

message—On the whole front the Vistula and the Warta is favourable to our arms." In the field, the salient features of the since early October have been by the Minister of War, who that the arrival of the Indian on the scene was of great importance to Sir John French, and with reinforcements, which were being pushed up to the front, they realised "that their public boast of success to Calais resembled closely their attitude with regard to Paris." Reinforcements have replaced our casualties, and, under the leadership, "the troops under Sir John French are now refitted, in the best of health and confident of success under their command."

The country heartily appreciates the assurance which Lord Kitchener made in the earlier part of his speech to the House of Commons, that the Army, constantly led in the field by Sir John French, who, though hard pressed, has not yet lost a foot of Belgian territory, and does not intend to do so." This is a significant statement. What the future or immediate prospects of the enemy may be remains to be seen, but there are indications that preparations are in progress for making a third attempt to break through the Allied lines with a view to reaching Calais. Where the Germans have already failed to break through the cordon of steel which the British have drawn across their path, it is all likely that the enemy will be repulsed with better success, having regard to the great losses in the field, and the ample material now at their command. The part which the British Navy has taken in alone protecting our trade and communications on the high seas, but in assisting our forces in the operations near the Western Coastline, cannot be realised to the full by close students of the war, from day by day. But a great deal of important and encouraging information was contained in the speech of the First Lord of the Admiralty in the House of Commons last evening. The difficulties with which our Navy is beset, should not, he said, be underestimated, but it is very satisfactory to learn

R. W. Williams, R.N., retired, of Stoke, Devonport, and Emily Gardé Lucas, youngest daughter of the late Captain Henry Lucas, and the late Mrs Lucas, of Rockvale, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in December, between Peter Galsworthy, Royal Fusiliers, only son of the late Mr. Archibald Pinning, and the late Mrs. Herbert Timmins, of 22 Collingham Gardens, S.W., and Stella Rose, eldest daughter of the late Hon. Mr. Justice Wright and Mrs. Wright, of Ryecroft, Bray, County Wicklow.

Next week at the Rink Palace a select programme is promised visitors to this popular centre of amusement. In addition to a choice series of pictures, the management presents Madame Marie Levante's celebrated orchestra of ladies, who will give some delightful musical items. By special desire the orchestra will give a grand sacred concert on Sunday night the 6th December, commencing at 8.15 o'clock, when a suitable programme will be submitted.

DEATH OF DR. JOHN HOLMES.

We regret exceedingly to have to announce the death of our much-respected and esteemed fellow-citizen, Dr. John Holmes, F.R.C.S.I., at his residence, The Crescent, last evening. The melancholy event took place after a comparatively brief illness from heart affection, and it was only this morning that the great majority of his fellow-citizens became aware of the loss the poor had sustained by the lamented gentleman's unexpected demise, and that one so popular, so kind and so genial had passed away from their midst. Although ill, through the early portion of the week he was about as usual, and his friends and relatives had no great reason to anticipate that death was so near at hand from an attack of syncope. Doctor Holmes, who was in his sixty-second year, was a son of the late Mr. John Holmes, of Athlunkard, his brother, Dr. Charles Holmes, being a retired member of the Royal Army Medical Corps, and at present on hospital duty in England. He graduated at Edinburgh, and was some thirty years since Resident Medical Officer at Barrington's Hospital, being subsequently elected Medical Officer of Limerick Rural Dispensary District, and some eighteen years ago winning the coveted distinction of a Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. He was also Visiting Doctor to Barrington's and St. John's Hospitals, and for years acted as one of the hon. secretaries to the first named institution. Doctor Holmes was of a kindly, generous nature, fond of books and travel. He was married, and leaves a widow and a son to mourn over the great affliction they have sustained. They have the sympathy of the friends and acquaintances of the lamented deceased, and of the poorer numbers of the community, to whom he was invariably a good-hearted friend. The remains will be removed to St. Michael's Parochial Church at half-past eight to-morrow night, and the interment at Parteen Cemetery take place on Monday morning after Office and Requiem Mass at half-past ten o'clock.

THE INCREASED BEER DUTIES.

A meeting of the Limerick Licensed Vintners' Association was held yesterday at the Town Hall, the

prisoners, 10. Included in the list Major the Hon W G S Cadogan, Equerry to the Prince of Wales (already been announced), and Lieut the Hon G H Morris, Irish Guards, heir-presumptive of Baron Killani, officers wounded is Lieutenant Fitzroy, M.P., 1st Life Guards, and Arthur John Hamilton, Irish G Master of His Majesty's Household, the list of missing.

The rank and file casualties died of wounds, 33; died, 1; including 612 admitted to home hospitals October 20 and 27.

Some of the Officers.

A telegram has been received from the Office at the residence of his parents near Derry City, announcing that John Ross Smyth, of the 18th Regiment, has been killed in action. No further details are given. See Smyth, who was only about 18 years out to the fighting line a month ago, only son of Lieutenant-Colonel Ross O.C.

Captain J Boyle, Scots Fusiliers, reported missing, is now reported to be the son of the Earl of Glasgow.

Lieut. G Macnamara, Wilts Regt is the third son of Mr H V Macnamara and Ennistymon House, Co Clare of Sir Daniel Cooper, G.C.M.G. gazetted second lieutenant in 1911 his first promotion nearly two years ago.

Lieut. Lord Claud Hamilton, Grenadier Guards, brother of the Duke of Abercorn, is in hospital in London. He took part in the fighting in which the Germans were repulsed in their rush for Calais. He was five days in the trenches without a break in his foot while out with a Maxim.

Lieut J B Vandeleur, killed in action, officer in the Leicestershire Regiment, only son of the late Col J O Vandeleur, Ballincousty, and was a kinsman of C Vandeleur, Moyville, Galway, who on September 10th has been reported as the late Lieutenant Seymour D.S.O., Kilrush, who was killed in the Boer War.

The German Lists.

According to the Copenhagen edition of *The Times*, the German lists published yesterday brings up to 612,885. In addition, there are 64 Saxon and 64 Wurtemberg lists made a total of at least a million. These include casualties down to the middle of the month and they still omit some which occurred in August and September.

Gallantry on the Western Front.

Another Award of the Victoria Cross.

A supplement to the "London Standard" on Thursday night contains the news that the King has approved of the award of the Victoria Cross to Private R J Nevin, 8th Hussar, Royal Horse Guards, for gallantry in the field on October 26th in assisting his comrade out of action under a heavy fire.

How a V.C. Was Won.