DUBLIN HOLD-UP.

£30 IN SILVER TAKEN, £400 IN NOTES OVERLOOKED.

While Thomas Toner, public-house manager, was on his way to the bank, in Dublin to-day, he was held up by two armed men. On refusing to hand his bag over, three shots were fired. One bullet entered Mr. Toner's foot. The men secured £30 in silver from the bag, but missed £400 in notes.

NO REPLY TO POLICE WHISTLE.

FISTICUFFS IN A DERBY STREET.

Giving evidence at Derby to-day against two men charged with fighting in Queen-street, P.c. Tucker stated that when he intervened and sounded his whistle for assistance no reply was forthcoming. He succeeded in detaining Geo. Powell, labourer, 55, Yates-street, and later his companion, Joseph Edward Hobday, soldier, 86, Yates-street, called at the police-station to ascertain what Powell was charged with, and was himself arrested.

The Bench considered the prisoners acted in self-defence against other men who attacked them, and declined to convict them for fighting. They, however, fined Powell 10s. for resisting the constable.

WHAT IS PERSONAL LUGGAGE?

THE RAILWAY COMPANY AND THE 'CELLO.

The question of whether a musician, in travelling on the railway, is entitled to take his instrument with him as ordinary passenger's luggage, was raised in the King's Bench to-day.

The question arose on an appeal brought by the Great Western Railway Company from a decision by the Marylebone County Court judge, who decided that Mr. Warwick Evans, the 'cellist, was entitled to treat his 'cello as personal luggage. Mr. Evans travelled from Cheltenham to Gloucester, and from Gloucester to London. His Honour Judge Roberts, in the County Court, said the 'cello weighed under 14lb., so that it was within the limit of the amount which a passenger was entitled to carry without extra charge, and he regarded it as among the class of things which a person in the calling of Mr. Evans would reasonably require for his personal use.

Counsel for the company said the test was this: If the article carried is for the purpose of making one's living, then it is not personal luggage.

Mr. Justice Horridge said he did not say that a 'cello could never be personal luggage, but in this case it was carried for the purpose of a profession, and therefore was not personal luggage. The appeal would be allowed with costs.

Mr. Justice Shearman, concurring, said he recently decided that a box of theatrical properties carried by an actor on tour was not personal luggage.

Leave to appeal was granted.

RUSSIANS WHO ARE NOT STARVING.

HOW THE LONDON DELEGATION LIVES.

"Give us money to help the little sufferers in the Russian famine areas"—the appeals of the Save the Children Fund continue without intermission.

It is instructive, in view of this, to consider the other side of the picture. The trade delegations of the Moscow Government, now established in all the important capitals of Europe, naturally support with enthusiasm the S.O.S. calls on behalf of Russia. The officials of these delegations, however, make no sacrifices themselves. They live in expensive houses or hotels and dine at the best restaurants.

The London delegation is an example. M. Krassin, the chief, has taken a magnificent residence in Hampstead, and has a Rolls-Royce motor car for his own personal use. This car, when new, would cost considerably more than £2,000, and one shilling—according to the Save the Children Fund—will feed a starving Russian child for one week.

A fleet of other cars is used for M. Klishko—chief of staff to M. Krassin—and the remaining members of the delegation in England. The latest additions to this motor car fleet are two Vauxhalls. They can be seen any day outside the offices of the delegation in Bond-street and Kingsway.

All this resembles the conduct of the Bolshevik commissars in Moscow, who grow fat on the food sent from England for the famine victims on the Volga.

POLICEMAN SUSPECTED.

ALLEGED OUTRAGES UPON WOMEN.

The Paris judicial police have arrested Etienne Caratier, police beadle of Champigny-sur-Marne, under extraordinary circumstances. If one-half of the stories told about him are true, he is a strange Don Juan indeed. He has been arrested on a charge of outraging women, and he is also suspected of having murdered two of his supposed victims.

In February, 1919, Madame Filomène Midol was found dead, with wounds on her head. It is assumed that she had been brutally attacked and then murdered. Presumably an attempt had been made to burn her clothing. A year afterwards Mme. Henriette Lafontaine was discovered dead in her house. She had been shot. A man had called upon her, and neither the woman nor her visitor had been seen since. These crimes were never cleared up, and in both cases theft was not the motive.

Caratier is 57 years of age, and has the reputation of being very jovial. He was questioned at length before being sent to the lock-up, and declares that he is innocent and the victim of stupid stories circulated by people who are seeking to revenge themselves upon him because he took action against them. He was secretary of the sports club at Champigny, and is spoken well of by the members.

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

ONE CASE FROM BULWELL AND ONE "FALSE ALARM."

A further case of smallpox was reported in Nottingham yesterday, the victim being a boy of 14, whose parents live at Bulwell. The patient had not been vaccinated.

Dr. Boobbyer also reports a "false alarm" from the Basford district. This case, which was that of a child, turned out on examination to be merely chicken-pox.

BOTH LEGS OFF.

After an alleged violent attack on his wife at Cardiff to-day, a man was found later on the railway line with both his legs cut off.

Both persons are in a serious condition.

REBELS' SUBMISSION.

A British telegram from Durazzo states that Albian troops have occupied the Mirdite regions without disturbances. Fifteen Mirdite leaders have gone to Serbia, but the remaining chiefs have formally submitted to the Albanian Government.

The Jugo-Slavs have been given till the 20th inst. to withdraw from Albania.—Reuter.

HEROISM IN THE PIT.

In recognition of heroism in trying to rescue Arthur Male, a fellow-workman, who had been gassed, James Whitcroft was presented by the Griff Colliery Co. with a gold watch. Whitcroft dragged him 70 or 80 yards before collapsing himself.

George Herbert Clarke, who found the two unconscious men and dragged them to safety, was also given a watch. Male died.

NIAGARA 39,000 YEARS OLD.

The age of the Fall of Niagara is estimated at about 39,000 years. The statement was made by Professor W. W. Watts in a lecture at Kensington.

He said the Fall had retreated by seven miles, and Lyell calculated that it cut its way back by a foot a year, and that therefore it was 35,000 years old. The conclusion arrived at from the latest work on the Fall was that its age was about 39,000 years.

AMERICAN VICTIMS OF PARIS THIEVES

Two thefts, of which American women were the victims, have been reported to the Paris police authorities.

In one case Miss Edith Stonburg, daughter of the manager of a large American travel agency, lost a diamond and platinum hair ornament, valued at about £880. The article disappeared while she was dancing at a boulevard café.

The other victim is Mrs. Hamilton—née Colket—whose very valuable diamond brooch disappeared while she was inspecting some gowns in a dress-making establishment.

From to-day the price of standard grade straight-run flour is 47s., but flour milled exclusively from English wheat remains unchanged at 43s.

CURRENCIES ADVANCE.

NEW YORK RATE'S SHARP RISE; MARK'S SPURT.

In foreign exchanges all leading currencies have advanced considerably in favour of their respective countries. The outstanding feature is another sharp rise in sterling, the New York cable transfer rate having advanced to 4·10½, being the highest quotation since 1919.

Another prominent feature is the big spurt in the value of the German mark which, for the moment, stands at 680 to the pound, or 75 marks less to the pound than Saturday.

MR. BARNES TO RETIRE.

REST NEEDED AFTER STRENUOUS CAREER.

Mr. George Barnes, M.P. for the Gorbals Divisions of Glasgow, announces that he is retiring from politics at the end of the present Parliament.

His action is described as being for purely personal reasons, and that he wanted a rest after a long trade union and political career.

Mr. Barnes is 62 years of age, and has been a Labour member of Parliament for 21 years. He was for ten years general secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers.

He represented Britain at the Peace Conference, and has also attended the League of Nations and the International Labour Office conferences in the same capacity.

It is just over a year ago since he made on his own responsibility, a dramatic appeal to the Council of the League of Nations to admit Germany into membership. One of his last speeches in the House of Commons was also an eloquent appeal—this time to the Coalition Government to allow Parliament to discuss the International Labour conventions regarding maternity and the eight-hour day.

UNIVERSITY DUPED.

AUSTRIAN'S SUCCESSFUL HOAX IN AMERICA.

The duping of a large section of the faculty and the greater part of the undergraduate body of Cornell University by Charles M. Stolz, alias Dr. Vosberg, of Vienna, a third-year student in the School of Architecture, is the subject of a piquant story in the New York *World*.

A week ago placards in the town of Ithaca, New York State, announced a lecture on the teachings of Freud by the famous psychologist's "intimate friend and pupil, Dr. Vosberg, of Vienna." Such an intellectual treat was an immense attraction, and when the lecturer, a tall, dark bearded man, speaking in broken English, rose to address the assembly in the City Hall, after introduction by a member of the University Faculty, the room was packed to the doors with an audience, which included several professors and their wives.

Vosberg, warming to his subject, quickly plunged into a discussion of the interpretation of dreams. "A dreamer does know what he dreams," he remarked profoundly, "but he does not know what he knows and therefore believes what he does not know." The erudition displayed by the lecturer in this and other remarks made a deep impression, and he was loudly cheered and was congratulated at the end of his discourse by many of the audience. Vosberg had such a success that the committee of practical jokers who had arranged the affair became panic-stricken, and dared not reveal the identity of "the doctor."

It was not until picture postcards showing Vosberg with and without his beard and spectacles appeared in a shop in the town that the hoax stood revealed.

TEXTILE DEMONSTRATION.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS AT NOTTM. COLLEGE.

Ample evidence of the great value of the new textile department which has been set up at Nottingham University College was forthcoming to-day, when a public demonstration of yarn testing and of the operation of some of the latest machines installed in the hosiery section was given.

The yarn testing bureau, which is receiving financial support from the lace, hosiery, and yarn trades, has been made completely up to date. Not only will instruction be given to students, but the bureau will be used for the testing of yarns sent in by manufacturers. The apparatus for testing yarns for counts includes several newer tension frames, a testing machine for twist, another for obtaining strength tests on the hank or lea, one of the latest type for testing a single thread in regard to strength and elasticity, and yet another for measuring hank lengths.

The most important part of the work will be that of "conditioning" yarn for the trade, or, in other words, finding out the degree of moisture by drying and then weighing the yarn. The most recent kind of conditioning oven has been installed for this purpose.

A feature of the section will be the careful analysis of yarns for quality and material, while reports on defects will be undertaken. The manager is Mr. J. Barr, until recently chief textile analyst in the Bradford Conditioning House, who has had many years' practical experience in issuing official testing certificates to the trade, and whose work in Nottingham will therefore command the fullest confidence.

The hosiery plant installed (most of it permanently) includes machines built by Messrs. George Blackburn and Sons, of Nottingham, Lebocey Frères, of Troyes, Messrs. Stibbe and Co., of Leicester, the Singer Sewing Machine Co., of Long Row, Mr. William Spiers, of Leicester, and Messrs. Wilcox and Gibbs.

YOUR XMAS TURKEY.

PLENTY OF CHEAP POULTRY FOR LOCAL MARKETS.

Christmas does not seem Christmas without a turkey or a goose, or one of the varieties of feathered fare, which hang up in the shops to tempt the discriminating purchaser, but for several years prices, on account of scarcity of supply and other reasons, have been so prohibitive that only the possessors of the longest purses have been able to indulge in the old English dinner immortalised by Dickens.

This year, fortunately, there is a welcome change, and although few homes are unaffected by the adverse trade conditions, prices will be such as to give most people an opportunity of indulging in the luxury of poultry.

For the first time since the war Austrian and Hungarian turkeys are reaching our markets, and the low price, coupled with the fact that there are also big supplies of home, French, Italian, and Irish birds, is bound to keep the cost down. "Plenty for all classes," is likely to be the cry, and so far as Nottingham is concerned the public should be able to purchase the finest home turkeys at from 1s. 6d. to 2s. per lb., Irish at anything from 1s. 3d. to 1s. 6d., and Continental birds at even less than that.

Best chickens will range from 1s. 6d. to 2s., ducks 1s. 8d. to 2s., geese 1s. 3d. to 1s. 8d. per lb., pheasants 12s. to 13s. a brace, and hares 6s. to 7s. 6d.

Needless to say these prices represent a big drop compared with last Christmas, when turkeys were fetching very high figures indeed, pheasants rose to 19s. a brace, and hares to 12s. apiece.

SHORT-TIMER'S SUICIDE.

DERBY MAN FOUND HANGING FROM BED-RAIL.

Depressed through shortage of money in consequence of short time being worked at the foundry at which he was employed, Chas. Hy. Price, 46, iron dresser, 98, Wolfa-street, Derby, committed suicide. He was found in his bedroom with a window blind cord round his neck and fastened to a knob on the bedrail.

His wife, who had left him in bed about an hour previously, discovered him seated, as she thought, on the floor. He made no response when she shook him and called him by name. A neighbour, Wilfred Wozencroft, whom she summoned, on attempting to lift him by the shoulders found that he was hanging. He cut the cord and tried to restore respiration, without result.

At the inquest to-day, when a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" was returned, the widow stated that deceased had been so worried that he could neither sleep nor eat.

DERBY LADY'S DEATH.

The death was announced at Derby to-day of Miss Emily Elizabeth Newton, a member of an old local family, and the last survivor of the children of Mr. Wm. Leaper Newton.

Deceased, who was in her 89th year, was for nearly 40 years superintendent of St. Alkmund's Sunday School, and in 34 years she was absent from her post on one occasion only, illness then being the cause. She was one of the founders of the Women's Hospital.

Cardiff's rates this year are 17s. 8d., compared with 7s. 10d. in 1913-14. In Merthyr the increase is 10s. 4½d. to 30s. 5½d., and in Abertillery 11s. 2d. to 37s. 3d.

BATTLE OF THE BLUES.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE AT STAMFORD BRIDGE.

THE 'VARSITY SOCCER MATCH.

Stamford Bridge, the home of the Chelsea Football Club, was this afternoon the scene for the first time of the Inter-'Varsity Association match. Ever since the season of 1887-88 the game had been played at Queen's Club, but following the example of their Rugby colleagues, the Universities decided to make a change this year. Neither side having been able to play the same eleven at all regularly during the trial matches, little was known of the merits of the respective teams, but Cambridge had seven Old Blues, two of them being A. H. Webbe and F. H. S. Creek, who played in 1919 but were not chosen last year; and Oxford had six.

Cambridge had won four of their eleven trial matches, with three drawn and four lost; while Oxford had lost six of their twelve games against four wins, one draw, and one abandoned, still Oxford had accomplished the best performance in beating a strong F.A. eleven by 7—3, Cambridge having gone under to a similar side by 5—3. Of the previous 43 games Cambridge had won 20, Oxford 19 with four drawn.

Oxford.—H. M. Ward-Clarke (Charterhouse and Oriel); S. Barber (Kirby Lonsdale and Queen's), A. M. Gamble (Shrewsbury and Oriel); P. A. Fraser (Charterhouse and Exeter), *A. H. G. Butcher (capt.) (Charterhouse and New), *L. B. Blaxland (Shrewsbury and Oriel); K. M. Lindsay (St. Olave's and Worcester), *A. H. Phillips (Oxford High School and Jesus), R. L. Holdsworth (Repton and Magdalen), F. H. Barnard (Charterhouse and Brasenose), and *A. V. Hurley (Basingstoke and Keble).

Cambridge.—*A. H. Webbe (Lancing and Clare); D. C. A. Patchitt (Charterhouse and Trinity), F. W. Wilkinson (Middlesbrough High School and Clare); J. R. B. Moulsdale (Bootham's York and Emmanuel), *C. B. G. Hunter (capt.) (Aldenham and Pembroke), *C. T. Ashton (Winchester and Trinity); R. J. Thorne-Thorne (Charterhouse and Christ's), *H. Ashton (Winchester and Trinity), *F. N. S. Creek (Darlington Grammar School and Trinity), *A. G. Doggart (Bishops Stortford and King's), and *F. L. Partridge (Aldenham and St. Catherine's). *Old Blues.

The teams were as selected. Oxford had the better of the opening stages. Lindsay, however, centred badly. Cambridge were the more aggressive, and Clarke handled twice. It was a wonderfully fast game, but the teams were very excited, good passes going astray. Partridge and Lindsay were conspicuous, and a fine effort by Creek forced a fruitless corner. Lindsay got in same clever centre but they were charged down.

Barnard had delivered the best shot up to this point, just grazing the far post. Cambridge got busy and twice were almost through. A great effort by C. Ashton striking the bar with Clarke beaten. Moulsdale next headed just wide.

Good work by Oxford gained a corner, but Holdsworth headed against the bar. Oxford had great fortune when the ball was centred for the clearance was very lucky. Hunter put in a splendid run and then Thorne for Oxford hit the bar twice.

Result:—

OXFORD .... 3 CAMBRIDGE 0

ARSENAL v. BOLTON WANDERERS.

At Highbury, before 8,000 people, in gloomy weather. Arsenal played R. Boreham, the amateur international and ex-Notts. centre, and had White and North among the forwards. Bolton were the same as Saturday. The Arsenal forwards played splendidly in the first half, forcing numerous corners and doing everything but score. Toner hit an upright, other shots going close. The Arsenal were easily superior. Half-time:—

ARSENAL .... 0 BOLTON 0

Six minutes after the resumption Jack scored for Bolton after Vizard had worked through and centred across the goal-mouth. But after 25 minutes Butler, the Arsenal centre half, dribbed through and equalised splendidly. Arsenal played hard for the winning goal, but in a very bad light failed. Result:

ARSENAL .... 1 BOLTON 1

THIS DAY'S MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

10.15 a.m.—Spot demand moderate. Sales probably 5,000 bales. Futures open 1 to 4 points up: December, 11·03d.; January, 11·08d., 11·07d., 11·06d., 11·07d.; March, 10·95d.; May, 10·80d., 10·81d.; July, 10·66d. Egyptian 30 points up: January, 19·45d.

11.15 a.m.—Moderate spot business doing. Sales, 7,000 bales. Futures improved further, now steady at 19 to 20 points up: January, 11·24d.; March, 11·12d.; July, 10·81d. Egyptian steadier at 35 to 50 points up: January, 19·50d.; March, 20·00d.; May, 20·20d.

12.30 p.m.—American raised 20 points. Brazils raised 23 points. Egyptian better demand; quotations raised 75 points; 600 bales sold. East Indian raised 50 points for Surtee, Broach, and Tinnyvalley, others unchanged. Sales 7,000 bales. Futures quieter and unsteady at 9 to 15 points up: December 11·13d.; January, 11·16d.; March, 11·05d.; May, 10·91d.; July, 10·77d.; October, 10·19d. Egyptian firm at 50 to 55 points up.

2.15 p.m.—Futures quiet and steady at 13 to 16 points up: January, 11·17d.; March, 11·08d.; May, 10·93d. Egyptian steady at 50 to 55 points up.

3.15 p.m.—New York opened 25 to 32 points up. Futures here quiet, steady, 7 to 10 points up: January, 11·11d.; March, 11·02d.; May, 10·86d.; July, 10·70d. Egyptian steady, 60 points up: January, 19·00d.

PRODUCE.

LIVERPOOL.—Sugar, bacon (Cumberlands), lard, cheese, and butter unchanged. Rice, Coffee, and cocoa quiet. Resin 23s. Gum and hemp steady. Linseed steady, £17 5s. Petroleum 1s. 5d. Turpentine 70s., Logwood and fustic quiet. Farina scarce. Palm oil well held; Lagos £37 10s. Kernels steady, £18 15s.

LONDON.—Sugar: Fair demand, British 6d. to 1s. 3d. lower; Tate's and Lyle's cubes 55s. 9d. to 54s. 9d., caster 50s. to 50s. 6d., granulated 48s. 3d. to 48s. 9d., forward unaltered, yellow crystals spot 42s. 9d., West India crystallised 38s. to 40s. 5d., American granulated spot nominal January 18s. c.i.f., white Java spot 45s. 6d., Belgian crystals 45s. 3d., terminal steady, May also March white sold 17s. 4½d. Coffee spot firm; futures dearer; March sold 52s. 3d. Indian tea sales irregular tendency, easier. Rice idle, nominal. Beans unaltered. Hemp nominal; receipts 21,000 bales. Jute tending dearer. Shellac slow. Copra steady. Rubber dull; crepe spot 11½d. Linseed oil spot 29s. Turpentine spot 69s. 9d.

PROVISIONS.

CORK.—Butter: Firsts 134s., fresh butter 136s.

GLASGOW.—Sugar:—Official report: Market firm, good demand.

LONDON.—Butter weak; Danish 209s., Irish creamery nominal 157s. 6d., unsalted 117s. 6d., New Zealand 177s. Cheese slow; English cheddar 132s. 6d., factory 85s., Dutch Edam 103s. 6d., ditto Gouda 110s., Canadian coloured 102s., ditto white 105s. Bacon firm; Irish 136s. ex-factory.

CORN.

LIVERPOOL.—Wheat spot quieter inquiry, favouring buyers. Flour quiet demand, unchanged places. Maize quiet trade, easier tendency; mixed American 7s. 5d., Plata 7s. 7d. per cental. Oats small trade, barely steady quotations. Oatmeal slightly better trade reported. Feed meals (local) and bran continue in fair request. Beans quiet, unchanged.

MARK LANE.—Fair attendance. Wheat very quiet at 6d. to 1s. lower to sell; Manitobas 57s. 6d. ship, winters 55s. to 54s. 6d., Australians 54s. Flour remains dull; town households reduced to 47s., delivered. Maize slow, against holders; Plate 35s. 6d. landed, 34s. 6d. ship, African 35s. to 36s. Barley quiet round late rates. Oats slow; Plate 27s. 6d. to 27s. 3d., landed.

CATTLE.

MANSFIELD.—Good show all round. Bullocks £15 10s. to £38, cows £17 to £33 5s., heifers £28 to £38 10s. Some exceptionally fine pens of wether sheep sold from £6 2s. to £6 6s. each, and others reached 94s.; ewes up to 80s., lambs 54s. to 83s. A very big market for pigs, which were cheaper on the week, averaging 13s. per stone.

MEAT.

LONDON.—Beef: Scotch long sides 7s. to 7s. 4d., ditto short sides 7s. 8d. to 8s. 4d., English sides 6s. to 6s. 8d., Irish sides, including Birkenhead killed, 5s. 8d. to 6s., Argentine hindquarters 4s. 6d. to 5s. 4d., ditto forequarters 2s. 1d. to 3s. 3d. Mutton: Scotch tegs 7s. 4d., ditto wethers 6s. 8d. to 7s. 8d., ditto ewes 4s. 4d. to 5s., English wethers 7s. to 7s. 8d., ditto ewes 4s. to 4s. 8d., imported frozen 3s. to 4s. 2d. Lambs: English 7s. 8d. to 8s. 4d., Scotch ditto 8s. to 9s., imported frozen 5s. 8d. to 5s. 4d. Veal: English and imported 8s. 8d. to 9s. 4d. Pork: English and Dutch 5s. 4d. to 6s. 8d. Markets generally steady, with trade quiet.

HOPS.

BOROUGH.—The valuation is very nearly complete now; the foggy weather has delayed it somewhat, but we hope to have the prices very shortly.

WOOL.

BRADFORD.—Strength of fine wools in London keeps prompt rates for merino and fine crossbred tops firm. Some topmakers are even asking a fraction more for near delivery. On the other hand for delivery February onward 1d. or 2d. reduction can be obtained. Medium and coarse crossbreds are steady. Yarns are a little cheaper.

IRON AND COAL.

BARROW.—The position in the hematite pig iron trade is extremely quiet. There has been a fair local demand for iron on the part of steel makers, but on general account the business offering is small, and it is quite likely that almost at any time it may be necessary to further cut down the iron output. Prices remain steady, with parcels of mixed numbers of Bessemer iron at £6 15s. delivered at Sheffield, but lower values are being demanded. Less iron ore is being raised, and the pits working are on short time. Ore prices are unchanged. Steel rails have been the chief output by the steel mills, but here again new business is scarce.

LONDON.—There is a good supply of all descriptions. Prices firm over the week-end. Thirty-eight steamers with seaborne coal were entered on to-day's factor's list. These have since arrived in the Thames. Newcastle prices: Best steams 25s., second 22s., smalls 12s. 6d. to 15s., best gas 22s., seconds gas 20s., bunkers 20s. to 22s.

METALS.

LONDON.—Copper 66¾ to 67 cash, 67½ to 68 three months; electrolytic 74 to 75½. Tin 171¼ to 171½ cash, 173 to 173½ three months. Lead: English 27, foreign 25¾ to 25¼. Spelter 26¾ to 27.

THE TEXTILE TRADES.

MANCHESTER.—Up to now such improvement as there has been has been slight and sectional, whether it will develop remains to be seen. New orders are scarce, and offers are much lower than producers can accept on a basis of profitable business. Shortness of money hangs like a pall over the market.

DIED IN CHURCH ON HIS BIRTHDAY.

Major-General H. R. Elliott, formerly of the Madras Infantry, died suddenly in St. Matthew's Church, Cheltenham, at the close of the General Confession at yesterday morning's service, on his 85th birthday.

Edward Stradling, 15, of Kingston, who makes a hobby of collecting bicycle lamps—he had five on his bicycle—was placed on probation at Kingston, for stealing two additional lamps.

The wages of agricultural labourers in Derbyshire have been fixed in the joint negotiations at 9d. an hour, with 1s. an hour for Sunday work. The questions of overtime and rates for youths are to be settled by mutual agreement.

A BRACE OF OBJECTIONS.

INCIDENTS AT COLWICK PARK RACES.

THE SUCCESS OF RED MICHAEL.

The weather for the opening afternoon of the Nottingham December meeting was fine, but at the same time very cold. The course was in capital order and the attendance was good.

A THIRD SUCCESSIVE WIN.

Scrabo, at Birmingham easily accounted for Stalbridge, Pride of Manister, and King's Favourite, and in view of the fact that all were in opposition again in the Castle 'Chase it was not surprising that Scrabo started an even money chance. He won in a canter from Pride of Manister and Stalbridge. Bright Blue fell half way.

DORNOCH RECOVERS THE LOSSES.

Dornoch on some of his running was well treated and in the Trent Hurdle the market clearly proved that he was expected to recover the money lost at Birmingham. Very few knew Dornoch had arrived, the general opinion being that it was Beaucourt which had arrived from Reardon's. Anyhow Dornoch won in a canter from Ranter by two lengths, with Bergate third. Wootton, who was on the last named, objected to the second for crossing. Dornoch was bought in for 200gs., and Toadstone, which split a pastern, was destroyed. Ranter was disqualified for second place, and Raiyan became third. Interrogation fell at the second hurdle, and Coming King at the next.

A STUDY IN SECONDS.

Torpedowake is an unlucky horse for Miss G. Tredwell, as on each of his last two outings he finished second, and singularly in the Mapperley Steeplechase this was again his position, finding his conqueror in Auchinrossie, which similarly had of late found one too good for him. The favourite, Wavebeam, never appeared to have a fighting chance.

SURVIVED AN OBJECTION.

Oliviero was unlucky to be beaten at Leicester by Lord Ednam and Brankstown, and in the Bentinck Hurdle was looked upon as practically a winner without a penalty. Thus odds were laid on him, but in a close finish Red Michael beat him; and the winner also survived an objection for bumping from the last hurdle. Jacqueline, after refusing, completed the course.

The objection to Red Michael was over-ruled, but the deposit money was retained.

RUN IN A BAD LIGHT.

The light became worse while the Clifton Hurdle was being run, and the wagering on the event was not good. Winter, the well-known flat race jockey, who has been riding well in Ireland, had the mount on Sillery, which was equal favourite with Atlantic Flight, but in a close finish Mascagni got the better of Sillery by a neck. Danebury ran well for a mile and a half. Polyphemus requires more practice.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TO-MORROW.

Turkey Buzzard will not run in the Ruddington Steeplechase to-morrow. Wootton rides Winter Voyage in the Welbeck Handicap Hurdle, and The Heir in the Midland Handicap 'Chase.

1.0.—The CASTLE SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs; second 5 sovs; 2 miles.
Mr. J. Settle's Scrabo, b g by Kroonstad—Ardcarrig, a, 11-11 .... F. Wootton 1
Mr. Hogan's Pride of Manister, a, 11-6* Sheridan, jun. 2
Mr. S. Adams's Final Fling, 6 11-4 .... J. W. East 3
Mr. Reed's King's Favourite, 4, 11-0 .... F. Brookes 0
Mr. Brueton's Stalbridge, a, 11-11 .... J. Rennison 0
Mr. R. Foster's Bright Blue, 6, 11-4 .... Connor 0
(Off 1.1. Winner trained by H. Harrison, Bangor-on-Dee.)
Evens SCRABO, 4 to 1 Stalbridge, 5 to 1 Pride of Manister, Bright Blue, 100 to 8 others.
Pride of Manister and King's Favourite led from Bright Blue and Scrabo, with Stalbridge last, for six furlongs, when Stalbridge fell. Bright Blue coming down at the same fence. Scrabo was then left in front of Pride of Manister and Final Fling, and, shaking off the latter's challenge at the last fence, won by six lengths; neck divided the second and third. King's Favourite was the only other to finish. Winner bought in for 175gs.

1.30.—The TRENT SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE of 200 sovs; second 5 sovs; 2 miles.
Mr. H. Johnson's Dornoch, b g by Fariman—Roche Noire, 6, 10-5 .... D. Reardon 1
Mrs. H. Peel's Bergate, 6, 10-10 .... F. Wootton 2
Mr. E. T. Drake's Raiyan, 5, 10-0* .... J. Lestrange 3
Mr. Johnston's Lama of Tibet, 5, 12-8 .... W. Madden 0
Mr. F. Parnell's Toadstone, a, 10-13 .... F. Brookes 0
Mr. E. Downes's Bay Tree, 5, 10-8* .... F. Foster 0
Mr. R. Mealings's Hagiology, 5, 11-11 .... Alf. Newey 0
Mr. O. Mosley's Frisbury, 6, 11-8 .... Mr. S. Lloyd 0
Mr. Spurrier's Interrogation, 5, 11-5 .... J. Casey 0
Mr. F. Vean's General, 5, 10-13* .... J. Lea 0
Mr. H. Creighton's Regicles, 6, 10-12 .... S. Jones 0
Mr. J. Giannelli's Lady Ivy, 5, 10-9 .... A. Braithwaite 0
Mr. Brueton's Northcourt, a, 10-4 .... Mr. Chamberlain 0
Mr. E. Tomlinson's Coming King, 6, 9-9* G. M. Green 0
Mr. C. Nevile's Ranter, 6, 10-3 .... R. Lyall disq
(Off 1.30. Winner trained by D. Reardon, Epsom.)
9 to 4 Bergate, 5 to 2 DORNOCH, 6 to 1 Toadstone, 8 to 1 Coming King, 10 to 1 General, Regicles, 100 to 7 others.
The early running was made by Coming King from General, Lady Ivy, and Toadstone. After Interrogation had fallen at the second hurdle Toadstone was pulled up, and General went on from Coming King. In the straight Bay Tree was followed by Bergate, General, and Dornoch, and the last mentioned challenging at the last hurdle won by two lengths; three-parts of a length between the second and third. Raiyan was fourth, Hagiology fifth, Bay Tree sixth, Regicles seventh, Northcourt eighth, and Lady Ivy last. Subsequently an objection was successful against Ranter, which finished second for crossing, and Raiyan was placed third. Winner bought in for 200gs.

2.0—The MAPPERLEY HANDICAP 'CHASE of 150 sovs; second 10 sovs; 3 miles and a few yards.
Mr. K. Lennox's Auchinrossie, br m by Huon II.—Campsie, 5, 10-13 .... Hammett 1
Miss G. Tredwell's Torpedowake, a, 10-9* .... F. Foster 2
Mr. A. Bricker's Heathencote, a, 11-13 .... C. Kelly 3
Mr. H. Kershaw's Wavebeam, a, 11-6 J. R. Anthony 0
(Off 2.0. Winner trained by McGuigan, Ayr.)
6 to 4 Wavebeam, 7 to 4 AUCHINROSSIE, 5 to 1 Heathencote, 6 to 1 Torpedowake.
Auchinrossie settled down from Heathencote and Wavebeam, and although making a blunder at the water was Heathencote blundered at the last fence when lying second.

2.30—The BENTINCK HANDICAP HURDLE of 300 sovs; second 20 sovs, third 10 sovs; 2m.
Mr. T. Perry's Red Michael, b g by Duke Michael—Red Virgin, 6, 11-13 .... Connor 1
Mr. W. Black's Oliviero, 4, 10-5 .... O. Casebourne 2
Mrs. N. Gritt's Girvan, 5, 11-7 .... R. Wall 3
Mr. F. Osborne's Moonbeam, 6, 12-0 .... I. Anthony 0
Mr. H. Papworth's Jacqueline, 5, 11-5 .... R. Gordon 0
(Off 2.30. Winner trained by Perry in Ireland.)
10 to 11 Oliviero, 2 to 1 RED MICHAEL, 7 to 1 Girvan, 10 to 1 Moonbeam, 100 to 7 Jacqueline.
The running was made by Moonbeam from Jacqueline and Oliviero, with Red Michael last for six furlongs, when Jacqueline ran out. Oliviero soon after took the lead, but was joined two hurdles from home by Red Michael, which in a close finish won by three-parts of a length; ten length. Moonbeam fourth. An objection to the winner on the ground of bumping was overruled.

3.0—The CLIFTON THREE YEAR OLD HURDLE of 200 sovs, second 10 sovs; 1½ miles.
Mr. H. Dove's Mascagni, b g by Cylgad—Sonatura, 10-7 .... T. Lyons 1
Mr. C. Marshall's Sillery, 11-6 .... Winter 2
Mr. E. J. Davis's Polyphemus, 10-2* .... F. Foster 3
Mr. W. Brown's Duncathra, 10-7 .... O. Casebourne 0
Mr. J. Bulteel's Atlantic Flight, 10-7 ... Mr. S. Lloyd 0
Mr. E. F. Davis's Benmore, 10-7 .... J. Payne 0
Mrs. E. Brady's Stockley, 10-7 .... S. Jones 0
Sir G. Bullough's Altnabar, 10-7 .... Burford 0
Mr. J. Giannellii's The Corsican, 10-7 .... A. Briathwaite 0
Lord Glanely's Danebury, 10-7 .... K. Piggott 0
Mr. H. Glover's Fortune, 10-2* .... Hunt 0
(Off 3.1. Winner trained by P. Allden.)
3 to 1 Atlantic Flight, Sillery, 4 to 1 Polyphemus, 6 to 1 The Corsican, 10 to 1 Danebury, 100 to 8 MASCAGNI and others.
The running was made by Danebury from Corsican, Sillery, and Mascagni rohalf-way, when Danebury dropped out. Into the straight Sillery was followed by Mascagni and the leader, stopping in the run home, was caught on the post and beaten by a neck; five lengths. Atlantic Flight was fourth, Ben More fifth, Duncathra sixth, Danebury seventh, Stockley eighth, Altnabar ninth, and Corsican last.

3.30.—The ELVASTON STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs; second 5 sovs; 2 miles.
Capt. Brennand's The Inca II., ch g by Indian Runner, dam's pedigree unknown, a, 11-11 .... W. Payne 1
Col. G. Paynter's Jimmy Stuart, 6, 11-5 .... W. Lees 2
Mr. R. Tilley's Morning Star, 6, 11-11 .... W. Madden 0
Mrs. T. Drake's Sidamant, a, 11-3 .... J. Lestrange 0
Mrs. E. Stokes's Border Castle, a, 11-3 .... Hammett 0
(Off 3.30. Winner trained by W. Payne, Farthingstone.)
4 to 9 THE INCA II., 7 to 1 Morning Star, 10 to 1 others.
The Inca II. settled down with a good lead from Border Castle, with Jimmy Stuart last for five furlongs, when Border Castle fell, Sidamant and Morning Star following suit shortly afterwards. The Inca II. which fenced beautifully, finished alone, Jimmy Stuart falling at the last fence, and being remounted to get second place.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

All engagements in Lady Torrington's name—Gay Scholar.

All engagements in Dowager Lady Nunburnholme's name—Doctor's Call and Nova Cygnus.

Oakside Hurdle Handicap and December Hurdle Race, Windsor—Sabian.

TRAINING REPORT.

NEWMARKET, Monday.—A misty morning.

On the Race side Aitken's Fahima and Troutcall practised over hurdles; R. W. Colling's Irish Lake was sent two miles; H. Lines's Old Tay Bridge got a mile and three-quarters; R. W. Colling's Celestial, Sunshaft; W. Griggs's Saville Row went a mile; W. Beatty's Finchale, Wee Mon, Buzz Buzz, and Linby covered seven furlongs; W. Griggs's Front Line, Banksian; A. B. Sadler, sen.'s Joskin did five furlongs work.

On the Bury side H. Leader's Perry Hill, Lord Ednam, Certosa, Spring, Taffytus, Anti Magic, Cambridge Prince, Expeditious, and Greensleeves travelled a mile; F. Leader's Royal Arch; A. D. Sadler's Diligence, Great Appiause, Benula, Royal Highness, Polemberg, and Roysten had five furlongs exercise.

STRETTON'S BREWERY.

Stretton's Derby Brewery, Limited, report a profit for the year ending September 30th of £60,086. Including the balance brought forward from last year there is an available balance of £84,201, which the directors propose should be appropriated as follows:

To set aside dividend on preference shares to 30th September, 1921, £2,000; to set aside dividend on "B" preference shares to 30ht September, 1921, £3,900; to pay final dividend on ordinary shares of 5½ per cent., £5,500; to pay a bonus on ordinary shares of 5 per cent., £5,000; to transfer to Property Improvement Account, £10,000; and to carry forward, £57,801 16s. 8d.

A cat brought into the Animals' Hospital of Our Dumb Friends' League with a supposed bone in its throat had a large-sized needle and thread removed.

Mr. J. M. Harris, president of the Dulwich Liberal Association, has agreed to stand in opposition to Dr. Macnamara for Camberwell at the next election.

PLUMPTON RACES.

QUARTETTE OF WINNERS FOR G. H. BENNETT.

1.0.—The NOVICES' 'CHASE of 100 sovs; 10 sovs for second; 2m.
Mr. H. Bottomley's Somerville, ch h by White Eagle—Queen Mother, 6, 11-6* .... R. Fletcher 1
Mr. J. Burgess's Kylestrome, 6, 11-6 .... M. Tighe 2
Mr. F. Ingram's Ben Bridge, a, 11-6 .... L. B. Rees 3
Mrs. J. Putnam's Sea Bright, a, 11-1* .... W. Beasley 0
Lord Denman's Lochmond, 6, 11-6 .... I. Morgan 0
Mr. T. Field's Knight of Mirth, 4, 10-5 ... T. O'Sullivan 0
(Off 1.1. Winner trained by J. Hare, Alfriston.)
9 to 4 SOMERVILLE, 3 to 1 Ben Bridge, 5 to 1 Lochmond, Sea Bright, 6 to 1 Kylestrome, 100 to 7 Knight of Mirth.
Eight lengths; bad third. Only three finished.

1.30.—The PUNCH BOWL SELLING HURDLE (handicap) of 100 sovs; second rec 5 sovs; 2m.
Mr. J. Ivall's Rathcore, b g by Avidity, dam by Hackler—Fola, a, 11-2 .... D. Dick 1
Mr. G. Poole's Sober Wisdom, 5, 12-2 .... L. B. Rees 2
Mr. W. Larkin's Financier, 4, 10-12 .... G. Duller 3
Lord Denman's Annerville, 5, 11-12 .... B. Parsons 0
Mrs. V. Robert's Little Royal, 4, 11-4* .... A. Francis 0
Mrs. N. Brownlee's Compliment, 4, 11-3* .... Barratt 0
Mr. E. Hardiman's Eight Bells, a, 10-11* .... H. Gordon 0
Mr. F. Powell's Over There, 4, 11-1 .... J. Kelly 0
Mr. A. Kirby's Farm Gamp, 5, 10-12 .... Wilmot 0
Mr. T. Rowland's Speedy Cut, a, 10-10 .... Lefebvre 0
Mr. V. Thrale's Tyrannical, a, 10-9 .... Capt. Doyle 0
(Off 1.32. Winner trained by G. H. Bennett, Epsom.)
5 to 2 Sober Wisdom, Financier, 3 to 1 RATHCORE, 10 to 1 Farm Gamp, Over There, 100 to 8 Eight Bells, Compliment, 20 to 1 others.
Eight lengths; bad third. An objection to the winner was withdrawn.

2.5.—The BARCOMBE SELLING 'CHASE (Handicap) of 100 sovs; second 5 sovs; 2 miles.
Mr. Thrale's Tim, ch g by McYardley—Or Vierge, a, 11-10 .... Capt. Doyle 1
Mrs. N. Brownlee's Rathleague, a, 11-8* .... Barrett 2
Mr. Christy's Jimmy Rafter, a, 11-5 .... H. Murphy 0
Mr. J. Phillip's Vain Minister, a, 11-0 .... I. Morgan 0
Mr. T. Rowland's Sea Fruit, 6, 10-4* (c. 10-5) Lefebvre 0
Mrs. J. Nelson's Camp Kettle, a, 10-0* .... Holt 0
(Off 2.5. Winner trained by Jeapes.)
7 to 4 Rathleague, 7 to 2 TIM, 9 to 2 Jimmy Rafter, 5 to 1 Camp Kettle, 10 to 1 others.
Six lengths. Only two finished.

2.35.—The BOSTEL HANDICAP HURDLE of 100 sovs; 10 sovs for second; 2m.
Mr. P. Shaw's Huonora, b m by Huon II.—Kenora, 5, 10-4* .... G. Pellerin 1
Mr. M. Savill's Merry Lad, 4 10-8 .... L. B. Rees 2
Mr. A. Tennent's Ravello, a, 12-0 .... D. Dick 3
Mr. H. Bottomley's Nareesh, 4, 12-5 .... G. Duller 0
Mrs. N. Phillips's What Luck, 4, 11-11 .... I. Morgan 0
Mr. J. Johnson's Be There, 6, 11-9 .... Tighe 0
Mr. J. Motion's Tower Square, 3, 9-9* .... H. Gordon 0
(Off 2.38. Winner trained by G. H. Bennett, Epsom.)
5 to 4 Be There, 3 to 1 What Luck, 5 to 1 Nareesh, 10 to 1 HUONORA and others.

3.5.—The HASSOCKS HANDICAP CHASE of 85 sovs; 5 sovs for second; 3 miles.
Mr. O'Roarke's Mawgoory, bl or br g by Bealderg—Ita, a, 10-13 (7lb ex) .... D. Dick 1
Mr. H. Bottomley's Turakina, a, 11-0 .... R. Fletcher 2
Mr. J. Burgess's Hookwood, 6, 11-7 .... M. Tighe 3
Mr. Slowburn's Irish Cheer, a, 11-8 (7lb ex) F. Fitton 0
Mr. E. Clark's Little Revenge, 6, 10-0* .... T. Costello 0
Mr. S. Marsh's Tuttiman, a, 10-0 .... Capt. Doyle 0
(Off 3.6. Winner trained by G. H. Bennett, Epsom.)
6 to 5 MAWGOORY, 7 to 4 Hookwood, 10 to 1 others.
Four lengths; the same

3.35.—The MODERATE HURDLE of 85 sovs; second 5 sovs; 2 miles.
Mr. F. Thurlow's Swynmyth, b g by Swynford—Mythology, 4, 11-5* .... G. Pellerin 1
Mr. G. Stone's Resilient, 3, 10-2* .... H. Gordon 2
Sir S. Watts's Topical Charlie, 3, 10-2* .... F. Arpin 3
Mr. H. Barratt's Rocaway II., 5, 11-9* ... Mr. S. Sibbey 0
Mr. L. Bowerman's Peerless, a, 11-9 .... Lefebvre 0
Mr. J. Coltman's Leominster, 4, 11-10 .... L. Butchers 0
Mr. J. Emerson's Caplan, 4, 11-10 .... Capt. Doyle 0
Mr. E. Thomas's Suicide, 3, 10-2* .... C. Hughes 0
Mr. H. Bottomley's Mantuanus, 3, 10-2* .... A. Cox 0
Lord Denman's Tower Hill, 3, 10-7 .... B. Parsons 0
(Off 3.35. Winner trained by G. H. Bennett, Epsom.)
11 to 10 SWYNMYTH, 6 to 1 Mantuanus, Topical Charlie, 10 to 1 others.
Ten lengths; three.

STARTING PRICE SUMMARY.—The "Sportsman's" official starting prices of to-day's winners are:

COLWICK PARK.

	Winner.	Trainer.	Jockey.	Price.
1. 0	Scrabo	H. Harrison	F. Wootton	Evens
1.30	Dornoch	D. Reardon	D. Reardon	5 to 2
2. 0	Auchinrossie	McGuigan	Hammett	7 to 4
2.30	Red Michael	Perry	Connor	2 to 1
3. 0	Mascagni	P. Allden	T. Lyons	100 to 8
3.30	The Inca II.	W. Payne	W. Payne	4 to 9

PLUMPTON.

	Winner.	Trainer.	Jockey.	Price.
1. 0	Somerville	J. Hare	R. Fletcher	9 to 4
1.30	Rathcore	G.H.Bennett	D. Dick	3 to 1
2. 5	Tim	Jeapes	Capt. Doyle	7 to 2
2.35	Huonora	G.H.Bennett	G. Pellerin	10 to 1
3. 5	Mawgoory	G.H.Bennett	D. Dick	6 to 5
3.35	Swynmyth	G.H.Bennett	G. Pellerin	11 to 10

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

1.5 p.m.

Money abundant and easy at 2½ per cent. Discounts 3 7-16 per cent.

The Stock Markets continue generally strong, with more business.

Gilt-edged stocks unchanged since the opening.
Port of London new loan ⅛ up, 2⅞.
Oils still higher, Royal Dutch 37, Burmahs 5⅞.
Courtaulds up to 36s. 10½d.
Rubbers neglected, 8s.
Rubbers neglected, Dunlops firmer 8s.
Kaffirs firm.

3.30 p.m.

Monetary conditions comfortable. Call Loans 3 down to 2; Discounts 3 7-16.

Cash price of silver ⅛ lower, 35⅝d.

New York cable transfer rate advanced to 4.10½.

General buoyancy prevails in the Stock Markets, ascribed largely to the Washington Agreement, and consequent sharp rise in the value of leading European currencies.

Home Government Stocks attracting chief attention 5½ Per Cent. Treasury Bonds B ⅛ up, 99⅞. Foreigners higher; German Threes 3½, the mark being now only 680 to the pound sterling.

Home Rails higher. Leading Oils buoyant, Burmahs 5 15-16, Royal Dutch 37¼. Textiles better, Courtaulds 37s.

Coats 2 15-32.

Rubbers neglected. Oil Cakes lower, 23s. 6d.

Tin shares better.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

3 o'clock.

GOVERNMENT.—Consols 49, Funding 74¼, Local Loans 55⅞, Victory 79⅞, War 5% 90⅞, Conversion 65⅞, 5% National War Bonds 1922 102 9-16, do. 1923 102 5-16, do. 1924 102, do. 1925 102, do. 1927 101¼, do. 1928 100⅞, do. 1929 100.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.—Brazil 5% 1914 65⅞, French 5% 39⅞, do. 4% 32, German 3% 3½ bid.

RATES OF EXCHANGE.—New York 4·17½, Paris 52·30, Berlin 700.

COLONIAL & FOREIGN RAILWAYS.—Canadian Pacific 144, Atchisons 107, Pennsylvanias 39.

INDUSTRIALS.—B.A. Tobacco 58/6, British O. and C. Mills 24/-, Dunlop Rubber 8/-, Imperial Tobacco 48/6, Maypole Def. 6/10½, Dunlop Deb. 100⅞.

IRON, COAL, & STEEL.—Armstrongs 14/-, Baldwin Deb. 100 bid, Bengal Iron 23/9, Dorman Long 14/9, Ebbw Vales 15/-, Guest Keen 28/-, United Steel 8/-, Vickers 8/7½, Vickers Tax-free Pref. 12/3, Cargo 12/6.

TEXTILES.—Amal Cottons 11/3, Calico 15/6, Coats 49/-, Courtaulds 36/9, Fine Spinners 34/-, Hollins 15/-, Listers 16/4½.

OIL.—Burmah 5 23-32, Caltex 3/3, English Oilfields 4/9, Indo Burma 8/3, Kern Rivers 19/-, Lobitos 4 7-16, Mexican Eagle Ord. 4 5-16, Roumanian Consd 8/6, Royal Dutch 36½, Scottish American 2/3, Shell Transport 4⅞, Tankers 5/3, Trinidad Central 3 5-16, Trinidad Leaseholds 1 19-32, United B. of Trinidad 23-32, British Controlled 6/6, Phœnix 6/6.

MINES AND LAND.—African and Eastern 28/-, Chartered 11/7½, City Deep 2¼, Consd. Main Reef 9/6, Crown Mines 1⅞, De Beers 9⅞, East Rands 4/10½, Gedulds 2 5-16, Goldfields 15/6, Johannesburg Consd. 21/9, Modder Deep 2 5-32, Modders 3⅞, Randfontein Central 9/10½, do. Estates 14/3, Rand Mines 2 3-16, Van Ryn Deep 3½.

4 o'clock.

GOVERNMENT.—Funding 74⅞, War 5% 90⅞, 5% National War Bonds, 1922, 102⅞.

INDUSTRILS.A—Associated Cement 13/3, British O. and C. Mills 23/9, Brunner Mond 24/7½, Harrods Ord. 25/3, Imperial Tobacco 48/4½, Marconi 34/-, Niger 8% Notes 95½, Lever Deb. 93⅞, do. 7% 15/9, do. 8% 15/9.

IRON, COAL AND STEEL.—Guest Keen 28/6.

TEXTILES.—Amal. Cottons 11/- bid., Calico 16/3, Courtraulds 36/10½, Fine Spinners 34/-.

OIL.—Burmah 5 15-16, Royal Dutch 37, Shell Transport 4 25-32.

MINES AND LAND.—African and Eastern 28/3, Burma Corporation 5/6, Chartered 11/6, Esperanzas 15/-, Randfontein Central 14/6, Rand Mines 2 5-32.

NOTTINGHAM STOCK EXCHANGE.

BUSINESS DONE TO-DAY.

5% War Loan 90½, 90¼, 91¼, 90 9-16.
4½% War Loan 81⅞.
National War Bonds 1922, 102¼; ditto April 1923, 102 1-16, 102; ditto April 1928, 100⅞; ditto February 1929, 5-16.
German 3% Imperial Loan 3¼.
Birmingham Corporation 6% 100⅞.
Lloyds Bank 50/4½.
Alby Carbideo 1/-; Bleachers 4½% Deb. 73⅞; British Cellulose Pref. 5/5¼; Chartered 11/6; Courtaulds *36/6, 37/-; Dunlop Rubber Ord. 8/-; De Beers Def. £9/19/6; English Oils 4/11 (twice).
Harrods B.A. 10% Ord., 10/10½; Imperial Tobacco Ord., 48/6, 48/10½, 49/-; Maypole Dairy Def., 7/-; Mexican Eagles, 87/10½; Modder B, 29/3; Rayfield Tin 3/11 (twice); Ropp Tin, 6/6¾; ... ters Ord., 17/- (twice), 17/3, 17/4½; Sheffield Steel Products 8% Deb., 91; Smithfields Argentine Meat Ord., 6/5¼; United Steel Ord., 8/-; ditto Pref., 12/10½.
*Previous day after hours.

EGYPTIAN PROTEST.

Fifty members of the native Bar have (says a Cairo telegram) issued a manifesto protesting against Lord Curzon's scheme, and the Note which Lord Allenby recently addressed to the Sultan.

The manifesto declares that both signify the annexation of the country by Great Britain, and refuses support to a Ministry of any sort in such circumstances.

A number of prominent notables have issued a similar manifesto.—Reuter.

The L.C.C. is employing 10,305 men on housing work.

A BEAUTIFUL GERMAN SPY.

STORY OF ARREST AND EXECUTION FOR BETRAYAL.

According to details published in Paris of the working of the French Intelligence Service during the war, the arrest of Mata-Hari, the beautiful Dutch dancer, and German spy, and her subsequent execution for betraying military secrets to Germany, were the result of the meanness of the German espionage organisation to its servants.

Mata-Hari was sent to Madrid, where she arrived penniless, and the German Naval Attaché there gave her the task of bewitching the French Military Attaché. Mata-Hari's charms, however, failed before the French officer's caution and sense of duty, and the German authorities realising that it was useless to keep her longer in Madrid, decided to send her back to Paris.

Instead, however, of providing the dancer with money, they offered her jewels. She explained that she had no money whatever, and the German Naval Attaché went so far as to promise her money when she arrived in Paris. This was arranged by the Attaché sending a message to the head of the German espionage service in Amsterdam asking him to place at the disposal of Mata-Hari at the neutral legation in Paris a sum of money for "C.A., 42, Paris."

Mata-Hari was arrested by agents of the French Intelligence Service as she was receiving the money.

When questioned during her trial with regard to this payment by Germany, Mata-Hari admitted that the money was due to her, but explained that the German Naval Attaché in Madrid found it more economical to pay for the favours she bestowed on him with the money of his Government than from his own pocket. She emphatically denied that it was a payment for her services as a spy. The evidence was, however, too overwhelming for her story to carry any weight.

PROMOTION BY MERIT.

REFORM TO APPLY TO ALL CIVIL SERVICE POSTS UNDER £700.

In the next few days the report on promotion by merit in the Civil Service will be officially published. It has been drafted by the National Council for the Administrative and Legal Departments. It is understood that this reform will apply to all posts the salaries of which do not exceed £700 a year. Controlling posts with salaries rising above £900 a year are not affected.

This system of promotion will be founded on confidential reports, but adverse reports—save for inexperience or ill-health will have to be communicated to the men concerned. There will be right of appeal through the various promotion boards.

SPORTING ITEMS.

At New York, on Friday, Joe Lynch knocked out Williamson in the eight round, and Herman knocked out O'Gatty in the first round.

The leading goal scorers to date are: League I., Buchan (Sunderland), 16; League II., Travers (Fulham), 14; League III. (Southern), Doran (Brighton and H.A.), 17.

Billiards.—Newman 15,000, Inman 11,759. Breaks: Newman 107, 119, 248, 263, 106, 121, 142, 111 (unfinished); Inman 237, 79, 174, 91, 121. Falkiner 16,000, Smith 15,607. Breaks: Falkiner 148, 105, 161, 153, 320, 261 (unfinished); Smith 168, 183 (twice), 145, 166.

The unpleasantness that occurred in the first match between Manchester City and Bolton Wanderers at Hyde Road has been brought to the notice of the Football Association and the Football League, and it is not improbable that an inquiry may be held.

Robert Dastillon, who should have met the European champion, Tommy Harrison, at Hanley this evening, met with a slight accident while boxing in France last week, and has been compelled to forego the engagement. In his place the Hanley promoters have secured Benny Thomas of Swansea, and he will meet Harrison over the full championship distance.

Because they cannot secure a market for their output, Scottish ironmasters have decided to reduce the number of their operating blast-furnaces.

ROSEWOOD Folding Settee and Armchair to match, 23 pair.—17 Shakespeare-villas.

OVERCOATS, Suits, Costumes—turned and remodelled; moderate charges.—Porter, 72 Mount-st., near ...

PIANO, handsome high-class dark rosewood ... take low offer.—117 Sneinton-road.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

Births, Marriages, Deaths, Acknowledgments of Sympathy, and In Memoriam Notices, if prepaid, are charged 1s. for 12 words, every additional six words or part of six words 6d. If booked, 50 per cent. extra. Announcements should be as concise as possible and must be authenticated by the name and address of sender. They cannot under any circumstances be accepted by telephone.

BIRTHS.

CUNLIFFE.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Cunliffe (née Nesbit), One Ash, Plisley, December 10th, a son.

DEATHS.

ARCHER.—On December 9th, Frederick, beloved husband of Edith Alice Archer, 62 Lord Nelson-street, West Bridford. Interment top end, General Cemetery, Wednesday, 2.30.

CLEWS.—On December 12th, at 46 Rye-street, Theresa, beloved daughter of William Clews, after short illness, aged 57 years. Interment Church Cemetery, Friday, 3 o'clock.

CARTER.—On the 9th inst., Grace, at 81, Flewitt-street, age 35 years. Peacefully resting.—Interment Wednesday, 3.0 Church Cemetery.

JAMES.—On December 11th, at Ruddington, Annie James, suddenly. Funeral Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.

JORDAN.—On the 10th inst., at 20 Freeman-street, Ann, beloved wife of the late William Jordan, Wednesday, 1.30, Market. Funeral General Cemetery, Trinder House, Easterbrook.

LEA.—On December 11th, Sarah Ann Lea, aged 78, Gedling, near Portishead, widow of the late John Lea, Agnes, beloved wife of ... ham.

NEEDHAM.—On the 12th inst., mother of Wallace Thomas Needham, also beloved Ina, Old Radford. Fisher, late of the Plough ... after pain.

POYSER.—December 9th, Ike Poyser, accidentally killed. Interment General Cemetery, Tuesday, bottom end, 3 p.m.

RIVERS.—On the 11th inst., at 81 Radcliffe-road, Bridgford, Frederick, the beloved husband of Emily Rivers.

SCRIMGEOUR.—On December 11th, at 23 Mowbray-street, the dearly loved wife of Alexander Scrimgeour. Funeral Tuesday.

UPTON.—On the 8th inst., Henry Upton. Funeral Tuesday, 3 p.m., Rock Cemetery.

WARDLE.—December 11th, Thomas Wardle, of Bradford, aged 69 years. No flowers, by request.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOOT.—In loving memory of my dear daughter Lily, who passed away December 12th, 1918. A sad day to recall.—Mam and dad.

BRADFORD.—In ever-loving memory of our darling Ernie, who died December 12th, 1919. Safe in the arms of Jesus.—Mam, dad, sister Elsie.

BRAYBROOK.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Ada Braybrook, who died December 12th, 1920. Sweetest of mothers, one of the best.—Sadly missed by her loving children and grandchildren.

BROWN.—In loving memory of Rifleman Tom Brown, killed in action December 12th, 1916. Memory like the ivy clings.—Mother, sisters, and brothers.

CHUBB.—In ever-loving memory of my dear husband, Edward (Dick), who died December 11th, 1920. Sunshine passes, shadows fall, but sweet remembrance lasts all.—Loving wife Clarice.

CHUBB.—In loving memory of Edward (Dick), dearly loved son and brother of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walls and family, died December 11th, 1920. Silent sorrow ever lasting love.

COOMBES.—In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, who died December 12th, 1920. A day of remembrance sad to recall.—Husband and Gladys.

DERRICK.—In loving memory of John Derrick, died Dec. 11, 1918. Fondly remembered.—Loving wife, Maud, and Jack.

ELLIOTT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who died December 12th, 1914.—Daughter and sons.

ELLIS.—In loving memory of my dear brother, George, and son of George Ellis, Arnold, died in France, Dec. 12th, 1918. To-day recalls sad memories.—Loving sister and brother, Polly and George.

GODDARD.—In loving memory of Edward, dear husband of Lillie Goddard, died December 12th, 1914.—Wife and daughters.

HABGOOD.—In loving memory of our dear, son and brother, John H. Habgood. Silently mourned.

HIGTON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away December 11th, 1912.—From Gertie and Walter.

JOHNSON.—In loving memory of dear mother, Jane, died Dec. 12th, 1907, also dear father, Nathaniel William, died Jan. 12th, 1917. Fondly remembered by their devoted children.

KENT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Charlotte Louisa, who died December 12th, 1913.—Sons, daughters.

MANSELL.—In loving memory of my dear wife and dearest mother, died December 12th, 1918. Sweet is the memory of a mother's love.—Husband, Hilda, Jack (Deby), Mack, Glasgow).

MEE.—In loving memory of Harriett Laura Mee, the beloved wife of Arthur Mee, who passed away December 12th, 1919. Gone, but not forgotten.—From her loving husband Arthur and children, Phyllis, Annie, Arthur, Alfred, Jack, and Herbert.

MEE.—In loving memory of my dear sister Laura, who passed away December 12th, 1919.—Fondly remembered by her dear sister, brother, and nephew, Gennie, Alf, and Alfred, Winnipeg, Mass.

MEE.—In loving memory of my dear sister, who fell asleep December 12th, 1919. Ever in our thoughts.—Bella, mother, dad, Phyllis and brother.

MEE.—In loving memory of our dear sister, who passed away December 12th, 1919. Sweet is the memory of a sister's love.—Jenny, Alf (nephew).

PASK.—In ever-loving remembrance of Elizabeth Pask, a dear wife and a loving mother, who died December 12th, 1920; also of our dear Gertie, who died October 1916. At rest.—Family.

PAWLETT.—Sweetest memories of my dear daughter Lily, who fell asleep December 12th, 1918. An everlasting sorrow.—Loving mother.

PAWLETT.—In affectionate remembrance of dear Lily, died December 12th, 1918. Ever remembered.—Rachel, 12th, and Lawrance.

SHARPE.—In memory of Jack, died December 12th, 1918. At rest.—Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson and family.

SIMPSON.—In loving memory of our dear Wilfred, killed in action, December 12th, 1917. Till we meet again.—Mother, father, brothers, and sister.

SIMS.—In affectionate remembrance of Kate, who passed away, Sunday, Dec. 12th, 1920. Fondly remembered by husband and children.

SNOWDEN.—In loving memory of William Snowden, died Dec. 11th, 1912. Ever remembered.—Wife and children, Jenny (U.S.A.).

SNOWDEN.—In remembrance of my dear father, William Snowden, who died December 11th, 1912. Fondly remembered.—Will and Annie (U.S.A.).

TAILBY.—In proud and loving memory of Oliver Tailby, 21 High-road, Beeston, died of wounds at Rouen Hospital, December 11th, 1917. Sadly missed.—Wife and family.

WAINMAN.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William, died December 12th, 1919. Not forgotten.—Wife Ann.

WALKER.—In loving memory of our dear Willie, who died December 12th, 1918. Always remembered.—Mam and dad.

WALKER.—In loving memory of Willie, who died Dec. 12th, 1918. Fondly remembered.—Mr. and Mrs. Fraser.

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