

animoously adopted, the amendments moved by Japan on racial equality, and by France on the international army proposal, being withdrawn.

KIAO CHAU QUESTION.

Decision of Council of Three

(Press Association War Special).

Paris, Wednesday.

Mr Lloyd George, President Wilson and M Clemenceau met this morning, and discussed the Kiao Chau question. The principle seems to have been admitted that Japan will preserve her rights over the territory, but will return it to China within a certain specified time. Otherwise no definite decision was reached.

ABERDEEN ELECTION.

Coalition Defeat.

The result of the Central Aberdeen Election was declared yesterday as follows:—

Wood (Lib)	4,950
Davidson (C.U)	4,764
Duncan (Lab)	3,482

Lib majority over C.U	188
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At the General Election the following was the result:—

Gordon (C.U)	6,546
Henderson (L)	5,908

C.U majority	638
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AERIAL MAIL SERVICE

Between England and Ireland.

The London correspondent of the "Independent" says—The Post Office, I am authoritatively assured, is prepared to establish an aerial mail service between this country and Ireland as soon as the difficulties connected with landing in fog and haze have been overcome. Owing to these causes the aeroplane service to and from Paris has often to be suspended, and the same thing happens in connection with the service between Boulogne and Cologne. The best scientific minds in the country are being applied to the solution of this problem, and it is anticipated that the assistance of wireless telegraphy or telephony will be utilised to render landing safer in fog or haze.

CITY SECRETARIAL APPOINTMENT.

At a meeting of the Limerick Naval and Military Pensions Committee, Lieutenant J O'Brien, eldest son of Mr J G O'Brien, Serfield-street, was elected Secretary at an initial salary of £200 per annum. The successful candidate was in a good deal of fighting during the late war both in France and Palestine.

DEATH OF FRANCIS M REA.

Numerous friends have learned with regret of the death which took place last evening of Francis M Rea, fourth son of Mr P J Rea, Civil Service Academy, Henry street. Deceased, who was 14 years of age, was a bright and promising boy, displaying natural ability of a high order, and he had already been preparing for the Intermediate examination when failing health compelled him to relinquish his studies. Deep sympathy is expressed with his father and brother in their bereavement.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

A Charity Cup match—Young Munster v. 3rd Batt Royal Welsh Fusiliers—will be played at the Markets Field, Limerick, on Saturday next. Kick off at 4 p.m.

BUTTER PRICES IN IRELAND.

As some misapprehension has arisen with regard to the control of Butter prices in Ireland the Food Control Committee for Ire and announces that the restriction as to the maximum price of Butter hitherto in force, will remain in operation until further notice.

had become unworkable and must be either amended or repealed. The Prime Minister had agreed to the matter being referred to a select committee of the House. There should, however, be trustworthy valuation of the land of the country for public purposes. The most important feature of the present Budget was that relating to Imperial Preference. His task was to give effect to declarations of the Imperial Conference of two years ago.

The position of the land values duties, which were unworkable, would be referred to a Select Committee of the House. The Government still thought there should be a trustworthy valuation of land throughout the country.

NEW TAXES.

On the question of

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE

it was only proposed to carry out the decisions of the Imperial War Cabinet and the Imperial War Conference. The preference should be substantial in amount, and the rates few and simple. The preference on consumable commodities apart from alcohol would be one-sixth of the duty. The preference on certain manufactured articles would be one-third, and in both cases he proposed that the preference would be given by way of the existing duty.

EXEMPTIONS.

The Chancellor said he proposed to give legal authority for the exemption of benzol from taxation. The motor spirit licence duty would be abolished.

The Chairman said he did not propose to proceed with the Luxury Tax. He proposed a preference of 2s 6d a gallon on Colonial spirits by increasing the duty of foreign spirits. The preference proposals would mean a reduction in a full year of over three millions.

SPIRIT DUTY INCREASED.

The spirit duty would be increased from 30s to 50s per proof gallon. The new price allowed for a bottle of whiskey would be 10s 6d. The Government would allow an increase in the supplies of beer and of better quality, and the brewers would be allowed an increase of 50 per cent over the 1918 output.

BEER DUTY INCREASED.

He proposed to raise the duty on beer from 50s to 70s.

DEATH DUTIES ALTERED.

He would ask for alteration of the present state of Death Duties to produce 10 millions in a full year. He estimated between one million and 1½ millions would pay 30 per cent, and over two millions 40 per cent, or double the present rate.

Income Tax and Super Tax were expected to produce this year 354 millions.

In view of the appointment by Royal Commission no change would be made in the Income Tax.

NO TAX ON BACHELORS.

There being no change in the income tax, the much-talked-of tax on bachelors is apparently not to be inflicted, as there is no other way of enforcing such an impost.

THE FINAL BALANCE

for 1919 to 1920 would be:—Expenditure, £1,434,910,000; revenue, £1,201,100,000; leaving a deficit of £233,810,000 to be borrowed.

THE CORK EXPLOSION.

Disquieting Discoveries

The five persons injured in the explosion in the tenement house in Grattan street, Cork, on Monday night, are progressing satisfactorily, in view of the severe character of their injuries.

As a result of their search of the ruins, the Constabulary have found and removed for safe-keeping a quantity of explosives and other material, which suggest that the premises were used as an arsenal and factory for the making of bombs, cartridges, etc. A large quantity of explosive material is stated to have escaped destruction. It is said that a large number of rifles and revolvers have lately found their way into the hands of civilians. Some days ago, when the police were searching a house near Cork, they found two bombs of a very deadly character, one of them actually in the course of construction. Several arrests are expected.

was not elected bishop by this synod, and his name would go on a list to be sent to the House of Bishops, from which they would make a choice. The Synod should send another name with it, if the proceedings were not to be abortive, and they should now vote as to whether the Rev Mr Monroe or Archdeacon Burkitt's name was to go forward with that of Dean Miller.

After a poll, the President said that Archdeacon Burkitt had got a clear majority of both orders, and his name would accordingly be sent to the House of Bishops, together with that of Dean Miller. The voting was—Archdeacon Burkitt, 39 out of 66 clerical votes, and 48 out of 66 lay votes; Rev Mr H McNepe, 14 out of 53 clerical votes, and 30 out of 66 lay votes.

The President thanked the members for their attendance, and the scrutineers especially.

EASTER VESTRIES.

Kilmurphy Parish.

Easter Vestry held on Monday, the Ven R S Ross-Lewin, Archdeacon of Limerick (Rector), presiding. The following appointments were made—

Churchwardens—Dr C H Blood, and Richard Sharkley.

Glebe wardens—Richard Sharkley, and James Mooney.

The accounts, showing a small credit balance, were audited.

Nantepan.

The annual Easter Vestry for the Parish of Nantepan was held in the Schoolhouse, on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, the Rev Canon McClran, LL.D, Chairman, presiding.

The accounts were submitted and audited and showed a balance to the credit of the parish for the coming year.

The following appointments were made:—Synodmen—John Henry Shier, and Joseph Ruttle.

Churchwardens—Joseph Ruttle and George H Shier.

Glebesmen—John Travers and W O Ryan.

Select Vestry—John H Shier, W Ruttle, John Travers, W L Micks, W C Ryan, E Thompson, A G Micks, Alfred Ryan, Edward Ruttle, H Baker, H Gilliard, and Wm Ruttle.

REV R. H. SEMPLE, M.A.

The following appears in "The Witness":—The Presbytery of Munster met in Limerick, and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator, Rev R W R Rentoul, B.A. The Rev D McCausland, B.A, convenor in charge of the vacant congregation of Limerick, reported thereon. The following resolution was proposed by the Moderator, seconded by Rev A W M Farlane, M.A (Clerk), and heartily adopted:—"In connection with the resignation of the congregation of Limerick on the part of the Rev R H Semple, M.A, the Presbytery feel constrained to express their high esteem of Mr Semple as a man of most brotherly and estimable qualities, the soul of kindness, wise counsel, and thoughtful consideration for his brethren. For a lengthened period he has borne the heavy burden of the responsibility and work in Limerick as a good steward of the manifold grace of God, an earnest, faithful and devout minister of Christ, an able and eloquent preacher of His Gospel, and an affectionate and devoted pastor. They pray for him and for his wife, who has so loyally and indefatigably been his co-worker in the kingdom and providence of Jesus Christ, every richest blessing in the future; and that they may, either in the city of Limerick or elsewhere, find an appropriate sphere of usefulness in which to continue to be a blessing to many and an ornament of the Church of their fathers."

Mr Imray Kivaly, the famous designer of exhibitions, has just died.

Ald E O'Brien, the Mayor of Hampstead, who died recently, was an Irishman. It was understood his name was to figure in the knighthoods in the honours list just issued.

Right Hon Thomas Lough, H.M.L for Co Cavan, has appointed Mr Joseph Arthur Bannion, Sleeve-Russell, Ballyconnell, to be Deputy Lieutenant for Co Cavan.