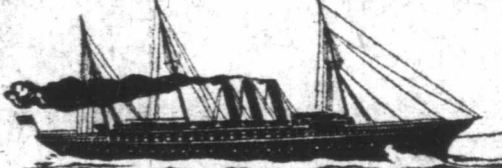


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## Population of Ireland Now Shows Increase

The latest census figures for Ireland show an increasing population. However common this may be in America, or in the other countries of Europe, this feature is for Ireland an agreeable novelty. For the quarter ended the 30th of September last the number of births in Ireland was 27,779, a rate of 20.8 per thousand, and the deaths 14,670, a rate of 13.4 per thousand. There were only 3,511 emigrants, so that the net increase in population is 9,598.

It is the decrease in emigration which has turned the scale. The situation might be even more satisfactory were it not for the heavy death rate of children under a year old. About one Irish child in every dozen dies before it has reached the age of twelve months. Leinster and Ulster have the predominance in this respect. In them one child in every seven or eight dies an infant, in Connaught only one child in every fifteen. Dublin and Belfast no doubt account for this, for poverty-stricken Connaught has more fresh air than can be found in the cities, especially in Dublin, which has a system of tenement houses, where scores of families live in one house, and often more than one family in a single room.

That Ireland is a less distressful country than it used to be, and is now on the mend, is further evident from the statistics of pauperism. Here there has been a very marked decrease. There were nearly eight thousand fewer people in the workhouses in the quarter under review than the average of the same period for the last ten years, and there were 12,235 fewer people in receipt of outdoor relief from the rates.

The least satisfactory feature of the returns is the maintenance of a high death rate from tuberculosis. Enormous efforts, inspired by Lady Aberdeen, have been devoted in every part of Ireland to stamping out this scourge. It has been by no means unfruitful. But the scourge is still there, and yearly take a great toll of Irish lives.

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## What Our Troops Suffered in Landing at Suvla Bay

Lieut-Col. Fremantle, Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services, Gives a Startling Picture of Actual Conditions

The London Lancet publishes from Lieut-Col. F. E. Fremantle, Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services, on account of his experiences in Gallipoli, which it has hitherto been unable to print. Colonel Fremantle's division took part in the landing at Suvla Bay in the week following August 7 and in the subsequent advance. He gives a startling picture of the difficulties attending what was a sudden and surprise landing, with which only the minimum of supplies of every kind could be sent.

These (says Colonel Fremantle) were fresh troops, straight out from a life of healthy training at home, but with no experience of war. From two to three weeks they had spent on the sea, cooped up on board ship, where, with the best will and discipline in the world, athletic fitness could not be maintained. They were suddenly landed in almost tropical heat and thrown straight into action in a very sparsely cultivated country--and that a new line with-out trenches and with little cover.

**Too Much Even for Veterans**  
There were few local wells, giving little water, and that of variable, mostly inferior, quality. The mules that brought food and water up by night were heavily shelled. The difficulties of distribution were great, the heat and strain severe, the casualties many. If in England, as is officially taught, a soldier loses a quart of water in marching seven and a half miles, what must have been his water needs under these conditions? And yet often he could not get even the pint of water allowed him at that time for all purposes in the 24 hours.

Hunger, thirst, fatigue, strain, continued day and night (inevitable under the circumstances), were bound to tell on the troops. They would have told even on the hardened veterans of Helles and Anzac. It was a general weakening of bodily resistance to microscopic foes which fought impartially against both sides in every campaign, and which it is the peculiar privilege and most difficult task of the medical service to resist.

### Medical Officers Struck Down

In the Suvla Bay fighting during the week after landing the regimental medical officer, like the combatants, had to do what he could and how he could. Like them, he was advancing in darkness under fire through unknown, roadless, broken country, rock and scrub (thick bushes), hillocks and gullies, affording little cover and no opportunity of taking any long or broad views of his battalion or of his work. For some time he could not establish any one regimental aidpost; he crawled about bandaging wounds with his stretcher-bearers and himself helping to bring in the wounded, sometimes by day, mostly by night.

The strain was intense, and four strong, healthy, mature regimental medical officers out of the twelve in the division succumbed to it in the first few days. One had dysenteric diarrhoea as his main symptom; one was suffering from exhaustion capped by a shell, a jolly young giant from a prosperous suburban practice, finally succumbed to the shock of being called to attend four of his best pals laid out by a single shell. The fourth had lost his brother in the action, a combatant officer in the same regiment, and was brought down on a stretcher as if moribund. When the utmost pluck he pulled himself together in twenty-four hours and sent out again for the trenches, but fainted on the way and was packed off on a hospital ship. If such was the result of strain on the medical officers, it may be imagined what its effects were on the troops.

### Preventive Sanitation Impossible

In a few days things began to improve. Trenches gave some degree of shelter; the line was straightened out; definite regimental aid-posts were established hours and duties defined, communications ensured, supplies improved. Still, the first thought of the regimental medical officer had to be immediate welfare of his men, and treatment of the sick as well as of wounded began to bulk largely in his work. Sanitary work could only be extended to the provision of latrines and urinals whenever and however possible. There was bound to be a general fouling of the ground. Ambulation was impossible.

Flies, barely existent at first, were breeding freely, but as yet not obviously. The questions of food and drinking water were necessarily confined to those of quantity and distribution. Except for the heat of the day, the weather was entirely propitious. The main health object was to secure some kind of rest for men and officers consistent with safety. The further prevailing difficulty of the regimental medical officers at this stage lay in the inevitable changes of area. Units were constantly being shifted from one place to another in the firing line or brought back to the rear for a comparative rest.

Dangers by day and darkness by night made sanitary work impossible. The prevention of disease was, in fact, for the regimental medical officer an impossibility. Anything that could be done lay in the hands of the company and regimental officers, whose attention was riveted on their fighting duties. Absolute prevention of disease in acute warfare is, in fact, impracticable. In actual fighting troops must depend for their health on luck, habit, and the supplies of nature and the Army Service Corps. Since the end of August, however, the regimental medical officer has had his chance, although for actual prevention of disease the chance comes late.

### UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

Oh, no!" soliloquized Johnny bitterly; "there ain't any favorites in this family. Oh, no. If I bite my finger nails I gets a rap over the knuckles, but if the baby eats his whole foot they think it's cute."

### IN BAD SHAPE.

"How goes it, neighbor?"  
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### More Prizes for Energetic Clerks

During the past couple of weeks we have published the names of the winners of the prizes offered last season. This year we offer the following prizes:--  
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## Will Not Return Till War is Over

R. N. R. Gunner,  
Liverpool, Eng.,  
January 12, 1916

My dear Mother.--With great pleasure I pen you these few lines to let you know I am well and enjoying the best of health. I hope you are well and all the family. Well, Mother, I hope you had a good time New Year. I had a lovely time myself and a very nice present given me, a five-pound note. The donor was a very nice gentleman. I haven't got much news to tell you. I am sending you my photo. I know you will be glad to get it.

I am leaving to-morrow for Egypt, and it will be a month or two before I get back again. The two young ladies with men in the photo are my friends. The father of the one sitting down gave me the five-pound note. I told you before that they are all very kind to me.

I will be glad when this war is over and I will be able to get home again. Of course, I can come home now if I wanted to, as there are some Newfoundlanders coming home next week, but I don't see any use of going home and leaving a thing half finished. As we have helped to do so much its just as well to finish it anyway. I don't expect to be home until all is finished.

How is dear old dad? and how did he do with the fish? I wish him good luck and tell him I won't forget him if ever I return.

Give my kind love to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer and all my friends. I think I have told all for this time. Hope to hear from you as soon as possible. Your loving son,  
JOHN T. GILLAM,  
[The writer of the above is an F. P. U. lad and went across with the first contingent of Naval Reservists.]

## Cooker is Our Man, and Will Stick to Him

Dear Sir.--Please allow me space to make mention of our parade which we had on Candlemas Day, Feb. 2. We met in the F. P. U. Hall about 2.30 p.m., from whence we started and paraded around the Harbour, attended by the friends from Broad Cove, after which we returned to the Hall where a splendid repast was spread by the Union ladies, and to which all did ample justice, and after which the younger folks enjoyed themselves with music and dancing till after midnight, when all feeling satisfied with the events of the day and night returned to their homes.

Now, Mr. Editor, such is the display of union spirit at this place. Mr. Cooker is our man and we mean to stick to him through thick and thin.

Yours truly,  
JOSEPH HOBBS.  
Keels, B.B., Feb. 9, 1916.

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## Barcelona Said to Be Headquarters for the German Plots in Spain

Del Radical, a prominent Spanish newspaper, claims that extensive German plots to destroy railway lines, bridges and tunnels in the Province of Huelva (in southwestern Spain, north of Cadiz, and close to the Portuguese frontier,) have just come to light, the scheme being to wreck enterprises connected with or owned by the allies.

It is stated that German money to the extent of 500,000 is being sent to the district for the purpose of sabotage.

Barcelona is named as the headquarters of the plot which in its ramifications bears a resemblance to the conspiracies recently unearthed in the United States.

The German purpose is said to be to frustrate the export of copper from the famous Rio Tinto mines to the allied countries. Since the command of the sea passed to the allies, the Rio Minto mine has been the scene of unusual activity.

## Brave Feat of French Airman

Details of the aerial duel in which a German aeroplane was brought down into the sea off the Belgian coast on November 28 are given by the French aviator who performed the feat.

Describing his manoeuvres during the duel, the aviator said: "I flew straight for a hundred yards and then dropped thirty yards under the Albatross, manipulating my machine so that the speed conformed to that of the enemy. My observer had prepared to fire on our adversary, when bullets from the Albatross whizzed past our heads. I made another defensive movement a little to the right. Just then my observer let go fifty cartridges."

"The effect was immediate. I had just time to move out of the way when the Albatross gave a lunge. At this moment we were 4,200 yards up. We were much relieved to see the Albatross drop yet more speedily, until finally it was engulfed by the waves."

## THE DOCTRINE OF CHANCE

He--Was your father very angry when you told him of our engagement?  
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Great faith never springs out of easy situations.