

puts it—The most memorable strike the history of the nation has ended about a full realisation of the catastrophe which at one time seemed imminent," and now disappeared. The peace has well been described as the best news since the strike. The settlement arrived at should impress on us the value of mediation and conference in settlement of disputes, large and small, that they should obviate henceforth striking strikes or direct action, which but for serious disruption of trade and commerce, and loss to the employee no less than employer, as well as the country in general.

## CURRENT COMMENT,

### Mining in Ireland.

Particulars as regards mining in Ireland in the years 1918 are contained in a White Paper, from which it would appear that under the Coal Mines Act the total number of persons employed under the ground in this country was 893, while in the preceding year there were 363. The number of mines at work in Ireland was 22, as against 17 in the preceding year. The total number of persons employed in and about the mines under the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act was 618, as against 705 in the year 1917. No doubt when the returns for 1919 come to be issued they will show an increase in mine operations in this country in view of the developments of the industry in various parts of the country.

### Compensation for the Bill.

Claims for compensation under the Malicious Injuries Act, aggregating £1,700 were awarded by the County Court Judge Law-Smith at the Quarter Sessions on Saturday. This amount is to be paid off the city, already pledged to the hilt in this respect, so that the new impost the ratepayers have to meet is a heavy one, and, in addition, the borrowing powers of the Corporation for any fresh municipal enterprises in contemplation. The levy, which represents about six pence in the pound on the taxable valuation of the city, is the outcome of the shooting at the Workmen's Club on the 6th April last, and the maiming of a man, and also the result of window breaking in the city following the celebration of peace on the 19th July. Nobody with an interest in the welfare of the city can contemplate the outlook for the next few years with equanimity. It is a serious one, and with the rates already above 18s it is as if in the new estimates the 20s level will be reached next year.

### Registrar-General's Report.

Births and deaths registered in the Dublin Registration Area and in the eighteen principal Municipal Urban Districts of Ireland, with the annual rates per 1,000 of the population represented thereby, which for the purposes of these statistics is estimated at 1,142,268, are given in the following table. II of the Registrar-General's report ending Saturday, September 27th. The figures are represented by 247 in the Dublin Registration Area; Belfast, 247; Cork, 197; Londonderry, 203; Limerick, 108; Waterford, 108. The deaths from all causes appertaining to the undermentioned areas for last year and for the past four weeks, respectively, were equal to the following annual rates per 1,000 of the population:—Nineteen Town Districts, 14.3 and 15.1; Dublin Registration Area, 16.1 and 16.0; Dublin City, 16.1 and 16.0;

52.35 feet beam, 20.5 depth of hold, with a carrying capacity of 3,300 tons, and a speed of 11½ knots. She leaves Glasgow on Friday for Montevideo, after which she returns to one of the French Atlantic ports. We understand the Limerick Steamship Company have also at present being built in the Dublin Dockyard a steamer of 5,100 tons deadweight, delivery of which they expect to get in the early part of the New Year. The Company are to be congratulated on their important enterprises.

## DEATH OF MISS M HAROLD.

By very many friends in the city the death, which took place at Kilkee on the 30th ult, of Miss Margaret Harold, Hartstonge-street, was learned with sincere regret. She had been in failing health for some time past, and while on her holidays contracted a cold which had a fatal termination. For many years, up to the time of her resignation some years ago, Miss Harold was one of the teaching staff of the High School, Richmond-street, and, most capable and painstaking teacher as she was, won the high esteem of parents and pupils, who have heard of her demise with feelings of genuine sorrow. The remains were conveyed from Kilkee to St Michael's Catholic Church, and the funeral, which took place on Thursday morning for Mount St Lawrence Cemetery, was large and representative. The Corporation, at its last meeting, passed a vote of sympathy with Mr. E. Harold, superintendent of Carr-street Depot, brother of the deceased lady, in his bereavement.

## DAMAGE TO CLARE POLICE HUT.

At Scariff District Council meeting, the Board of Works gave notice of a claim for £100 for damage to Moynoe police hut; the Inspector-General R.I.C., £5, for injury to ammunition, and Sergeant Burke, £10, for alleged damage to his property. It was directed that the documents in question be forwarded to the solicitor for defence, the Engineer to be instructed to visit the hut and make an estimate of the damage.

## THE LATE MR WALTER NOLAN.

Sympathetic reference was made by Judge Moore at the opening of Nenagh Quarter Sessions to the late Mr W. Nolan, O.C.P. Mr M. Gleeson, C.S., and Mr H. Shannon, C.C.F., joined in the expressions of regret.

## DROWNING AT SIXMILE-BRIDGE.

The body of John Power, 45, was recovered from the Garvey River, at Sixmile-bridge, last evening by men engaged in dragging operations. Earlier in the day the deceased, who was a permanent way inspector on the Great Southern and Western Railway, was on duty with a ganger at Sixmile-bridge. He was to return to Limerick by the late down train, and not turning up in time a search was made for him and his hat and stick found near the river-side about a hundred yards distance from the station. Later the river was dragged and the body recovered.

## OUT AND ABOUT.

Lord and Lady Dunalley, who left Tipperary last week, are now at Goodnestone, Canterbury.

Sir John M'Leavy Brown, Counsellor to the Chinese Legation, has returned to London from Ireland.

The death has taken place at Ballavade, Bunbroma, Co. Westmeath, of Thomas Finnegan, at the age of 104 years.

the Kilmallick Rural District. Mr J. J. Comyn (instructed) presented the applicant.

A claim for £20 compensation Patrick Crawley, Cappanoo, for destruction of forty-two racks of hay on the 24th July.

Mr P. E. O'Donnell appeared and evidence having been dismissed.

Mary Morrissey Kilpeac presented for the malicious destruction of hay on her lands on the 20th July.

Mr J. S. Gaffney appeared and was awarded £38.

The following amounts were levied off the city for damages on the 19th July, the Celebrations—James Wallace, £1 8s 3d; Matthew McLough, £4 18s 9d; H. L. Stearns, £7 5s; V. O'Connell street, £11 5s; John F. street, £2 6s; the Junior Club, Agricultural Hall, 35 Patrick street, £20; William O'Connell street, £25 16s; Patrick street, £15; and John street, £10.

William W. Whitaker, awarded £3 for the destruction of 16th June, and James Griffin, £6 12s for the breaking of plate on the 18th May.

The solicitors engaged in the case are O'B. Moran, Mr J. Dodds, Mr D. Hunt, Mr C. Ebrill, Mr J. S. Kenny and O'Donnell.

## This Day.

His Honor County Court resumed the business of the day.

DESTRUCTION OF FLOWERS. Sir Charles B. Barrington Murree, brought an action against the Corporation to recover damages for the destruction of plants.

Mr A. Blood-Smyth appeared whose case was that he had a right at Glenstal Castle. Sir Charles particular trouble in planting the date in question defendant the gardener pulling some plants possible to replace, as they die.

Mr J. H. Moran, for the defendant, he was sorry for what had occurred and some visits to not to Pheasants from the Castle often as well as deer, and no exception.

His Honor gave a decree for INJURIES TO A GREY HORSE. Cornelius Coghlan, Castleconnor Connelly, victualler, also of the 23rd August.

Mr P. J. O'Sullivan, solicitor, plaintiff, and Mr J. S. Gaffney defendant.

The case for the plaintiff was bound, which was by "Full Spoken" Cup candidate. On the date in all right at half-past six, and when he returned to the house with or hanging off at the neck. A lit seen by a youth named William defendant's yard howling and the

The defence was a denial that caused by Connolly, who never the plain iff.

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