

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 on Friday mornings. 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.

The coal dispute, which has wearily dragged along for some three months, still shows no sign of coming to an end. The deadlock, needless to say, is causing untold injury to trade and commerce, and industry in general, across Channel, and this country too is feeling its effects in the shortage of supplies, and in other directions as well. There are some slight hopes that developments for the better may ensue when the result of the miners' ballot on what has come to be known as the Church leaders' proposals is available next week. These proposals, which have been endorsed by the miners' leaders, were for an immediate resumption of work at the rates obtaining in April, a seven hours day, and an inquiry to fix the rate of wages. This formula, however, would involve a Government subsidy, and as this is officially declared by the Government to be impossible, there would seem to be no great hope for the carrying out of the proposals in question even if the miners accept them, and as to this there seems to be some doubt. As stated, however, renewed hopes of a settlement have arisen in the past few days, though on the other hand there are pessimists who see a prolongation of this calamitous struggle between labour and capital. One result of it is that foreign coal in being freely imported, and this cannot but have a very adverse effect on the future of British coal exports. Statistics which were recently published showed the disastrous effect on the coal trade, to say nothing of other industries, and of course one can easily realise that the position has become much worse since then. The House of Commons will have its hands pretty full of the subject for some time to come, unless, as is devoutly hoped, a peaceful solution of the problem will soon be found. The House rose last evening for the summer vacation, but it may have to return on the 30th instant to renew the Emergency Regulations, and to meet later on for a similar purpose. We must, however, hope for the best, and who knows what the coming week may bring forth in the direction of peace. If so, the country will be relieved beyond measure.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Blackboy Housing Scheme.

It is proposed to erect fifty British ex-Servicemen's houses at Blackboy, at an estimated cost of £35,000, provided the County Health Board undertakes to connect them with the main sewerage system, at a cost of £450. As reported last week, the Board does not see its way to construct the sewer, and as the Department for ex-Servicemen has no statutory authority to do so, there is danger of the scheme falling through, unless the County Council gets over the difficulty by authorising the construction of the sewer. The matter will probably come before that body at next Saturday's meeting, and it is to be hoped it will give its decision in favour of a scheme which has everything to commend it. First of all, it will relieve the housing shortage,

THE BALLYBUNION FATALITY.

The funeral of the late Mr Richard J. Fitzgerald, New Street, Limerick, who was drowned at Ballybunion on Monday last, while on a holiday, took place yesterday from St. Michael's Catholic Church to the family burial place at Mount St. Laurence Cemetery, after Requiem High Mass, which was celebrated at 10.30. The cortege was very large, and representative of all business interests in the city, including representatives of the Irish-American Oil Company, where the deceased was an official, and the Irish B.P. Company. Many people also attended from various parts of Limerick and Clare.

It was a manifestation of deep regret at the sad end of a young man, who was a great favourite, and with the promise of a bright future in life, and also of widespread sympathy with his relatives in their keen sorrow. On the line of route to the cemetery the business houses had their blinds drawn.

The clergy present were—Fr Hannon, Adm., Fr. Fitzpatrick, Fr. Moriarty, Fr. White, Fr. Breassil, Fr. T. Madigan (cousin), Fr. M. Fitzgibbon, S.J.; Fr D. Fitzgibbon, S.J.; Fr. Maurice Fitzgibbon, Fr. John Kelly, S.J.; Fr. M. Kelly, Fr. Nolan, Fr. McDermott, C.S.S.R.

Father P. Moylan, Blackrock, Cork, arrived too late for the funeral.

Chief mourners were—Mrs Fitzgerald, mother; May, sister; Michael, brother; Patrick and Michael Punch, uncles of the deceased; Mollie, Kate, and Sarah, aunts; Paddy, Joe, Gerard, Bride, Kitty, and Madge Quinlan, Captain and Mrs Meenaghan, James, Joseph, Michael and Patrick Fitzgerald (Cloughkeating), David Punch (Todd & Co), John Punch (Crotloe Castle), Edward and Michael Punch (Crotloe Cottage), Dan Punch, Denis Punch, Dominick Punch, Frank Punch, Patrick Punch (Kilpeacon), David Punch (Clounanna), Katie and Norah Punch (Gerald Griffin street), and Michael Punch (Mungret), cousins.

Wreaths were sent by—Mother, sister, and brother, aunts and uncles, his cousins, his companions, Paddy Barry, Billy Fitzgerald, Dave Whelan, Jack Donoghue, Jack Lannigan, Dave Fitzgibbon, and Vin Daly; John McCarthy and family; from Paddy, Jack, and Frank; from John, Joe, and Eileen McCarthy; Irish-American Oil Company, Alphonsus-street; from Staff, Irish-American Oil Company, Limerick Branch; Manager, Secretary, and Staff, Irish Co-operative Society.

Rev. Fr. Madigan (cousin) officiated at the graveside.

The Whole House Committee of the Corporation, at its meeting last night, the Mayor presiding, passed a vote of sympathy, on the motion of Councillor Moore, to the family of the deceased in their bereavement.

CITY SUDDEN DEATH.

An unmarried man named Patrick Humphreys, aged 35, died suddenly this morning while returning from work at the Corbally Mills, where he was employed on night duty. Deceased had reached Corbally road when he was seen to stagger and collapse. The Fire Brigade ambulance was summoned at 8 o'clock, and conveyed the body to Barrington's where Dr. Dundon pronounced life extinct. Death it is stated was due to a hemorrhage of the lungs, and the Coroner deemed it unnecessary to hold an Inquest. Deceased resided at 12 Lelia Street, off Clare Street.

DEATH OF MRS BYRNE.

With feelings of regret we announce the death of Mrs Jane Byrne, which sad event occurred unexpectedly on Sunday last. The deceased lady was widow of Mr John Byrne who for many years was extensively connected with the business life of the city. Of a delicate constitution, Mrs Byrne had been in a precarious state of health for some time. She was a generous and charitable friend of the poor, and her kindly acts were ever at the disposal of the sorrowful and needy. Of an exceedingly gentle and retiring disposition, she was beloved and respected by a large circle of relatives and friends. The funeral took place after office and High Mass at St. Michael's Church on Tuesday. The celebrant was Rev. Fr. Fitzpatrick; Rev. Fr. Hannan, Adm., Deacon: Rev. J. White, Sub-Deacon, with Rev. Fr. W. Hartly, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Moriarty in the choir. To her sons, daughter-in-law, grand children, and relatives we tender our sincerest sympathy.

ROAD GRANT AND LIMERICK STREETS.

Important Scheme Initiated.

Limerick City is to obtain a first grant of £6,834 out of the £2,000,000 road grant voted by the Dail for the repair of selected trunk roads in the Saorstát. This information was submitted to the Improvement Committee meeting last night, at which the Mayor presided. An instalment of £750,000 will be issued out of hand, and of this sum Limerick's portion is as stated. As work progresses over the Free State on the approved roads, further instalments will be made available, and it is reasonable to assume that the city will benefit by an additional substantial grant.

The streets now suggested to be repaired are Clare-street and Lock-quay, with bitumen macadam, and strengthening of road bed. A sum of £4,485 is earmarked for Clare-street, and £2,349 for the second thoroughfare. The Committee has suggested to the Department that Patrick-street should be substituted for Lock Quay. The noise in Patrick street caused by the stone sets, to say the least, is very annoying not only to the residents but to the business community. This would be obviated by the material now proposed to be used in the re-conditioning of these roads.

Mr Quigley, the chief roads engineer, is expected to visit the city next week, when the matter will be fully discussed with the Borough Engineer, Mr J. J. Peacocke. Operations will probably commence within a few weeks.

THE HORSE SHOW.

Under continuous sunshine, the Royal Dublin Society's Horse Show opened at Ballsbridge on Tuesday. All the pre-war gaiety was restored, and a brilliant spectacle was presented. Cross-Channel and foreign visitors were present in large numbers, and several Indian potentates, who are the guests of the Governor-General, were amongst the distinguished assembly. Entries in all classes reach a high figure, and the attendance at this year's show is expected to be a record one.

The military jumping competition at the Show was the first of its kind ever held in Ireland, and it was, therefore, all the more gratifying to find the Free State officers holding their own well with the representatives of five other nations. Switzerland achieved premier honours, taking first and third places, while Ireland filled the second and fourth positions.

The Show was continued yesterday, when splendid, if not quite so sunny weather was again experienced. The attendance was larger than ever for a second day.

Particular interest was centred in the jumping competitions, of which France won the military contest from the representatives of the Armies of Belgium, England, and Switzerland, as well as Ireland.

COAL DEADLOCK.

Coming Miners' Ballot.

London, Wednesday.

Interest in the coal dispute is removed to-day to the House of Commons, where Mr R. MacDonald has given notice to ask the Government what steps it is proposed to take in the event of the miners' ballot being in favour of accepting the memorandum of the Churches. The voting in most of the coalfields will take place on Friday, and it is expected will be made known on Saturday.

In usually well-informed quarters the view is growing that should the miners accept the proposals of the leaders of the Churches, the latter will make another move in the direction of re-opening negotiations.

Whatever the next step might be, it is evident that the Government are still maintaining a firm attitude in regard to the danger of a subsidy. This much was made plain by Sir Arthur Steel Maitland yesterday to a deputation of the industrial group of the House of Commons, and the Minister further pointed to the serious menace to industry of an increase in the price of coal in this country.

The proposals of the leaders of the Churches as a basis of settlement of the coal stoppage were to-day endorsed practically unanimously at a meeting of about 10,000 Cannock Chase miners.

Several Warwickshire colliers are still on holidays, and the number of men working at sixteen collieries to-day is 3,221. Compared with Saturday, the decrease at the collieries which have resumed, is 79. At various meetings the men have voted unanimously in favour of accepting the Churches proposal as a basis of settlement.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

CORK BUTTER MARKET.

THIS DAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

The market remains unchanged. Creameries, 160s to 165s per cwt. Choicest Salted, 165s upwards per cwt.

DUBLIN CATTLE MARKET.

THIS DAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

Numbers:—Beasts, 3,570; sheep, 8,587. Cattle trade further improved, shipping trade being well sustained. Beef, 42- to 48/- per cwt.; super-grades, 52/- to 54-; Mutton, 8½d. to 10d. per lb.; choice qualities, 10½d. Lambs, 36/- to 46/- and 50/- each.

SPORTING

BRIGHTON MEETING

WORTHING STAKES.

Rosemullion (Smirke) ... 1
Peccadillo (R. Jones) ... 2
Cappawhite (Fox) ... 3
Also ran—Loyal Scot and Tamasha.
Trained by Wootton.
Betting—11 to 8 on Rosemullion, 9 to 2 agst Tamasha, 100 to 15 Loyal Scot and Cappawhite, 100 to 8 Peccadillo.
Won by 2 lengths.

BROOKSIDE PLATE.

Royal Gem (R. Dick) walked over.
Trained by owner.
BRIGHTON HANDICAP.
Orison (Weston) ... 1
Ruskin (Donoghue) ... 2
Urgent (Fox) ... 3
Also ran—Mascot, Genista, Fort Flare, London Bridge, Hidalgo II.
Winner trained by D. Waugh.

Betting—100 to 30 agst Ruskin, 7 to 2 Mascot, 11 to 2 Fort Flare, 6 to 1 Orison, 7 to 1 London Bridge, 100 to 14 Urgent, 20 to 1 others.
Won by 4 lengths.

BRAMBER H'CAP.

Daphne Rosa (Perryman) ... 1
Glitter Gold (Winter) ... 2
Foundling (P. Donoghue) ... 3
Also ran—Run Out, Lady Long, Penlake, Bosambo, Sea Craft, Canadian Girl, Cocktail and Purple Heather.
Trained by owner.
Betting—4 to 1 agst Glitter Gold, 9 to 2 Run Out, 5 to 1 Penlake, 6 to 1 Daphne Rosa, Cocktail, and Lady Long, 100 to 8 Foundling, 100 to 6 others.
Won by 2 lengths.

CLIFTONVILLE PLATE.

Crisdolla (R Jones) ... 1
Lady Lachine (H. Beasley) ... 2
Giroffee (Wragg) ... 3
Also ran—Golden Willow, Blue Bay.
Winner trained by Gwilt.
Betting—2 to 1 agst Giroffee and Crisdolla, 5 to 2 Golden Willow, 8 to 1 Lady Lachine, 20 to 1 Blue Bay.
Won by 2 lengths.