

M. Cazeaux-Cazalet was of opinion that control might be exercised on the wholesale wine-dealers as well as on the growers.

ANTI-MILITARISM IN THE ARMY.

The Minister of Justice has informed the War Minister that news has reached him that for some time anti-military propaganda have been spread in the barracks, chiefly by means of small pamphlets containing seditious matter.

The War Minister has, in consequence, the *Eclair* learns, directed a circular to corps commanders instructing them to hold a detailed enquiry and to ascertain whether any soldiers have taken part in these goings-on.

RIOTING IN NAPLES.

On Tuesday afternoon a woman with her child were run over and killed on the Corso Garibaldi by a street car. The populace became very excited and began acts of vandalism against the street-cars in that and other parts of the city. Two cars were set on fire; police and soldiers were forced to protect the cars and disperse the mob.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

SCENE AT AN EXECUTION.

Some 80 political prisoners in Riga condemned to death by the court-martial for mutiny were shot on Tuesday at Sandbergen near Riga. On the way to execution they all sang revolutionary songs, abused the Government after they had been tied to posts, and called to the soldiers about to carry out the execution "Aim straight". After the execution the bodies with the posts were piled in one common grave.

THE SITUATION IN MOROCCO.

The Sanitary Council in Tangier met on Tuesday to examine the question of the drains and sewers in the city, and unanimously accepted the conclusions of the report of the Committee, consisting of the Ambassadors of Austria-Hungary, England and Holland.

All works on the coast are to be stopped. A supplementary enquiry is proscribed and El Torres has been notified to that effect.

THE HERKOMER CONTEST.

Large numbers of people witnessed the arrival of the competitors at Frankfurt. Shortly before 3 p. m. Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia arrived in an automobile; they were followed by the Grand Duke of Hesse.

At 3 o'clock precisely Herr Ladenburg, who started from Dresden first, arrived in his Mercedes and was greeted with cheers and bouquets of flowers.

Herr Heinrich Opel, driving a car of his own firm's make, was second and Herr Reichelt's de Dietrich third. By 4 o'clock 69 cars had arrived.

The result of the contest has not yet been announced officially, but it is understood that Herr Edgar Ladenburg's Benz, driven by a well-known chauffeur from the Benz works, Fritz Erle, has won. Herr Ladenburg won the first Herkomer Contest and the Herkomer trophy now passes into his permanent possession.

The second prize is believed to have been won by Freiherr v. Cramm's Metallurgique; the third by Herr Heinrich Opel who drove one of his own cars as stated above.

The first prize in the speed contest was won by Herr Weingand with a Mercedes.

The hill climbing competition was won by Herr Aschoff with a Metallurgique.

The official announcement will be made today. While the above are probably the actual results the following cars were placed under seal by the executive Committee, they having had the fewest bad marks.

Herr Boelcke's Argus,
Herr Ladenburg's Mercedes,
Herr Stoewer's Stoewer,
Herr Roth's Benz,
Herr Ladenburg's Benz,
Herr Dahmen's Opel,
Herr Weingand's two Mercedes cars,
Mr. S. J. Edge's Napier,
Herr Lehmann's Itala,
Herr Scheibler's Scheibler,
Herr Delfosse's Scheibler,
Herr Neumaier's Benz,
Herr Opel's Opel,
Herr Lindpaintner's Benz,
Herr Weiss' Benz,
Herr Mandl's Benz,
Herr Benz's Benz,
Herr Horch's Horch,
Rittmeister Spitzner's Benz,
Graf Ehrenburg's Nacke,
Herr Schmierer's Adler,
Herr Grüning's Adler,
Duke Ludwig of Bavaria's Metallurgique,
Herr Aschoff's Metallurgique,
Herr Kathe's Horch.

THE STATE OF IRELAND.

The cheery optimism of Mr. Birrell and Lord Carrington may be somewhat upset by an article which appears in the *Irish Times* dealing with the outrages which are constantly occurring and the intimidation which is rife in the West of Ireland. The article in question is no vague summary of reported or rumoured incidents. Dates, localities and the names of individuals involved are given in relation to each case cited. The writer of the article states that in the West of Ireland "those who are in a position to speak from personal knowledge on the subject do not hesitate to aver that unless the existing utter disregard of the rights of property is promptly and firmly dealt with, results of far more serious import than any yet experienced are certain to develop." "Constitutional" agitation has now given way to rampant violence and tyranny, the dictates of the United Irish League seem to have almost completely superseded the law of the land.

The organisers of the League are carrying on their mischievous campaign with a vigour unequalled in recent years. Language of the most intimidatory and violent character is used at all their meetings; the "Grabbers" are openly denounced by name, and resolutions are passed every week directing local shopkeepers not to deal with persons under the ban of the League. The names of these persons are given, and the resolutions are published in the local papers. Once these resolutions are published the boycott, to use the phrase of a witness in the notorious Tallow conspiracy case, becomes "Constitutional" under League law, and thereafter the unfortunate victims are subjected to the most rigorous system of exclusive dealing.

Instances are given in the article of cases in which the victims of the conspiracy—peaceable, law-abiding, industrious folk—have submitted quietly to this terrorism rather than face the dangers of an open breach with the powers of the United Irish League. As an instance of the terrorism exercised by that body the *Irish Times* quotes the following case.

"The Raruddy farm, on the estate of Mr. Barton Perse, near Loughrea—the storm centre—was sold last March to the Estates Commissioners. When an inspector from the Estates Commission Office went down to "stripe" the holding into farms for some evicted tenants, he was met by a hostile crowd, which prevented the work from being carried out, simply because the people wished to nominate the future tenants themselves. Shortly afterwards Mr. Perse's agent was informed by the Estates Commissioners that, as they were unable to divide the land owing to the attitude of the people, further sale negotiations would be broken off. Mr. Perse is now in the unenviable position of being unable to sell or to farm the land. He possesses other property at Behill, near Athenry, and on May 28 he sent from it a large number of ewes to the Raruddy farm for shearing. The only men he could get in the district to carry out that work were his own two hands. While they were engaged in the shearing operations a crowd of people came up and scattered the sheep along the road. The local branch of the League now openly boasts that it will not allow the farm to be given to any persons except the small farmers of the parish, and it threatens all and sundry with severe pains and penalties unless its ukase is obeyed. Locally the belief prevails that pressure has been brought to bear upon the Estates Commissioners by the superior authority in order to effect an "amicable settlements", from which one is at liberty to infer that the authorities are about to play up to the gallery in the shape of the United Irish League."

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Other instances besides the above are quoted to show how far Mr. Birrell's statement is true that Ireland as a whole is not disturbed. The United Irish League is a standing menace to the peace and safety of the respectable minority in Ireland. The Drommore West Branch, in its report, refers to a local grazier thus "The League have him under treatment, and continue to administer to him doses of that well-known patent medicine, the effects of which on his whole being physical, mental and moral are evident to the least observant. Day and night, poor man, he now considers it necessary for his preservation to act, move and even sleep in the shadow of a policeman". That language like this should be possible shows how far the movement has been allowed to go unchecked. The victims of this fresh epidemic of intimidation and boycotting have an uneasy feeling that the United Irish League is being looked upon with something like approval by the Government; certainly there has been little enough in Mr. Birrell's actions since he replaced Mr. Bryce at the Castle to show that he is any way master of the situation. Action and that prompt is needed if the loyalists in Ireland are to be enabled to live in comparative peace and security.

RANDOM NOTES.

Apropos of the Derby the *Evening Standard* tells one or two stories illustrative of the crookedness of the turf. Tipsters and touts are pretty low in the scale of humanity but stories of their methods are often entertaining if hardly elevating. The journal mentioned relates one of two typical rogues who worked for two bookmakers, who were taking all offers on a Derby of some years ago. The rogues came to an agreement. Said "A" to "B": "You tell your governor that the horse that you're watching is no good, and that he must get something out of it. I'll do the same by my governor. If your horse gets beaten, you'll get rewarded by your man. If my horse gets beaten, I shall be rewarded by mine, so that in any case we are sure of something, and can divide." Both, without justification by facts, reported their horses as failing in training, and their employers laid heavily against them. As luck would have it, these two horses were beaten; a rank outsider won. Then the two went with virtuous pride to their respective employers, saying: "What did I tell you?" and both were liberally rewarded for the supposed good tips. Owners make continual war on the touts but as often as not come off second best. Not always, however, as is shown by a story of the late Duke of Beaufort who once got all the touts about Danebury down to a banquet at Stockbridge, and while they were there making merry he brought off an important trial, of which they knew nothing. Captain Machell used to score heavily against the professionals. It was he who made possible the huge win of Mr. Chaplin. *Hermit* was as fit as possible when he started for that famous Derby, but his coat looked shocking, and he was reported to have broken a blood-vessel. What had really happened was that, on an occasion when he knew that the touts all had their glasses levelled upon the horse, Captain Machell sent him on a gallop; then when the horse pulled up, clapped a handkerchief to its nose. He withdrew it ostentatiously, showing what appeared to be blood. The red stain had been prepared in advance, but the touts did not know that. They reported that *Hermit* had broken a blood-vessel, and the price of the animal went back at a bound to 1,000 to 15, and as all the world knows, *Hermit* won by a neck at 66 to 1, in a blinding snowstorm.

The Löwen-Apotheke founded 1560.

On the Altmarkt corner Wilsdrufferstrasse. Prescriptions made up by qualified Englishman. English and American specialities on stock.

The Anglo-Saxon Pharmacy.

The same journal remarks that bad horsemanship by the jockey, some mishap to saddlery, insufficient training, or roguery, these are some of the excuses which the man who has betted and lost finds for his misadventure. It is never his judgment which is at fault. Now and again there does seem to be a foundation for some of the dark things said by the disappointed punter. One such case was reported last year from an Indian racecourse. A very good horse did shockingly in inferior company. Next day, in a much better class, it won with the greatest ease. The owner was called upon to explain this inconsistency. He replied that the inconsistency was not due to any fault of his. The horse had won inadvertently. He had had no intention of winning that day; the jockey had misunderstood his instructions. The stewards accepted this explanation, and—censured the jockey for winning against orders! One of Mr. Armour's recent sporting pictures in *Punch* might have been taken from life. It shows a little country meeting at which a patron asks a steward what will win the next race, and is assured that he shall know—after the stewards' meeting. This sounds like an echo of a story told last autumn of a nobleman who, while keen on sport, knows nothing about racing, but was appointed a steward at a meeting near his place. In one of the races there was a grave suspicion that the horse which should have won was pulled. A friend spoke to the distinguished steward, who said that the horse was undoubtedly pulled. The course to be taken was as clear as daylight. "What have you done?" asked the friend. "Between you and me," answered his lordship, "I've just found out that it's running again tomorrow, and I've backed it!"

Thoroughbreds are kittle cattle, and though some, like *Ormonde*, have been blessed with angelic tempers, others like *Diamond Jubilee* have been among the most untameable of savages. The misdemeanours of the champions are witnessed for the most part in the stable, but now and then there comes along a horse like *Marigold IV*, which last year tried in public to make a meal of Madden, the jockey, who won the Derby on *Jeddah*. Madden was riding another horse for the Worthing Plate

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