

Penydd Colliery disaster was resumed to-day. Workmen, traffic-men, and water-men gave notice as to the condition of the mine on the preceding explosion. They stated there was no failure of the water supply. All the pits were carefully examined for gas.

ESTATE OF THE LATE MR. PETER COATS.

An inventory of the estate of the late Mr Peter Coats, of Paisley, was lodged at Paisley to-day. The gross amount of the estate is £2,526,270.

FIRE IN TRAINING COLLEGE.

Extensive Damage.

Early this morning the geological and chemistry laboratories and the extensive gymnasium at St Paul's Training College, Cheltenham, were destroyed by fire.

The students are at present home on a holiday. It is estimated that the total loss will be all short of six thousand pounds. Many scientific instruments and specimens were destroyed.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE

Summoned Home Immediately.

London, Thursday—Mr Lloyd George at Conine found telegrams calling him back to London. He starts to Beskres, and returns here to-day for home.

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS.

London, Thursday—The South African Congress has decided to form a new Hertzog party.

LEEDS STRIKE.

Sentence for Assault.

Leeds to-day, Jack Affleck, Chairman of the Lighters Branch of the Gasworks Union, was sentenced to seven days' hard labour for assaulting a lighter by striking him across the face with a stick. Affleck denied the assault on oath.

COLLAPSE OF GRAIN STORE.

A large grain store collapsed in Glasgow to-day. The men were at dinner. No one is reported missing. The debris is being searched.

in for the purpose of construction, and for the purpose of having a fling at Dr Brennan, who had no one to back him up.

Mr P. Bourke—God help us. He has you to back him up.

Several members here began shouting at the top of their voices, some of them appealing to the Chairman not to accept the motion, while others were demanding that he should do so. The Chairman again stated that he would not accept the motion. Mr A. Stritch here left his seat, and went up to where the Chairman was seated. A wordy warfare ensued between them as to their right to preside. Mr Stritch got in front of Mr Donnellan and signed Mr Bourke's motion. Mr Donnellan said he declared the meeting adjourned, and then left. Mr Stritch then took the chair and transacted the remainder of the business.

DEATH OF DR. PATRICK W. JOYCE

A Distinguished Limerick Man.

A distinguished Irishman has passed away in Dr. Patrick Weston Joyce, who was much esteemed for his work in several spheres of intellectual activity. Dr. Joyce died yesterday morning, after a brief illness, at his residence, 18 Leinster-road, West, Rathmines. He had attained the advanced age of eighty-seven years.

Dr. Joyce was born in Co. Limerick in 1827. Educated in private schools and at home, he continued his studies in Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated, and afterwards proceeded to the degree of LL.D. In 1845 he entered the service of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland, and for twenty-nine years thereafter his application and his conscientiousness were of much use in discharging the duties of the positions which he successively filled. His valued work at length brought to him the reward of promotion to a post where his ability as an educationist found full scope for its exercise. It was in 1874 that the Commissioners of National Education appointed him a professor in their Marlborough street Training College. He was subsequently advanced to the position of Principal of the College. To this office he brought a wide and practical knowledge of the organisation of Irish primary education and a correct appreciation of the best methods to be followed in training young teachers for the great life work that lay in front of them.

In 1893 Dr Joyce retired from the Civil Service, having passed almost half a century as education official, professor, and college principal. This long period of work, fraught with far-reaching good to his fellow-countrymen, would have in itself been a life task of which he might have been proud. But it was indeed only a measure of what he did. It represents what some may consider only a minor aspect of Dr Joyce's life; for in the realm of literature and music he made a name which will endure when he has been forgotten as Principal of Marlborough street Training College. He was the author of "The Origin and History of the Irish Names and Places," "Ancient Irish Music: A Collection of Hitherto Unpublished Irish Airs and Songs," and other well known works, historical and scientific.