

POLITICAL NOTES.

Etchmiadzin FRESH ARMENIAN MASSACRES.

News of fresh Armenian massacres continues to reach the Lord Mayor's Armenian Refugees Fund. A telegram from a trustworthy source gives particulars of the slaughter of 500 refugees by Kurds. They had succeeded in reaching Russian Transcaucasia, but, owing to the destitution prevailing among the 180,000 refugees there, the lack of shelter, and the overcrowded state of the hospitals, they attempted to return to that part of Armenia now in the military occupation of Russia, and were massacred while on the road to Van. The Lord Mayor's Fund has now reached about £14,000, and the need of immediate help is shewn by the daily death-rate of 13 among 6,000 refugees in the one town of Etchmiadzin.

THE ENTENTE AND THE WORKMEN.

Two new schemes for giving the French and British peoples a clearer appreciation of the part which each is taking in the war are under the consideration of responsible men in Paris, and are likely to be soon put into operation. One is the organization of great meetings in France to be addressed by French professors and British Labour men on the causes of the war and the objects and activities of the Western Allies. The other is a visit of French public men to the munition works of this country for the purpose of explaining to the workers the effort which their French comrades are making side by side with them.

MISS ASQUITH'S WEDDING.

The Speaker is to present to Miss Violet Asquith in his library this afternoon a wedding gift subscribed for by members of the House of Commons on her approaching marriage with Mr. Bonham Carter, the Prime Minister's private secretary. Mr. Asquith will attend the presentation, which takes place at 4.30.