are maintaining the utmost secrecy concerning the shooting of Major Neilson, and say they have no evidence to confirm or refute the accuracy of the story. After his admission to hospital the Major gave a disjointed account of the affair. Yesterday morning he was still in a critical condition, but hopes are entertained of his recovery.

SHOOTING THEORY DISPROVED.

A later Exchange message says:—

It is learnt on reliable authority that Major Neilson, who was concerned in the mysterious affair at Buckland, Devon, is not suffering from bullet wounds, but that

DUBLIN AMBUSH

Two Women Injured by Bomb

IN NORTH FREDERICK ST

A motor-car containing two officers of the National forces was ambushed yesterday afternoon at the junction of North Frederick St. with Hardwicke St. A hand grenade was hurled at the car and several revolver shots were also fired, but the occupants escaped unhurt.

CIVILIANS AGAIN SUFFER.

The grenade struck the pavement outside Mr. Kavanagh's, and fragments were scattered in all directions. There were a large number of pedestrians in the vicinity at the time, and two women, Mrs. Ellen Andrews, St. Ignatius avenue, and Mrs. Nolan, 60 St. Joseph's place, were struck by bomb splinters in the feet. They were removed in the Corporation ambulance to the Mater Hospital, where Mrs. Andrews was detained.

OTHER PERSONS INJURED.

Some other persons were stated to have received minor injuries. Splinters of the bomb also passed through Mr. Kavanagh's window into the sitting-room, portion of a chair near the window being smashed. A son of Mr. Kavanagh's, who had been sitting in the chair, had a providential escape, as he had only just left the room when a bomb splinter and a bullet came crashing through the window.

AMBUSHERS RUN AWAY.

The assailants, after throwing the grenade, fled down Hardwicke St. This is the second attack that has taken place in the same locality within a fortnight.

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he has a cut on the forearm, and his condition is serious.

The Exchange Telegraph Co. further understands that the official investigations which are being made have so far failed to confirm the accounts published in Saturday's newspapers regarding the injuries received by Major Neilson, who, it is stated, was found wounded near Ashburton, in Devonshire. The inquiries are proceeding, and it is hoped that further light may be thrown on the matter shortly.

RETICENCE OF POLICE.

"Lloyd's News" correspondent at Ashburton writes that the police absolutely refuse to give information, but very exhaustive inquiries fail to discover any of the officer's friends who know anything of the anonymous letters. No Irishmen have been seen in the district and the villagers did not hear any shots fired.

Admitted to hospital, Major Neilson appeared in a very dazed condition, says "Lloyd's News," but under the treatment of Dr. Weyland Smith has rapidly improved. The whole affair is somewhat mysterious. The police are reluctant to say much, but they evidently do not seem disposed to connect the incident with Irish gunmen.

The Home Office states that inquiries are proceeding, and it is hoped that further light may be thrown on the matter shortly.

The Major's wife and three children are believed to be living in Norfolk.

JOTTINGS BY JACQUES

THE LAST WORD.

"I have always found through my married life that my wife has no sense of the value of money, nor can she keep it when she gets it."

A WELSH tradesman put the above in his will, which has just been in the courts. He instructs his trustees to dole out his provision for his wife five shillings or ten shillings at a time, as they may see fit. The words quoted constitute the final jibe, to which, at any rate as far as the author is concerned, there is no answer.

Not so long ago a will was proved in which the testator alluded to his wife as "a human vinegar cruet." Even if the wrathful widow eased her mind with the most effective repartee what was the use. Her hubby didn't hear her.

Sometimes the woman has the last word. For example, the wife who had quarrelled with her husband about the money he gave her. He said three shillings; she said two. He flung her into the river. The debate rose and fell. So did she. Going down for the last time, and choking with water, she could not speak. But she held up two fingers. Then she disappeared.

THE MARRIAGE MARKET.

SINCE Uncle Sam said, "Cut out that cancel-debts stuff, John, and come across with the dough," the English are looking as pleased as Russians in a bath-house. The French, on the other hand, are cheering up. Thirty-eight millions in American money are on the way to that country, as "Le Matin" points out. At least, Miss Dellora Angell is en route thither, and the French hope that she may yet decide to endow a French husband with that fortune.

But Americans are beginning to ask are their girls getting good rates of exchange. Miss Vanderbilt acquired a duke, Mrs. Leeds a prince. With Continental currency where it is, it seems as if America's young women who mean to carry their fortunes abroad ought to get something really good in titles nowadays.

They let the Prince of Wales get away; but why not take a chance with the sovereign of all the Russians, M. Lenin?

THOSE GOOD (!) OLD TIMES.

BECAUSE there is so much cheer-up literature in these days Mr. George Chesterton argues that we live in the grouchiest, gloomiest, and most despairing epoch of all time. A happy people ought not need, it is held, to be told continually to look pleasant. By a kind of negative, back action and reflex process you can tell the temper of any time, the character of any society, and the tendency of any age by the warnings and exhortations that are levelled at them. Let us look into things. A little old book has come to hand which is interesting and enlightening. It is called "The Gentlewoman's Companion," by Mrs. Hannah Woolley. It seems to have been a standard book on etiquette in the seventeenth century, and I commend it to those who say that the "former days were better than these."

Mrs. Woolley finds it needful to warn her gentle readers as follows:—

Discover not by any ravenous gesture your hungry appetite, nor fix your eyes too greedily on the meat before you, as if you would devour more that way than your throat could swallow.

Close your lips when you eat, and do not smack like a pig.

(And this was not written for farm hands and railroad construction gangs, but for nice young ladies.) The writer continues:—

Fill not your mouth so full that your cheeks swell out like a pair of Scotch bagpipes.

It is very uncomely to drink so large a draught that your breath is almost gone, and you are forced to blow strongly to recover yourself.

The elegant and accomplished adviser did not add that it is not good form to put your foot on the ham bone in endeavouring to separate the meat, nor to throw hard boiled eggs across the table nor in sudden anger to swat your table companion with a custard pudding, nor—but why make a serial of it.

Good old times, how are you!

LEAVE IT TO LOVE.

Love, and love alone, can restore peace to the world and make the world fit to live in. . . . Love can do anything.—The "Spectator.

We cannot eat where food is not,
Nor climb where all is flat;
We cannot think without a thought,
But love will manage that.
We can't unscramble scrambled eggs
Endeavour as we may;
Nor leap with amputated legs,
But love will find a way.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

Womanhood—girls and their elders—are gone to the dogs . . . It does seem absurd to see a pretty animated young woman showering her affections on a big, ungainly, awkward, ugly and blundering creature. Yet you see that kind of thing every day.—Mrs. W. Rawson-Livingstone.

He was big and hairy, and a brute; she was gentle, beautiful, and slender; he was more than likely to be mute when she spoke in accents that were tender. He had blood-shot eyes; his way was gruff, and her absence always seemed to fret him; he was big and lumbering and rough, showing small regard for those who met him.

People wondered how it was that she looked upon him with so much affection; true, he had the brutal strength to be useful if she needed his protection. But he seemed so awkward and uncouth, in his look there was no sign of pity; she possessed refinement and, in truth, had the added charm of being pretty.

He was getting old, and she was young; he had neither pride nor reputation; she was gently bred and highly strung, always flushed with eager animation; stolidly he gazed upon her when she addressed him lovingly or sadly, merely blinking at her now and then, never speaking tenderly or gladly.

Men, who gazed at her with longing eyes, wished that he would cease to linger near her; though immense and awkward, he was wise; jealous, too, of those who stayed to cheer her. He was big and hairy; she was—oh, twenty-three or four perhaps, not over; he was not a caveman—gracious, no! he had four feet, and she called him Rover.

"RELIEF OF DERRY"

Signalised by Night of Terror.

Derry, Saturday.

During last night and early this morning there was a dreadful outburst of shooting in Derry, and for several hours the inhabitants were kept in a state of wild alarm.

Shots and explosions were first heard between 10 and 11 o'clock, and caused pedestrians to rush off the streets. From 11 o'clock, when curfew comes into operation up till mid-night there was intermittent shooting, but as the mid-night hour struck there commenced an orgy of cannonading and shooting which was kept up for two hours.

SPECIALS IN CONTROL.

Of course, during curfew the streets are occupied by members of the Special Constabulary, and it was during this time that most of the terrifying explosions took place.

Rifle and revolver firing was continuous all over the city, causing consternation. Whizzing rifle bullets could be heard every few minutes. No attempt was made by the Constabulary authorities to check this wanton use of firearms and explosives.

On inquiry this morning it was learned that there were no arrests during the night.

The statue at the head of Ship Quay was bedecked with Orange favours, preliminary to the "relief" celebration.

LONDON TRAGEDY.

Unknown Woman Leaps Into Thames.

Much mystery surrounds the death of an unknown woman who was seen to throw herself over Hammersmith Bridge, London, yesterday afternoon, says "Lloyd's News." She was aged about 40, and as she was wearing a blue spotted apron the police are inclined to think that her desperate act was due to a domestic quarrel.

Her death was probably caused by contact with the river bed, as the water was very low, and the body floated face upwards down stream for some distance before it could be recovered.

The woman was wearing a light brown dress and silk stockings, and there was a certain refinement in her appearance. She was about 4 ft. 10 ins. in height. She wore a wedding ring, and an enamelled butterfly brooch. At a late hour last night the body had not been identified.

IRISH RAIL CRISIS

Negotiations are proceeding smoothly between the representatives of the Trades Unions and the Railway Companies in regard to "the cut" which was fixed to come into operation next Tuesday (15th inst). This was the statement made yesterday by a member of the Railwaymen's Organization.

DUBLIN AND CORK.

Incoming and Outgoing Shipping News.

The Ulster Steamship Company's steamer Wicklow Head (formerly of the Palgrave, Murphy Dublin and Continental ports fleet) has arrived at the Liffey from Hamburg, via Cork, from which port she "cleared" at noon on Friday.

The big ocean-going steamer, Ballygally Head (also of the Ulster Steamship Company's fleet,) was due to reach Cork last night, on her way to Dublin from Montreal with general goods cargo on board. As the Ballygally Head is rather a big vessel, and would be "deep" with inward cargo, it was doubted whether she could make her way up to Cork, and in the event of difficulty being experienced the vessel would probably come on direct to Dublin.

The ss. Clare Island, of the Guinness Channel-going fleet, which completed loading her cargo of stout and porter last night at the Liffey, was to-day—and with steam up—"waiting orders" to set forth from Dublin and proceed direct to Cork.

The motor schooner Gaelic arrived last night at the Liffey from Ballinacurra, Co. Cork, conveying a cargo of malting barley for Dublin brewing purposes.

The City of Dartmund, from Hamburg and via Cork, had not reached Dublin up to this afternoon.

Flying Boat Race at Naples.

The race for the Scheidner Cup for flying boats was won yesterday by the British machine entered by the Supermarine Aviation Co., of Southampton.

Irish-American Star Injured.

Mr. Eugene O'Brien, a cinema actor in a critical condition as a result of internal injuries received when he was run down by a motor truck while exercising in the public highway. It is believed that his injuries also include a fractured skull, says a Reuter Los Angeles message.

SULLIVAN AND DUNN

Influential London Journal Condemns Judicial Policy.

We record with foreboding, says the "Nation and Athenaeum," the execution of the Irish prisoners, Sullivan and Dunn, following the refusal by Mr. Justice Shearman and the Court of Appeal to hear their plea of justification, or to allow it to be read out in Court.

We must firmly point out that this refusal implies that these men have been executed without the opportunity to make their defence. That defence has now been published, and we at least know that it was inaccurately described by Mr. Justice Shearman, while it completely falsifies the suggestions of Mr. Justice Darling and Mr. Justice Branson that these men would have tried to threaten the jury or bribe them. Their intention was to declare that they acted politically with the desire to avenge the fearful pogroms on Catholics at Belfast. This is, in our view, an utterly bad plea, in morals as well as in politics, but at least it was an adequate explanation of motive couched in calm and unrhetorical language, and it moved the trial on to the ground which alone made the act of the prisoners intelligible as well as justifiable in their own eyes.

We cannot imagine a greater hurt to our justice than to treat the political offender as if there were no such thing as a political offence. But that is what the Lord Chief Justice and his colleagues have done.

GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

Shortt's Long-delayed Promotion.

"Lloyd's News" political correspondent writes:—

It is possible that there may be some changes in the Government before Parliament re-assembles, although a general reconstruction is not at the moment considered probable. It is believed that Mr. Shortt will shortly receive a judicial appointment, and there seems to be more ground for the expectation on this than there has been on previous occasions.

FRANCE AND PEACE.

M. Poincare and World Equilibrium.

The "Intransigeant" states that in the present critical circumstances we can be certain that M. Poincare will do nothing which can compromise the great work of peace for which he remains the best worker. His egoism consists in considering that the preservation and prosperity of France are necessary to the equilibrium of the world, for whose tranquility its strength would remain a guarantee and never a threat.—Exchange.

SCOTTISH LAW JOBS.

Sir Hamar Greenwood's Name Mentioned.

The death of Lord Dickson, who has been Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland for the last seven years, may create another British Parliamentary vacancy. It is thought probable that Mr. Munro, who is at present Secretary for Scotland, will succeed to this important office.

Failing him the appointment will probably be given to the present Lord Advocate, Mr. Chas. Murray, who is a distinguished Scottish lawyer. The names of Sir Hamar Greenwood and Mr. M'Curdy are also mentioned in connection with impending changes.

Fatal Street Accident.

Eugene Doyle, aged 62, a resident of Iveagh Buildings, died on Friday night in Adelaide Hospital as the result of an accident in Bride St.

Mountain Climber Missing.

A search is to be made on Ben Lomond to-day for Mr. R. M. Paddison, a young Devonshire man, who left Helensburgh last Saturday to climb Ben Lomond, and who has not yet returned.

Lloyd George and Eisteddfod.

Mr. Lloyd George has sent an apology to the Eisteddfod Chairman, stating his disappointment at inability to be present, and extending congratulations on the success of the event.

Objected to Cigarette Smoking.

The story of a violent scene in a mission tent at Brighton was told at the local police court yesterday morning. On Friday night Henry Crowley, a leader of the unemployed, entered the tent and started smoking a cigarette. Protests were made, and one lady knocked the cigarette out of his mouth. The police were eventually called in. Crowley was fined 40s. or fourteen days imprisonment.

THUMBS DOWN

Fines Hardly Likely to Save Bulls

A message from Bordeaux states that the promoter of the big bull fight at Bordeaux on 14th July (at which no fewer than eight bulls were put to death), together with each of the four matadors, who displayed their prowess in the arena in presence of a vast concourse of spectators, have each been sentenced to one day's imprisonment, 15 francs fine, and 1,000 francs damages to the Society for the Protection of Animals.

The papers, commenting on this sentence, declare that in view of the enormous takings at bull fights meetings are not likely to be seriously interfered with by such penalties.

CARRYING ARMS.

Two Men Taken from Glasgow-Liverpool Express.

The Press Association says:—

Two men who, it is alleged, were conveying arms by train from Glasgow to Liverpool have been detained at Carlisle.

They were travelling in one of the night expresses from Glasgow and are reported to have been asleep when police officers entered their compartment at Carlisle station.

It is stated German automatic pistols were found in their possession.

FIGHTING IN RUSSIA

Bolsheviks Preparing to Evacuate Minsk.

(Exchange Telegram.)

It is reported via Berlin, says the Exchange Copenhagen correspondent, that violent fighting has taken place for several days in the Russian district around Minsk. The 10th Bolshevik Artillery Battalion has been dispersed.

Minsk is surrounded by troops, and the Bolsheviks are preparing for evacuation. It is reported that 50,000 men are advancing against the town. Borisoff is also threatened. The municipal authorities have fled, taking with them the local funds.

SOLDIER'S FUNERAL.

Remains of Lieut. M'Cann Laid to Rest.

The funeral took place to Crumlin Cemetery of Lieut. C. M'Cann, D Coy., Curragh Garrison, who died as a result of injuries in an accident at Banagher.

An immense cortege accompanied the remains from his late residence, Larkfield Villa, Crumlin. A band from the 2nd Eastern Division, Wellington Barracks, and a firing party from deceased's own company were present, and the remains were interred with full military honours.

A very large number of floral wreaths were laid on the grave, including tributes from the Dolphin Faelic Football Club, the officers and men of B and D Companies, 1st Batt.; Commandant and Mrs. Young, and the deceased's comrade Martin Beirne.

The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. M'Cann, father and mother; Milliam, James, and Frank, brothers; Commandant and Mrs. Young.

The interment took place at Glasnevin, yesterday, with full military honours, of the remains of Private Ed. McEvoy, who was killed in an ambush at Ferrycarrick, Co. Wexford, recently. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was offered up this morning in Rathmines Church by Rev. F. Concannon, C.F. A guard of honour, firing party, and Pipers' Band of the Dublin Guards under Captain Holland and Sergt.-Major Lafferty escorted remains to cemetery. The chief mourners were Jas. McEvoy, father; Mrs. McEvoy, mother; James and Brian, brothers; Miss Connolly, Mr. Connolly, Mr. and Mrs. McGuigan, friends. Rev. Fr. Fitzgibbon C.C., officiated at the graveside.

Deceased was a native of 4 Karvera St., Crumlin Rd., Belfast.

Lord Northcliffe's Condition.

The Press Association says—Lord Northcliffe's condition remains persistently grave.

European Feather-weight Championship.

The Paris "Auto" says that the articles for the Criqui-Wyns 20-round contest for the European Feather-weight title that is to be held in Paris on September 3 next were signed on Friday. Criqui is at present Feather-weight champion.

DEATHS.

GREENE (Dublin)—August 11, 1922, at his residence, 14 Lower Dominick street, Arthur H. Greene, aged 50 years; deeply mourned. Funeral on to-morrow (Monday), 14th instant, from Pro-Cathedral, after the 10 o'clock Mass, to Glasnevin Cemetery. R.I.P.

MORRIN (Dunshaughlin)—August 12, 1922, at a private hospital, Dublin, Michael, youngest son of John and Catherine Morrin, Johnstown House, Dunshaughlin, aged 24 years; deeply regretted by his sorrowing father, mother, sisters, and brothers. Funeral (arrangements later) from Parish Church, Dunshaughlin.

London Office: 66 Fleet St., E.C.

Sunday Morning.

The sad news of the death of Mr. Arthur Griffith came as a staggering blow to all sections of Irishmen in London. His recent illness was unknown to the great majority, and the appearance of the newspaper contents bills last evening announcing the death of the President of Dail Eireann evoked expressions of grief and dismay wherever Irishmen foregathered. He was regarded by his compatriots in this country, as at home, as the embodiment of the new Ireland, and the dominant feeling here is that his death is another of those deep tragedies which have marked the course of Irish history ever since the Norman invasion.

Even among Irish opponents of the Anglo-Irish Treaty the news of his death was received with profound sorrow. All Irishmen and Irishwomen in London knew him for what he was—an Irish patriot who had served his country with zeal and courage, never despairing of his country, never thinking of himself, in the long struggle in which he engaged to emancipate her from political servitude and make her free, happy, and prosperous.

RESPECTED BY BRITISH.

During the negotiations that preceded the Anglo-Irish Treaty Mr. Griffith won the respect of the British Prime Minister and his colleagues by his transparent honesty, his clear and logical presentment of the Irish case for independence, and his whole-hearted desire for an honourable and enduring peace between the two nations. His strength of purpose and indomitable will contributed much to the successful termination of those negotiations. He knew every trick of the British politician and the way to counter it. He took his stand upon right and justice, and from that position he was immovable. He and his devoted colleagues won for Ireland a status and a liberty she has not known since the Norman invasion. He will rank in history with the greatest of Irish leaders, and it is one more tragedy in the tragic pages of Irish history that he died on the eve of the complete triumph of his life-work for his country.

ANGLO-FRENCH DEADLOCK.

It seems that little, if any, progress has been made in the conferences between Allied Ministers held in London during the past week on the subject of German reparations. Indeed, in well-informed circles last night the belief was expressed that a rupture between Gt. Britain and France is imminent, and if one is to judge by the tone of the inspired English Press, which is taking France severely to task for her attitude, it would seem that there is something in these forebodings. At the same time shrewd observers declare that an agreement of some sort will be reached, but it is fairly safe to say that it will not be France who will give way.

WOMAN OPERA SUPERVISOR.

I am assured that there is no truth in the suggestion that Mme. Doris Woodall, the well-known singer who has been appointed to act as artistic supervisor for the Carl Rosa Opera Co., intends to retire from active participation in the productions. Her duties as producer will not prevent her from continuing to sing. As a matter of fact, Mme. Woodall will continue to appear in the cast twice each week during the provincial season, which begins tomorrow, when the two companies open at Richmond-on-Thames and Croydon, respectively.

NOTABLE ENGAGEMENT.

Hon. Betty Holmes A'Court, younger daughter of Lord Heytesbury, who is engaged to Mr. Vivian Robinson, R.N., is a good-looking girl who attained her twentieth birthday last month. Her ancestor, the first Lord Heytesbury, was raised to the peerage in 1828. He was a distinguished diplomatist, who was British Ambassador at, amongst other capitals, St. Petersburg. He was nominated Governor-General of India in 1834, but the ministry broke down before he went out. He was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1844 to 1846. The present peer who is the fourth, succeeded his brother 19 years ago, and is a colonel of the Wilts regiment. Col. A'Court Repington the well-known military correspondent, formerly of the "Times," is a kinsman of the Heytesbury peers.

ELLEN TERRY IN BARN THEATRE.

Miss Ellen Terry who is now 75 years of age, appeared at Lady Warwick's Barn Theatre, Little Easton, Dunmow, on Friday, as Hubert in a scene from "King John," Lady Merdy Greville, Lord Warwick's 18-year old daughter being Prince Arthur. The scene won great applause. Lady Warwick's object in providing the Barn Theatre on her great estate is to brighten village life. The show was a triumphant success.

BRAINIER THAN BERNARD SHAW.

Probably the only one of his contemporaries admitted by Mr. Bernard Shaw to be brainier than himself is Mr. Sidney Webb, who is suffering from a temporary breakdown in health. Mr. Shaw relates that in 1879 Lecky took him to a meeting where one of the speakers proved to know all about the subject of debate more than the lecturer, more than anybody present. He had read everything that had ever been written on the subject, and remembered all the facts that bore on it. He finished with a coolness and clearness that to me in my then trembling state seemed miraculous. This was the ablest man in England—Sidney Webb." "Quite the cleverest thing I ever did in my life was to force my friendship on Webb to extort his and to keep it."

PEERAGE HEIR TO MARRY.

Capt. the Hon. Donald Sterling Palmer Howard, heir to the Barony of Strathcona and Mountroyal, is engaged to Miss Diana Loder, the twin daughter of Mr. Gerald Loder and Lady Louisa Loder. The bride's father, who sat as a Unionist for Brighton from 1889, was appointed a Junior Lord of the Treasury in 1905. On seeking re-election he was defeated, and, unlike Mr. Lewis, the rejected of Pontypridd, he did not retain his Junior Lordship, which was filled by Lord Edmund Talbot, member for Chichester, and now

The Earl of Iveagh, chairman, presided at the annual meeting in London yesterday of Arthur Guinness, Son, and Co., Ltd.

Moving the adoption of the directors' report and statement of accounts, Lord Iveagh first referred to the loss which the company and the board had sustained in the death of one of their directors, Mr. Francis E. Greene, who was connected with the brewery for more than forty years. Dealing with the report, he said they might regard it as satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that the year under review was one of general depression in trade.

They would notice from the accounts that £200,000 had been placed to the credit of reserve, and that £702,287 would be carried forward to the next account. He desired to thank the staff and employes for their loyal and devoted assistance during the past year. It was gratifying to find themselves in the position of recommending an increase in the Ord. dividend, while retaining ample funds in liquid form to meet any possible continuance of the trade depression they might have to face.

The Hon. A. E. Guinness seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

COMFORTING DIVIDENDS.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Chas. E. Sutton, dividends were declared for the year of 18 p.c. and bonus of 11 p.c., tax free, on the ordinary shares, and 6 p.c. on the preference shares, tax free.

Col. Walter Guinness, M.P., and Col. G. W. Addison, retiring directors, were unanimously re-elected on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Earl of Kenmare.

The auditors, Messrs. Turquand, Youngs and Co., were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Wm. Power, proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Directors, said he was glad to see the Chairman present that day, and he hoped he would preside at many meetings in future.

LORD IVEAGH'S POPULARITY.

General Warner, who seconded, said the company had to face difficulties of a much more serious nature in the political troubles in Ireland. These had been overcome not so much by the business acumen which they all knew the Chairman and his co-directors possessed as by the fact that his lordship was held in the deepest respect by all creeds and classes in Ireland on account of his charitable actions. The stockholders were proud that his lordship's sons were members of the Board, because they had learned from him the tactful manner in which the business of that great concern had been directed. Stockholders could sleep in their beds peacefully when they knew that the policy which his lordship had inaugurated was being continued. He seconded the motion with the greatest cordiality on behalf of the Trust of which he was trustee.

The motion was passed unanimously.

ALLIES AND GERMANY.

Conference Proposals Examined by Experts.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

London, Saturday.

Reuter's Agency learns that the conference proposals concerning mines and forests are being fully discussed. The British view is understood to be that there should only be contingent supervision in the case of Germany defaulting. The French view, however, is that there should be complete control.

FINANCIAL EXPERTS IN AGREEMENT

From a French source it is learned that satisfactory progress seems to have been made at the meeting of the Allied financial experts to-day. French, Belgian, and Italian experts are now in agreement regarding the application of a regime to the Ruhr Mines and Rhine Forest which will ensure delivery of coal and wood in quantities fixed by the Reparations Commission.

AMERICAN WAR CLAIMS.

U.S. and Germany Agree on Mixed Commission.

The State Department at Washington announces that an agreement has been reached with Germany on the appointment of a mixed Commission to determine American war claims.

Accompanying the announcement of the signing the Berlin Government requested the American Government to select an umpire from the joint Commission, wherefore President Harding has named Judge Wm. Day, of the Supreme Court.

The agreement provides for one commissioner from each country. The commissioners have not yet been named.—Exchange.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Novel Sugar Cane Manure Causes Deaths in France.

An Exchange telegram from Paris yesterday says:—

A terrible explosion occurred this afternoon in the course of certain works being conducted in the neighbourhood of Fort de France, Martinique. The explosion was caused by the combustion of old powder bought from the military authorities and used for manure for sugar canes. Several deaths among workmen are reported, and a number of injured. The town itself suffered a severe shock.

HIGH PRAISE.

Dutch Papers' Eulogy of Sir Frederick Moore.

Amsterdam, Saturday.

Some of the Dutch papers, reporting the retirement of Sir Frederick Moore, of the Botanic Gardens, Glasnevin, Dublin, and Professor William Watson, of Kew Gardens, London, render warm homage to both scholars. Sir Frederick did very much for Irish horticulture, and he may be considered one of the greatest horticulturists of our day, says the "Handelsblad."—Exchange.

MATER CARNIVAL CONCERT

A special concert has been arranged by the Mater Hospital Carnival Committee to be given in La Scala Theatre next Sunday afternoon.

Two famous artistes will appear, in addition to the Dublin Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Vincent O'Brien. The vocalists are Miss Carrie Tubb, soprano, and Mr. Lauritz Melchior, the Danish tenor.

Miners to Pay Income Tax.

An Exchange message says that 170 miners have been summoned at Newport, Mon., for income tax arrears.

Viscount Fitzalan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The present holder of the Barony of Strathcona is Lady Strathcona, who, by special remainder, granted in 1911, succeeded her father. The title next devolves on her male heirs. The first Baron was the last Resident Governor of the Hudson Bay territory, and for the last few years of his long life (1820-1914), was High Commissioner in Great Britain for Canada. It was he who raised Strathcona's Horse for service in the Boer War