

enforced from Port Arthur, and made with the four hundred millions of the Russian empire would become a thing of course.

It was also remarked that whilst negotiating this magnificent coup d'état the East English statesmen were being dealt with the Armenian question. A Reuter telegram, however, relied to overthrow the theories that were manufactured out of the Times' anti-Russian Reuter's Agency was authorised at the Hong Kong telegram of the 15th to be "absolutely unfounded." The telegram informed that "no such treaty as was mentioned in the telegram in question had been concluded between the Governments of Great Britain and China, and it is further declared that the Russian Government is not animated by any anti-English feeling in its policy in its relations with the Far East." There is no ground to be relied on for the present. We cannot say which statement is correct, but it is probable to be a good deal of probability that the public know what to attach to diplomatic denials. The statement may have been in the *ballon d'essai*. If that be so, the intelligence which has been given to this country will show Russia and the cession of Port Arthur will not be acquiesced in by Great Britain. It is one of the Powers which interfered with the cession of China to prevent the cession of Chinese territory being added to Russia would hardly be allowed to do for herself what had been refused to her in a victorious campaign. The power of the United States would be seriously compromised even than it is at present. This evening, however, a telegram has been received which not only confirms the communication in the *Times*, but also already a large portion of the fleet is anchored in Port Arthur. The outlook looks exceedingly grave, especially as Germany and France appear to sympathise with Russian aggression.

Mrs Shaw have returned to town from the Continent.

GROUND.—Yesterday a vessel ran aground on the river off Tervoe, and had to be towed to the docks by the Flying Huntsman.

CHURCH.—The week evening Services at the Church will be resumed (God willing) on the evening next at 8 o'clock, p.m., and continued on each Thursday evening until the next.

CALISTHENIC CLASS, P Y M A.—Any persons wishing to join above class will please send names to Mrs Fitt, The Crescent, as the class will not be started unless a sufficient number

them successfully; and at his death was in good circumstances.—*San Francisco Chronicle*.

ACTION FOR WAGES.

Before the Mayor to-day, six workers employed at Messrs Walker's Distillery sued the firm for £1 6s for extra work done on Sunday last. The men, it appears, were obliged to work three hours' extra, owing to the break down of one of the steam winches, and they claimed for three days. The firm conceded one and three-quarters on account of the extra labour. Having heard the case, the Mayor decided to allow half a day in addition to the concession which the firm had already given, and gave a decree for 8s. On behalf of the Messrs Walker satisfaction was expressed with the Mayor's decision, and it was added that they always desired to deal liberally with their employers. Mr Wm M Beauchamp, solicitor, attended in the interests of the Messrs Walker.

INQUEST AT BARRINGTON'S HOSPITAL.

Mr DeCoursey, City Coroner, and a jury, with Mr Franklin as foreman, held an inquest this afternoon in Barrington's Hospital, touching the death of a woman named Catherine M'Namara, Garryowen, who was admitted into the hospital on the 23rd inst, suffering from severe burns.

Sergeant Hutchinson conducted the proceedings on behalf of the constabulary.

Thomas Hayes deposed that on the evening of the 23rd inst, he was in his own house, which was close by that of deceased; he heard some children screaming, and on going outside he saw the deceased, whose clothes were on fire; witness and a woman named Mary Madigan succeeded in extinguishing the flames; he did not know how the accident occurred; deceased was removed to Barrington's Hospital immediately.

Mary Madigan gave corroborative evidence, and stated that there was nobody in the house with the deceased when she caught fire.

Dr Haran deposed that the deceased was admitted into the hospital on the evening of the 23rd inst; she was burned all over the back and arms; she lived until this morning; death was caused by shock and exhaustion consequent on the severe burning she had received.

Sergeant Hutchinson said deceased's son had stated to him that there was an oil lamp burning over where his mother was sitting, and the oil probably leaked out of this on to her cloths, which then caught fire.

The Coroner directed the jury to return a verdict that deceased died from shock and exhaustion consequent on the burning she had received.

The jury returned a verdict accordingly.

SUGGESTED RAILWAY IN SCARIFF DISTRICT.

Posters are being circulated in the district of Scariff announcing a meeting for the 1st November, to be held at Scariff, for the purpose of bringing before the Government the necessity for constructing a line in that "neglected part of the country." The posters add that never before had the people of that district such a favourable opportunity of having their just demands brought forward. There are no signatures on the posters, and no mention is made of speakers on the occasion, but whether those responsible for issuing the bills are in earnest or not, reasons might be advanced to show that such a project would meet with much favour.

ARTHUR'S QUAY.—An excellent suggestion was made by Mr Joseph Gaffney, at a meeting of the Harbour Board yesterday, in connection with a work which is very much required at Arthur's Quay. Owing to its unprotected state many accidents have occurred from time to time at the place, and the wonder is that some

directed to visit again to the island.

Mr Spillane—The only blame was at Island. There were no pilots there when the vessels came. Have they been informed of the board's order that six men must be on the island?

The Secretary—They have the time that was made.

Mr Gaffney—The board's orders are a farce.

The Secretary—The board's orders are carried out as they ought to be.

Mr Spillane moved the suspension of pilots who should have been on duty on occasion pending a further meeting of the Board.

Mr Russell seconded the resolution, which passed unanimously.

Mr Spillane suggested that arrangements should be made that the pilots should go in such a way as the Secretary might know was absent and who was on duty.

INCREASE OF SALARY.

Mr T H Cleave moved a notice of motion in his name to increase the salary of Reynolds, Captain of the "Erin-go-Bredir," from £2 to £3 weekly.

Mr Cleave said the board had several suggestions from Reynolds for an increase, and should get some consideration. When a point was made he had another made he proposed, and he had no personal interest in Reynolds whatever. His impression was that Reynolds was one of the most competent men in the service (Mr Cleave) had come across in his capacity as a captain's certificate, and passed for his competence most creditably. £10,000 worth of property was in his charge, and the Committee were so satisfied with him that they insured it. If they did at the rate which it would cost something like £300 or £400.

His salary was less than others of whom he was in charge. He would ask the board to consider the matter into consideration. It was on the occasion he had asked an increase of salary the first time he had supported an increase he had been on the board. If Reynolds' his (Mr Cleave's) employment he did not think it would be overpaying him, or even doing justice to give him £3.

Mr Gaffney seconded the motion.

Mr Morony said he found Reynolds a man, whom he could trust. He wished to say that of the others in the employment.

The proposition was passed unanimously.

THE CLARE PILOTS.

A complaint was made by a number of Clare Castle pilots that a pilot named Kelly, who was ordered by the board to take up the body of pilots, refused to do so, and taken vessels up and down the Fergus.

Kelly having been called before the board on the complaint of the other pilots heard the proposition by Mr Spillane, and seconded by O'Mara, that Kelly should refund a sum of money which he admitted having received.

The Board adjourned.

FATAL BURNING ACCIDENT.

On Sunday a girl named Mary Hegarty, ten years, residing at Convent street, off St. Michael's street, met with a sad fatality. She was engaged preparing tea in the mother's kitchen for some younger children, her clothes caught fire. Being unable to do anything for herself she ran into the street, and a man named Kelly came to her assistance, but by this time she was severely burned about the body. She was conveyed to Barrington's Hospital, and attended by Dr Haran, but her injuries were so severe that she had a fatal termination. An inquest was considered necessary.