

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Correspondents sending in letters or reports for insertion in Saturday's 'Chronicle,' and these should be brief, are requested to let us have them on Fridays, where at all possible. Otherwise insertion in Saturday's issue cannot, owing to pressure of space, be guaranteed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers will kindly send in all substitutes for standing advertisements by Friday morning. We cannot guarantee to insert in Saturday's issue any advertisement received after 2 p.m. on that day.

THE LIMERICK CHRONICLE.

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THE COAL SITUATION.

Optimism, to say the least, exists as to a satisfactory settlement of the British coal situation, which for many months back has been prominently before the public. The Commission, which thoroughly investigated the subject, recently issued its report, but neither the employers nor the employes see eye to eye with some of its recommendations. To satisfy both sides would, indeed, have been an impossible task, but as some of the report is regarded as "common ground," it is hoped the impasse will be bridged over if there is a continuance of the Government subsidy. A Committee of the Cabinet, under the presidency of the Premier, is watching the situation closely, and is considering a programme dealing with the immediate future of the mines. That is to say, when Mr Baldwin meets the coal-owners and the miners to-morrow he will, it is understood, state definitely that Government support will be only of a limited character, but with a view to ensuring a permanent peace in the coal industry. That is what the public, who are not fully conversant with the details of an intricate problem, devoutly hope will come to pass, and that a dislocation of this huge industry will not take place either now or in time to come. For a strike or lock-out in the coal fields would have the deplorable effect of generalising the industry, already depressed, and with it the trade of the country as a whole. Peaceful counsels, however, are in the ascendant, and a noteworthy and very encouraging circumstance is that Mr. A. J. Cooke, the Secretary of the Miners' Federation, is not slow to proclaim a hopeful view regarding the result of the deliberations of the Cabinet, and as to which he places high confidence in the ability and readiness of the Premier to grapple with the questions at issue. Mr Frank Hodges Secretary of the International Miners' Federation, emphasises the fact that the wages question is the crux of the situation, but at the same time admits that there are many valuable points in the report which if put into operation would tend to change the industry for the better. It is not denied that without State aid the great bulk of the mines would be working at a loss. Hence it remains to be seen how far the Government will go towards continuing the subsidy. According to a London correspondent any financial assistance that may be given by the State will take the form of a loan that would be a charge upon the industry as a whole and paid back as soon as circumstances permit. And as trade generally is reviving the coal industry is bound to share the benefit, not alone at home but it is hoped in foreign countries as well. It is, or should be, the interest of the mine owners and the employes to co-operate to the fullest extent possible in bringing about for themselves an era of peace and prosperity.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Weather.

Since St. Patrick's Day, when it will be recalled something like summer weather graced the Festival, the atmospherical conditions have been exceptionally bitter, and there are so far no indications of the cold "snap" disappearing, nor is it likely so long as the cutting easterly winds prevail. This morning there was a slight fall of sleet in Limerick. Across the Channel the weather is still more severe, it is described as more wintry than that of many days in December or January. Sporting people are hoping to find the clerk of the weather in a genial mood, in view of the fact that the flat racing has just opened. There will be the Grand National on Friday and the Oxford and Cambridge boat race on Saturday. These fixtures will, of course, attract huge crowds, and it is to be hoped they will enjoy the functions in reasonably mild and sunny weather.

ACCIDENT TO LADY IN HUNTING FIELD.

Whilst hunting with the Co. Limerick Hounds on Friday, Mrs Hedderman, wife of Dr William Hedderman, met with an accident. Near Tory Hill, Cross, the horse was caught in a bush fence which contained wire pailing, and rolled on her. When picked up the lady was unconscious, and it was apparent that she had received serious injuries, which, it was ascertained, included the two collar bones being broken. It is stated the ribs were also injured.

CORPORATION ESTIMATES.

A meeting of the Estimates Committee of the Corporation was held last night, the Mayor (Councillor O'Brien) presiding. The Committee was engaged for a considerable period in reviewing the estimates for the ensuing year, together with the sub-committee's report dealing with retrenchment of expenditure. Another meeting will be held before the estimates are recommended for adoption by the Council.

The collection of tolls at Nenagh fairs and markets, which had lapsed for some years past, is to be revived next month.

CO. LIMERICK LADY'S ESTATE.

Before Mr. Justice Sullivan, Mr. James Conyn (instructed by Mr. H. O.B. Moran) moved, on behalf of John Fitzgerald, of Islanduane, Co. Limerick, that the caveat and appearance to the winding entered by Mary Fitzgerald, in the goods of Margaret Fitzgerald, of Islanduane, deceased, be set aside and John Fitzgerald be at liberty to apply for a grant of administration to the personal estate of the deceased. Counsel stated that applicant was a son of Margaret Fitzgerald, who died on 1st September, 1922, and a brother of Mary Fitzgerald; that he was a resident on the farm of the deceased, and worked on it, whereas his sister was resident in France. Three other members of the family supported his application, but Mary's claim was unsupported. His Lordship made the order sought.

DR. SOTHMAN'S VISIT TO LIMERICK.

During the week-end Dr. Sothman, electrical expert and adviser to the Government on the Shannon power scheme, visited Limerick. In the course of his sojourn, Dr. Sothman visited and inspected the Corporation power station, Frederick-street, where he was shown over the concern by the Borough Electrical Engineer. He then paid a visit to Ardacrusha, and subsequently returned to Dublin.

LARCENY CHARGES.

At the City Court yesterday morning, before Mr. J. M. Flood, District Justice, a married woman named Kathleen Griffin was charged with the larceny of a gramophone and records, value 20s, the property of Joseph Hitechook, and also with the larceny of furniture value for 30s, the property of her husband, Gerald Griffin. She was convicted and sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENTS.

On Saturday evening a little girl named Quilligan was knocked down while crossing Athlunkard-street by a motor car, and received rather serious injuries, for which she was treated in Barrington's Hospital, where she was detained. Yesterday morning an elderly man sustained injuries by being knocked down by a motor car in Sarsfield street while crossing into Henry-street. He was removed in the Pira Brigade Ambulance to Barrington's Hospital.

CHARGE OF LARCENY OF A BICYCLE.

A young man who was so anxious to get work on the Shannon scheme that he took a bicycle belonging to another man in order to ride to Ardacrusha, found himself charged with larceny at Ennis District Court. The bicycle belonged to Harry Cronin, and was taken from a building in which he had left it locked up for the winter. Patrick O'Brien, whose address was given as Carey's road, Limerick, on his own admission took the bicycle for the purpose stated. Cronin was a friend of his, and he intended to return it, but when he arrived at Limerick he had to wait for his wages, and being short of money he pawned the bicycle. Guard James Mulroy recovered the bicycle from the pawnshop.

Supt. J. J. Kelleher, said that three bicycles had been stolen in Ennis during the past few weeks, and if men were to take them to Ardacrusha, it would be difficult for the Guards to trace them. A good character was given to the accused, and District Justice Gleeson discharged him under the Probation of Offenders Act on his own recognisance of £5 and one surety of £5.

NEW PEACE COMMISSIONER.

Mr. William J. Shiels, stationmaster, Cloughjordan, has been appointed Peace Commissioner for Tipperary and adjoining counties. He served ten years with the Railway Company at Limerick, where he was most popular before being promoted to the charge of Cloughjordan station in November, 1916.

HOURS FOR OPENING FAIRS.

The Departments in a letter to the Cork United Cattle Trade Association asking their views as to the hours for opening of fairs, stated the Committee of Inquiry into the marketing of live stock have recommended that (1) in the case of cattle and sheep fairs should begin at 7 a.m. from April 1 to September 30, and at 8 a.m. from October 1 to March 31. (2) In the case of pigs, the hours should not be later than 8 a.m. The Committee also recommended that the fixing of the hours should be dealt with by a central rather than local authority. The Cork Association approved of these suggestions.

OBJECTIONS TO COURT OFFICERS' BILL.

Both Court officials and members of the Bar are opposed to some of the provisions in the Court Officers Bill, at present before the Dail.

The Bill, it is held, whilst allowing some independence to the judges, at the same time handcuffs them in other ways.

Legal circles favour changes in the measure designed to retrench internal control and to secure firmly the independence of the judiciary.

NEW DEAN OF BELFAST.

The Venerable H. R. Brett, M.A., Archdeacon of Connor, has been appointed Dean of Belfast, in succession to the Most Rev. T. G. G. Collins, the new Bishop of Meath. The new Dean, who has been Rector of St. Peter's, Belfast, since 1900, was born in 1868, and is the eldest son of Mr John Brett, Dromore West, Co. Sligo. He was educated at Kilkenny College and Trinity College, Dublin, and was ordained in 1893. In 1923 he was select preacher to the University of Dublin. He was appointed a Canon of St. Patrick's in 1919, and in 1920 became Archdeacon of Connor.

WIRELESS FOR HOSPITALS.

Referring to the effort to supply broadcasting apparatus to the Belfast and county hospitals, the "Irish Radio Review" says: "The time has come when Dublin must follow in the wake of these pioneering efforts of London and Belfast. Up till now it would not have been advisable to embark on any effort to equip Dublin hospitals with wireless apparatus, but since the Dublin station has commenced operating, a splendid opportunity presents itself. We are glad to note that a small committee has already commenced work—by means of a competition—to instal wireless apparatus in the Richmond Institution for the Blind, Dublin."

CO. LIMERICK FATALITY.

Cyclist Killed.

While cycling to his home at Mountshannon, Lisnagry, on Saturday evening at six o'clock, Joseph Hanly was knocked by a motor car at Athlunkard, and received severe head injuries, as a result of which he died an hour later in St. John's Hospital. The deceased, who was 34 years of age, and unmarried, was at the time of the occurrence returning from his work, and the motor car which caused his injuries was driven by a lady, Miss Roche, of Tralee, who was returning from Dublin. She took the injured man into her car and conveyed him to St. John's Hospital, where, upon examination by Dr. Devane, he was found to be suffering from very serious injuries, which, as stated, terminated fatally shortly afterwards.

The Inquest.

Lady Motorist Exonerated.

An inquest was held in St. John's Hospital, Limerick, last evening, by Coroner J. S. McNeill and a jury into the circumstances connected with the death of deceased. Superintendent O'Reilly conducted the enquiry. Mr. A. Blood-Smyth, solicitor, represented the next-of-kin, and Mr. D. Downing, B.L. (instructed by Mr Roche), for Miss Roche.

Evidence of identification having been given by John Doyle, brother-in-law of deceased, Patrick Tucker, watchman employed by Limerick County Council at Annacotty Bridge, stated the deceased, after speaking to him for nearly an hour at the bridge on Saturday evening, got on his bicycle to ride home. He had only gone about three or four yards when a two-seater motor car came along and passed him on the left hand side. Subsequently in crossing to get on his own side of the road a motor car, driven by Miss Roche, suddenly appeared, travelling from the Nenagh direction, and struck the bicycle. The motor car was keeping the centre of the road, and in the impact deceased was thrown through the door of the motor at the left side. It appeared to witness that Miss Roche lost control of the car, judging by the rate it swerved in to the roadway after the occurrence. Witness heard no horn sounded, and the car was travelling at a nice pace, but she could have time to pull up. There was a pool of blood on the road where deceased fell. Witness and another lifted the deceased up, but he was able to walk.

Replying to Mr. Downing, the witness said after the accident Miss Roche jumped out of the car, which swerved into the ditch. He would not say the car was going "dead" slow at the time of the collision.

Answering Mr. Blood-Smyth, the witness said that the left front wheel of the car struck the bicycle first.

William Lysaght, farmer, Mountshannon, Lisnagry, stated that he was at Annacotty bridge on Saturday evening last, with the last witness, Harry Brennan, and the deceased. At 5 o'clock deceased got on his bicycle to go home, and had only gone a short distance when he was passed by a two-seater motor on his left side. Almost simultaneously another car, driven by Miss Roche, came down, and deceased evidently got confused. He was endeavouring to cross to the footpath side of the road when the motor car struck him, and he fell.

Witness did not notice anybody getting out of the car, as he ran to pick up the deceased. There was no horn sounded, and the motor car which caused the accident was travelling fast. The road at the place where the accident happened was 28 feet wide.

To Mr. Downing, the cause of the accident in his opinion was due to the deceased getting confused after the two-seater car passing him out. He did not see a lorry on the roadway, neither did he see Miss Roche or any lady get out of the car after the accident.

To Mr. Blood-Smyth—When the two-seater car passed deceased the on-coming car which struck deceased was only twenty yards away from him. He would say that the deceased would not have time to get back to his side of the road. Had deceased remained on the right-hand side of the road, and not attempted to cross to his proper side, he would not have been struck by the motor car.

Dr. J. F. Devane stated the deceased was brought to the hospital at a quarter to six on Saturday evening by Miss Roche and two other ladies. On examination he found that deceased's skull was broken, and he died soon after admission. Death was due to fractured skull and hæmorrhage of the brain.

Miss Mary Roche, nee Tralee, the driver of the motor car, stated she was daughter of the Sub-Sheriff of Kerry. She purchased the car last October, and had considerable experience of motoring. On Saturday last she was motoring from Dublin to Tralee, and had with her her mother and Mrs Keatinge. Approaching Annacotty bridge she saw a two-seater coming towards her and a man on a bicycle just over the bridge. She was driving on her own side with sufficient room for a person to pass on the gate-lodge side. When the bicycle was approaching her she had slowed down and had then blown her horn. She passed the two-seater on its right side, and then the bicycle passed her on the wrong side. She did not know any more until the glass of the motor car fell into her lap. Witness then pulled up and jumped out of the car, and ran to where the deceased was. She told him to get into the car and she would take him to the hospital to get dressed, and he replied: "No; when I wash my face I will be all right." She persuaded him to go to hospital, and on the way in he said he got "fustered" between the two cars. Having left the deceased at the hospital, she reported the occurrence to the Civic Guards, and did not learn of his death until she reached Tralee some hours later.

Replying to Mr. Blood-Smyth, she was positive she "hooted," and so did the lorry crossing the bridge. She kept a straight course, and there was no necessity for her to swerve her car. There was no mark on the mudguard of her car, but there was on the door.

Mr. Blood-Smyth—I suggest that you were watching the lorry on the bridge, and you did not notice the bicycle?

The witness—I saw the bicycle as well, and I gave him plenty room to pass between me and the water-table. He had passed me when I heard the crash, and the glass fell on to my mother's lap and mine. Immediately I jumped out of the car and ran back to the man, who was then standing up.

Mrs Josephine Roche, mother of the last witness, stated that on the day in question she was travelling in the motor car with her daughter, being seated alongside her. Approaching Annacotty bridge she noticed a man coming along on a bicycle, and saw him turn round. At the same time she saw a motor lorry on the bridge, but did not notice the two-seater car until it passed. She thought the cyclist had got clear of the car until the glass came through and

BADMINTON.

Trinity (Cork) v. Limerick Badminton Club.

The meeting of the above Clubs in Limerick on St. Patrick's Day produced a very fast and interesting match, and although Cork won by a large margin of games, yet the play was not nearly so one-sided as the results would appear to represent.

The summer-like weather was more in keeping with outdoor sport, and some of the players appeared to suffer from the effects of the "heat wave" temporary though it was, as the subsequent days have proved. Results:—

MIXED DOUBLES.

G. Daunt and Miss E. Manley (Trinity) beat J. T. Tutty and Miss Filday (Limerick)—13-8, 12-15, 17-14.

E. Stewart and Mrs Holliday (Limerick) beat J. J. Ryder and Miss Taylor (Trinity)—15-12, 6-15, 18-15.

A. Conway and Miss Williams (Trinity) beat H. Massey and Miss Woodhouse (Limerick)—15-8, 15-7.

C. W. Manley and Miss Tate (Trinity) beat R. Rowand and Miss Courtney (Limerick)—17-18, 16-5, 15-8.

J. McElnea and Miss McCloskey (Trinity) beat C. Courtney and Mrs Hassert (Limerick)—15-11, 15-18, 15-12.

R. Despard and Mrs Whately (Limerick) beat P. O. Hobbins and Mrs Hobbins (Trinity)—15-8, 15-4.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Miss Manley and Miss Taylor (Trinity) beat Miss Fitz and Miss Courtney (Limerick)—15-12, 15-5.

Miss Williams and Miss Tate (Trinity) beat Mrs Holliday and Miss Woodhouse (Limerick)—15-8, 15-12.

Miss McCloskey and Mrs. Hobbins (Trinity) beat Mrs. Hassert and Mrs. Whately (Limerick)—4-15, 18-15, 15-7.

MEN'S DOUBLES.

G. Daunt and J. J. Ryder (Trinity) beat J. T. Tutty and E. Stewart (Limerick)—15-13, 17-18, 18-15.

A. Conway and C. W. Manley (Trinity) beat H. Massey and R. Rowand (Limerick)—4-15, 15-10, 15-10.

J. McElnea and P. C. Hobbins (Trinity) beat C. Courtney and R. Despard (Limerick)—12-15, 15-2, 15-4.

The return match will be played in Cork on Easter Monday.

Central Hall, Cork, v. P.Y.M.A., Limerick.

This match was played on St. Patrick's Day at 97 O'Connell-street, in the presence of a large number of spectators. The games were fast, and a high standard of play was reached, and although Cork won by 9-3, the home club had considerably more of the play than the result reflects.

LADIES' DOUBLES.

The Misses M. Brown and E. Parker (C.H.) beat the Misses J. Myles and G. Whitaker (P.Y.M.A.)—15-9, 15-8.

Miss M. Browne and Mrs Greenwood (C.H.) beat the Misses Ellis and Brisbane (P.Y.M.A.)—15-5, 9-15, 15-9.

Mrs Smyth and Miss Long (P.Y.M.A.) beat the Misses J. Carrette and J. Spottiswood—9-15, 15-10, 15-4.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Miss H. Brown and Mr D. Perrott (C.H.) beat Miss J. Myles and Mr E. Nevenham (P.Y.M.A.)—15-2, 15-4.

Miss G. Whitaker and Mr H. Buchanan (P.Y.M.A.) beat Miss M. Browne and Mr G. Adamson (C.H.)—2-15, 15-11, 15-11.

Miss J. Carrette and Mr H. Robertson (C.H.) beat Miss Ellis and Rev. A. W. Neill, M.A. (P.Y.M.A.)—13-15, 15-3, 15-6.

Miss E. Parker and Mr J. Jague (C.H.) beat Miss Brisbane and Mr T. Williams, M.A.—15-12, 15-4.

Miss V. Browne and Mr J. Spottiswood (C.H.) beat Mr W. Lacy and Miss Long (P.Y.M.A.)—15-10, 15-2.

Miss Smyth and Mr R. Mulligan (P.Y.M.A.) beat Mrs Greenwood and Mr R. Atkinson—12-15, 15-2, 15-7.

GENTS' DOUBLES.

Mr D. Perrott and Mr G. Adamson (C.H.) beat Messrs E. Nevenham and H. Buchanan (P.Y.M.A.)—11-15, 15-7, 18-13.

Messrs H. Robertson and J. Jague (C.H.) beat Rev. A. W. Neill, M.A., and Mr T. Williams, M.A. (P.Y.M.A.)—15-12, 15-15.

Mr V. Browne and Mr R. Atkinson (C.H.) beat Mr W. Lacy and Mr Ralph Mulligan (P.Y.M.A.)—15-10, 15-10.

LATE MRS. G. M. HARRIS, TORONTO.

Kilmallock Sympathy.

Much regret is felt in Kilmallock at the death of Mrs G. M. Harris, Toronto, and sincere sympathy is extended to Mr Harris and family in their bereavement. This is the second affliction they have suffered since they went to Canada over three years ago, as about a week after their arrival one of the boys died. Mr Harris and the late Mrs Harris had filled a large place in the life of Kilmallock, where he had been a clerk of petty sessions for 40 years, during which, even in times of popular excitement, he maintained the friendship and good will of the people, feelings that were also entertained towards Mrs Harris for her many estimable qualities.

The deceased lady was a member of the Longbottom family, Limerick.

fell on to her lap. The cyclist was on his wrong side. The motor car was travelling from ten to twelve miles an hour, and immediately after the accident her daughter jumped out, and the car moved along until witness put her foot on the brake and stopped it. On the way to the hospital she heard the deceased say to her daughter that he got "fustered." Her daughter sounded the hooper previous to the accident, as did the motor lorry in crossing the bridge.

Mrs Mary Keatinge, who was also travelling in the car with the two last witnesses, deposed to seeing the cyclist approaching as well as the motor lorry. Miss Roche sounded her hooper, and the cyclist, who was on his wrong side, was carrying a parcel with which he appeared to have some difficulty. She saw him pass the front part of the car, but he did not touch the mud-guard. She had thought he had passed clear when she heard the glass break, and as far as she could judge there was ample room for him to pass between the car and the water-table. On the way into hospital, she heard the deceased say to Miss Roche that he got fustered.

This closed the evidence, and the jury returned a verdict "that deceased died from fracture of the skull and hæmorrhage of the brain caused accidentally, and we exonerate Miss Roche from all blame."

Miss Roche Charged.

Subsequently Miss Roche was charged with, as alleged, causing the death of Joseph Hanly, and was remanded on bail, which were promptly forthcoming, to the next County District Sessions.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

SPORTING.

LINCOLN MEETING.

SUDBROOK PLATE. Flaming Rose (Elliott) ... 1 Boldbeam (J. Leesh) ... 2 Abbot's Son (J. Taylor) ... 3 Also ran—Bray Honor, Square Lad, Welsh Princess, Rainbow, Queen of the Fairies, Sawaswati, Lady Superior, Oluu, Rainstorm, Flash o' Gold, Loyal Heart, Hue and Cry.

Winner trained by J. Jarvis. Betting—9 to 4 agst Rainstorm, 9 to 2 Boldbeam, 6 to 1 Private Pat, and Welsh Princess, 10 to 1 Flaming Rose, 100 to 2 Queen of the Fairies, 100 to 7 others. Won by half a length.

BLANKNEY PLATE. Jehoshaphat (R. Jones) ... 1 Ironbridge (Jelliss) ... 2 Moorish Maiden (D. Morris) ... 3 Also ran—Verneil II, Exwin, Blue Paper, Piping Rock, Red Rubin, Venzelt, Artists' Rifles, and Eros.

Winner trained by owner. Betting—7 to 2 agst Verneil II, 4 to 1 Exwin, 9 to 2 Ironbridge, 10 to 1 Jehoshaphat, 7 to 1 Piping Rock, 100 to 8 others. Won by 5 lengths.

BROCKLESBY STAKES. Puma (R. Jones) ... 1 Fridoline (Elliott) ... 2 Preceptor (R. James) ... 3 Also ran—Winborough, Stinger, Sweet Fairy, Thunderclap, Fano, Souleque, Blithesome, Hailstone, Admirer, Clochette.

Winner trained by Watts. Betting—2 to 1 agst Solouque, 9 to 2 Preceptor, 6 to 1 Fridoline, 10 to 1 Sweet Fairy, Winborough, and Thunderclap, 100 to 9 Admirer and Fano, 100 to 8 Puma, 20 to 1 others.

Won by a neck.

BATHANY PLATE. Burnt Sierra (Weston) ... 1 Unexpected (Smirke) ... 2 Too Eager (D. Morris) ... 3 Also ran—Wittkipp, Tarpon, Awning, Hanging Fire, Glendun, Golden Evening, Euloise, and Racla.

Winner trained by Lambton. Betting—3 to 1 agst Unexpected, 100 to 30 Awning, 6 to 1 Wittkipp and Hanging Fire, 100 to 8 others.

NORTHERN PLATE. Lynmouth (Thwaites) ... 1 Navy Out (D. Morris) ... 2 Darnholm (Sirett) ... 3 Also ran—Legend, Lander, Costermonger, Dancer, Sir Picton, Front Row, Invernor, King Emperor, Orange Bill, and Rock Lily.

Winner trained by Skepton. Betting—11 to 10 agst Navy Out, 7 to 1 Darnholm, 100 to 14 Orange Bill, 10 to 1 Legend, 100 to 8 others.

Won by three-quarters of a length. CHAPLIN PLATE. Mistle (Archibald) ... 1 Saladin (F. Beasley) ... 2 Alu (Elliott) ... 3 Also ran—Hatemar, Walison, Canteen, Charmanth, Candabella, Black Stefan, and Smith Seal.

(Winner trained by Wal Griggs.) Betting—5 to 4 on Mistle, 6 to 1 agst Candabella Saladin, 100 to 8 others.

CORK DEMANDS TARIFFS.

At a conference representative of employers and employes in Cork yesterday a resolution was passed calling upon the Government to impose tariffs on imported woollen piece goods and down quilts.

SYMPATHY WITH MR EDWARD GREENALL.

At a meeting of the employes on the estate of Sir Gilbert Greenall, Kilmallock, a resolution was unanimously adopted tendering deepest sympathy to Mr Edward Greenall, Middleton, Mowbray, on the death of Mrs Greenall, following an accident in the hunting field. Kilmallock Show Committee also adopted a vote of condolence.

YACHT'S CAPTAIN LOST IN MEDITERRANEAN STORM.

News was received at Cowes yesterday from one of the crew of Major B. H. Ptery's steam yacht Medea, of a desperate struggle which the vessel had in a fierce storm while she was on a voyage to the Mediterranean, during which her master, Captain Isaac Rice, of Tollesbury, Essex, was drowned.

The Medea encountered the storm in the Gulf of Lyons. Her boats and deck house were washed away, and she drifted helplessly for five days without coal and water. The crew were at the pumps for thirty-six hours, and two steamers were sighted, but failed to notice the yacht's plight.

Eventually the crew sighted Sardinia and managed to reach Oristano, whence the Medea was towed to Deagliara.

LIMERICK HARBOUR TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns for Date, Time, Height, and Direction. Includes information for March and April.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The relatives of the late Peter A. Griffin, Clary View House, Limerick, desire to thank sincerely all who sent messages of sympathy in their bereavement, and trust they will be so good as to acknowledge, as it would be impossible to reply individually.

LATEST NEWS.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

Special to the "Chronicle."

MURDER OF GUARD DOWLING.

Second Trial Opened.

The Dublin correspondent writes: "Opened with the murder of Guard Dowling at Farnon, Clarry, on December 17th, Patrick Conway pleaded not guilty at the Central Criminal Court today. The jury disagreed when the case was first tried the last sitting.

In opening the case the State prosecutor said that when the murder was committed the police were engaged in trying to put down the passenger traffic. On the above date Guard Dowling together with another Guard, was at a party in the house of a man named McNamara, and according to a statement subsequently made by accused it was because Dowling nor Cahill whom they intended to kill but young McNamara, who was a Guard. The two Guards were fired upon, returning from the party.

Coal Situation.

Premier and Peaceful Solution. In a message to Mr Mackay, Unionist candidate in Bothwell by-election, the Prime Minister says he believes there was a sincere desire on the part of all responsible leaders interested in the coal industry to find a peaceful solution of the problem which it was faced. The Government would not neglect any effort to bring about an agreement acceptable to all parties to the country.

LOCK AH TAM EXECUTED.

Lock Ah Tam, the Chinaman, was executed at Walton Gaol, Liverpool, this morning for the murder of his wife and two daughters by shooting them after his birthday celebrations at Birkenhead.

A sister of Lock Ah Tam's dead wife handed a bunch of daffodils to the warden who pinned up the notice of execution, with a request that they should be dropped into his grave.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Portion of Town Wiped Out. A disastrous fire, which threatened to destroy the town of Mortonhamstead, on the fringe of Dartmouth, occurred early this morning. A considerable part of the business portion of the town was destroyed, and nothing but the charred walls of five houses remain.