War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

HEARING OF EVIDENCE.
LONDON, May 18. From testimony developed to-day at the hearing opened by the Royal Commission to inquire into the Sinn Fein rebellion, it appeared that the Government had received advance information of preparations for an uprising with help from German sources. This testimony was given by Sir Matthew Nathan, who resigned as Under Secretary for Ireland after the rebellion broke out. The government had received advices, said Sir Matthew that an attempt would be made to land arms in Ireland from German submarines, also that rifles could be purchased from Irish soldiers on home leave; while others had been taken into the country in passengers' baggage. The former Under Secretary gave this testimony in the course of a long statement, outlining the formation of the national volunteers of which he declared a small section only had shown themselves disloyal. The leaders of this section only having issued a manifesto declaring that Ireland should provide for its own defence, and indicated an intention to establish the free national government of Ireland.

IMPRISONED WITHOUT CHARGE.
LONDON, May 18. Timothy Healey said in the Commons to-day that he understood that James M. Sullivan, former American Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, had been kept in jail in Ireland for eight days without lodging any charge against him. Healey asked Foreign Secretary Grey to ascertain what explanation was offered by General Maxwell, British Commander in Chief, in Ireland, for this vigorous treatment to which Sullivan had been subjected. Secretary Grey said that the United States had brought to the notice of Britain the detention of Sullivan, who was arrested in Dublin on April 30th. It was understood at the time that he was charged with complicity in the rebellion. The case was being investigated, the Foreign Secretary said, and when the facts were ascertained they would be communicated to Ambassador Page.

GERMAN STEAMER STRUCK IN THE BALTIC.
STOCKHOLM, May 18. The German steamer Hera, was struck this morning off Landsort, in the Baltic, and is sinking. The Hera marks the first activity of British submarines in the Baltic this season. The Hera left Stockholm on Tuesday to take iron ore to Oxloesund, and was carrying a cargo of 2,000 tons. The captain was ordered aboard the submarine with the ship's papers, and made prisoner. Sufficient time was given the crew to leave the ship. According to the Dagens Nypeter, the German steamer Hera was torpedoed by a Russian submarine southwest of Landsort, yesterday, after having received warning.

BRITISH SUBS. IN BALTIC.
LONDON, May 18. A large number of British submarines are operating in the eastern and southern portions of the Baltic Sea, which is now free of ice, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co., from Copenhagen. It was one of these submarines which sank the German steamer Hera, the despatch added.

AVIATORS KILLED.
LONDON, May 18. Lieuts. Selwyn and Bateman, military aviators, were killed instantly to-day at Gosport, Hampshire, near Portsmouth. The aeroplane which they were flying dived from a height of 1,000 feet. The cause of the accident has not been determined. Both Lieuts. were experienced aviators.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.
LONDON, May 18. The following official communication concerning operations in Egypt was made public to-night: The General Officer commanding in Egypt reports a successful enterprise against the enemy at Bayoud and Magdaba, which was carried out by a column of Australian and New Zealand and mounted troops on May 14. The enemy made no resistance, but fled at once and was pursued by us. Very great heat and bad going over the deep sand made it impossible for the pursuit to be carried very far. Thirty-six camels, a quantity of Turkish ammunition and one Turkish soldier were captured at Bayoud. The enemy camp there was entirely destroyed.

NOT SATISFIED STEAMER WAS SUNK BY MINE.
LONDON, May 18. The Dutch authorities are not altogether satisfied that the steamer Batavier V., which was blown up in the North Sea, with the loss of four lives, was sunk by a mine. They have ordered the examination of the ship by divers, to establish the cause of the disaster. This will be a comparatively easy task, as the wrecked steamer lies in shallow water. All but three of the lifeboats were destroyed by the explosion. These three boats were launched.

STEAMER MIRA SUNK.
LONDON, May 18. Lloyds announces that the French steamer Mira has been sunk. The announcement gives no details as to the sinking. The Mira was 3,000 tons gross, built at South Shields in 1895, and owned in Marseilles.