

ing factors: (1) The fresh, magnificent army which Britain is sending, or has already sent, to take the field. (2) The prospect of an adequate supply of heavy guns and high explosives, which should enable the Allies to wipe out the initial advantage which Germany's long and careful preparation had given her. (3) The enterprise at the Dardanelles, the success of which alone would be sufficient to constitute a turning-point. And (4), the Allies' invincible determination to carry on the struggle to a successful issue, and their unabated confidence in the ultimate attainment of that result. On this point, at least, there can be no manner of doubt: and this fine spirit is not confined to Britain and France but is shared to the full by harassed and harried Russia. The time is fast approaching when strenuous efforts will be made on both sides to put an end to the deadlock that has continued so long. When that hour comes, we can look forward with quiet hopefulness and confidence to the result.

Notes

Who Held Him?

As we have already pointed out, America's first Note to Germany on the sinking of the *Lusitania* was the firmest, strongest, and most straightforward of all the multitudinous Notes delivered by President Wilson. 'Read this to him, and leave a copy' were Mr. Bryan's instructions to the United States Ambassador in Berlin when sending this Note to Germany. Apropos of which, the *Boston Transcript* wants to know 'who held the German Minister of Foreign Affairs while Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador, read Mr. Bryan's Note to him.'

What Russia is Doing

At the moment of writing, Warsaw has not yet been evacuated, though the Russian retirement seems to be only a matter of time. Some idea of the signal service which Russia has been rendering to the cause of the Allies in her stubborn resistance may be gathered from statements made some few weeks ago by the Petrograd correspondent of the *London Telegraph*. Reflecting public opinion in the Russian capital, this writer says that it is only now that the stupendous nature of the plan of the Austro-Germans to paralyse the military power of Russia, and so leave themselves free to deal with the Allies in the West is realised. In the opinion of competent military personages, the present battle, both in the strength of the forces engaged and in that vital particular, the expenditure of ammunition, exceeds all other features of this war. On the main section, from the Vistula to the Bukovina alone, the enemy is believed to have deployed a million and a half of men, while his total present strength on this front is estimated at double that number. Merely in the Galicia advance he brought with him 4000 guns. With these in the course of only a few days he discharged something like 3,000,000 shells. If Russia had not kept this huge force employed, it is easy to understand that very difficult conditions might have been created for the Allies in Flanders and France, especially having regard to their defective equipment in the matter of high explosives.

DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

There was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday from the last Mass until after Vespers, when there was the usual procession, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

At last week's meeting of the Drainage Board the chairman (Mr. Douglas), on behalf of the members, presented Mr. J. J. Marlow, an ex-member, with an illuminated address in appreciation of the valuable and efficient services rendered by him to the board and to the residents of the Dunedin drainage area. Mr. Marlow, in returning thanks, specially thanked Mr. Slinger

(the engineer) and the staff for the assistance they had always rendered him.

Writing from Anzac Cove to Mr. Downie Stewart, M.P., on May 24, General Godley pays his tribute to the qualities exhibited by the Otago Infantry Battalion during the severe fighting that followed the landing on Gallipoli Peninsula. Among those specially mentioned for gallantry by General Godley was the late Lieutenant Cowan, of Dunedin.

The St. Joseph's Harriers ran from St. Patrick's School, South Dunedin, on Saturday. The trail led along Anderson's Bay road, Lower Portobello road, and thence around Tomahawk Lagoon, and came out on the road opposite Bird Island. From Lawyer's Head the pack had an impromptu race, forming themselves into two packs. The fast pack gave the slow pack five minutes' handicap, and both finished together at the school. After the run the members were the guests at tea of the Children of Mary, and during the evening a fine musical programme was provided, to which the following contributed: Misses M. Fenton, A. Dunbar, Messrs. G. Ansell, F. Turrell (songs), C. Moloney (recitation), P. O'Farrell (an interesting exhibition of ju-jitsu). All the items were encored. The captain (J. O'Farrell) thanked the ladies for their hospitality, and also the Sisters of Mercy for the use of the school.

Thames

(From our own correspondent.)

July 30.

A farewell social was tendered to Mr. C. Coakley last evening, prior to his departure for Trentham military camp, by the Hibernian Society, St. Francis' Tennis Club, and the choir.

Rev. Father Dignan, in a very feeling speech, dwelt on the many good qualities of Mr. Coakley, and, while expressing regret at his departure from the parish, commended him for the great sacrifice he had made in enlisting to fight for his King and country, and expressed the hope that his noble example would be followed by many more of the young men of the parish. He was pleased to see so many of the young men who had enlisted present, and took the opportunity to welcome Private Frank Gibson, who had lately returned on sick leave from the Dardanelles. He expressed the hope that Private Gibson would soon be restored to his former health. (Applause.) Father Dignan asked Mr. Coakley to accept, on behalf of the societies, a sleeping bag as a small token of their esteem, and hoped that he would have a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

Bro. J. Dwyer, P.P., spoke on behalf of the Hibernian Society, and Mr. T. E. Mullins on behalf of the choir and tennis club. Both speakers referred to the many sterling qualities of the guest of the evening, and wished him a pleasant voyage, and a safe return.

Mr. Coakley suitably replied, and expressed his gratitude to the speakers for their kind remarks, and to the societies for their present and good wishes. He would always have pleasant recollections of the many happy hours spent with the donors.

The meeting concluded with three hearty cheers for the guest of the evening, and three more for his parents.

During the evening vocal items were rendered by Mrs. Connolly and Mr. Noone (duet, 'Life's dream is o'er'), Mr. Noone ('Come, sing to me'), Mrs. Dave Twobill and Miss McPike (duet), Mr. Noone ('Because'). The accompaniments were played by Mrs. L. Snowling and Miss A. Moran. A special word of praise is due to Miss McLoughlin for the able manner in which she carried out the duties of secretary, and to Mrs. O'Sullivan and Mrs. Simpson for the very nice supper supplied.

During the hearing of a Tolago Bay wool deal case, in the Magistrate's Court at Wellington on Thursday, the defendant stated that by not selling his wool in Gisborne, and shipping it to London, he expected to realise an additional £500.