

rats and mosquitoes and pipsqueaks and woolly bears and things like that (and certainly in that order of worry!), and if you took a referendum out here you would get about two replies out of a hundred—and they would probably be spoilt votes, because the lads express themselves crudely at times. The things they want are home and wives and children and sweethearts and clean clothes and a bath and some English beer—quite simple things like that. Not *rats* at all. They are quite content to leave all that to the people who are carrying on at home. When you are serving a gun day and night in a place like this it seems Edmund-Lear like to think of a Tommy worrying himself about *rating*. He's too busy sending—and dodging—Death.

The Terrible Circle

The number of the belligerent Powers is now fifteen, the Allies numbering eleven. The following list gives the names of the belligerents and the dates of their entry into the war:

<p>THE ALLIES. Serbia, July 28, 1914. Russia, August 1. Belgium, August 2. France, August 3. Great Britain, August 4. Montenegro, August 7. Japan, August 23. Italy, May, 1915. Albania, January, 1916. Portugal, March. Roumania, August. The end is not in sight, and who had say how many others may yet be drawn into the mad-train.</p>	<p>THE ENEMY POWERS. Austria-Hungary, July 28, 1914. Germany, August 4. Turkey, November. Bulgaria, October, 1915.</p>
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Mr. O'Brien on the Situation

Mr. William O'Brien, in an article contributed to the *Nineteenth Century*, asks the question, 'Is there a way out of the chaos in Ireland?' After criticising the recent negotiations and the Irish debates in Parliament, he observes: 'Ireland's hopes, however, are imperishable, and will always have to be counted with by peace or by the sword.' 'I Mr. Duke, who cannot do worse than his happy-go-lucky predecessor, likely to do very much better.' Upon two conditions he quite possibly may. The first is that the Partition nostrum, in any guise, must be frankly and once for all given up. If Mr. Duke pursues the road beyond Mr. Asquith's ill-omened 'milestone' he will find it the certain road to ruin. The second condition is that any new project of settlement must not be left dependent upon the professional politicians of any stripe. The cry of 'Trust Asquith' or 'Trust Redmond' will never be heard again in Nationalist Ireland, nor the cry of 'Trust Carson' outside the boundaries of his Orange Free State.'

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DIOCESE OF DUNEDIN

Captain-Chaplain Moloney arrived at Port Chalmers on Sunday by the hospital ship Marama.

Captain-Chaplain O'Neill writes from 'somewhere in France' that he has met his brother, Lieutenant-Colonel O'Neill, who is in excellent health and is busily engaged at one of the stationary hospitals in France.

The annual meeting of St. Patrick's Basilica Choir will be held in the school hall on Thursday, October 26, at 8 p.m. Members and intending members are requested to attend.

There was great rejoicing in the Ladies' Club last Wednesday evening when it was discovered that there was more than sufficient to fill the very large hamper which had been provided to hold Christmas gifts for our brave boys at the front. The room presented a very animated appearance indeed—a group of girls in one corner filling up boxes of sweets, another group wrapping up tobacco and cigarettes, and others again writing little notes of good cheer. It was altogether an unusually pleasing sight.

The annual picnic of the combined Cathedral and South Dunedin Choirs was held on Monday last (Labor Day) at Waitati. The weather being exceptionally fine, there was a very large attendance. Among those present were Very Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., and the Christian Brothers. On arriving at the grounds, sports and games of various kinds were indulged in, young and old thoroughly enjoying themselves. Before entraining for the return journey, Mr. H. Poppelwell, on behalf of the various choirs, thanked Father Coffey for his kindness in giving this annual treat, which tended to foster a social spirit amongst the different choirs, after which cheers were given for the donor. Father Coffey briefly replied.

The employees of Mr. J. J. Marlow gathered together on Tuesday evening of last week to do honor to one of their fellow-workmen, Mr. A. Leo Marlow, who left with the 22nd Reinforcements. Mr. G. B. Harper, who presided, spoke impressively on the many difficulties a young man had to face when leaving home, but felt sure Mr. Marlow would surmount them with courage and fortitude. He referred to the inspiring examples of heroism, tenacity, and self-sacrifice the Anzacs had shown to the world, and the privilege young men had of reinforcing such a body of gallant men. Other employees spoke highly of Leo Marlow, and expressed their admiration for his patriotism. Mr. J. J. Marlow spoke of the opportunity every young man had of sharing in this great struggle. He felt proud that this was his second son to volunteer to do his duty for King and Country. Mr. Harper, on behalf of the employees, presented Mr. A. L. Marlow with a safety razor, and wished him every success, good health, and safe return. The recipient suitably replied, and said that in volunteering for the front as soon as he reached the age for enlisting he was only doing his duty. The gathering then sang the National Anthem.

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