

CITY WOMAN'S TRAGIC END.

Found Drowned in Shannon.

The dead body of Mrs. Catherine Meehan of Creagh Lane, Limerick, who disappeared mysteriously from her home on Tuesday morning, was recovered from the Shannon, near Cratloe, yesterday. The deceased, who was in her sixtieth year, had been unwell for some time, and on Monday night her daughter sat up until a late hour with her. Next morning when she went to see her mother she was missing, and a search was instituted but without avail. The police were then apprised of the occurrence, and all day on Tuesday the strictest enquiries were made. It was not until last evening that the sad intelligence of Mrs. Meehan's tragic end reached the city, and the news cast a gloom over the locality in which she resided. A melancholy feature in connection with the tragedy was that the date of her disappearance took place on precisely the same date that her husband was drowned near the Lax Weir eight years ago.

HOME RULE.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF BILL

Not Yet Fixed.

In reply to a correspondent, who wrote pointing out that statements had appeared in the Press to the effect that the Home Rule Bill would be introduced about the 19th March, and asking if he could confirm this report, Mr. Asquith replied:—

10 Downing street, Whitehall, S.W.
27th February, 1912.

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 26th inst., I have to inform you that the date for the introduction of the Home Rule Bill has not been fixed.—Yours faithfully,

F. W. LEITH ROSS.

THE BLOCK PAVING SCHEME.

At the meeting of the Improvement Department of the Corporation last night, the Mayor in the chair, a conversation took place in reference to the pending scheme for block paving certain thoroughfares in the city. Mr. J. J. Peacock, City Surveyor, mentioned that now that the Corporation had succeeded in obtaining the required loan, £13,900, from the Munster and Leinster Bank, he would be for beginning the work immediately with the block paving of Patrick street, Rutland street, and Lock Quay. The question of whether the work should be done by direct labour or by contract was considered, and Alderman McNeice suggested that the block paving should be first secured so as when the work started it might be carried on with despatch in order that traders and shopkeepers in the streets to be paved should suffer the least inconvenience possible. The suggestion was approved, and Mr. Peacock was asked to furnish a return showing the cost of block paving already done in the city. The further consideration of the scheme was eventually adjourned for a fortnight.

SHIPBUILDING IN LIMERICK

COAL TRADE CRISIS.

PROPOSALS OF THE GOVERNMENT

Minimum Wage Conceded.

100,000 Men Idle.

Yesterday was again spent in conferences with a view to settling the coal strike, but with only a partial result. The Government submitted proposals to the two parties to the dispute to the effect that His Majesty's Government are satisfied, after careful consideration, that there are cases in which underground employes cannot earn a reasonable minimum wage from causes over which they have no control. They are further satisfied that the powers to earn such a wage should be secured by arrangements suitable to the special circumstances of each district, adequate safeguard to be provided to protect employers against abuses His Majesty's Government are prepared to confer with the parties as to the best method of giving practical effect to these conclusions by means of district conferences between the parties, a representative appointed by the Government being present. In the event of any of the conferences failing to arrive at a complete settlement within a reasonable time the representatives appointed by His Majesty's Government are to decide jointly any outstanding points for the purpose of giving effect in that district to the above principles.

The Government proposals were accepted by the owners in the federated area, and rejected by Scotland, Durham, and South Wales. Sixty per cent. of the output of the country is represented by the acceptance. The conferences were adjourned till this morning. One hundred thousand men are now idle.

Mr. D. A. Thomas, interviewed last night, said they were determined to resist the Government's proposals to the end. He did not know what form compulsion could take, but they would rather submit to compulsion than accept the conditions voluntarily.

To-day's Telegrams.

STILL UNSETTLED.

STRIKE GREATLY SPREADING

Government Continue Efforts at Settlement.

Prolonged visits were paid to the Premier by Mr. Buxton and Board of Trade officials this morning.

The Government is continuing its effort to settle the coal crisis. The Cabinet met early, and later the mine owners met, by invitation, at the Foreign Office.

The Miners' Federation continues its deliberations.

Act are earned. corresponding period case of 2,422 in the minutes on a natural decrease of 1,622 door relief. But the comparison with the year of the ten years of workhouse inmates shows a decrease of heads being no less the average for the years. The estimated as compared with the years, is 0.6 per

Report.

Rate represented by week as appearing to and the twenty-one districts of Ireland was aggregate population, of these returns, is The deaths registered as appearing to the locally arranged corresponding annual rates per 1,000. to deaths not having the week in which they not fairly represent the ; Ballymena, 9.2 ; 3; Cork, 24.5; Drogheda, n Area, 23.3; Dundalk, kenny, 20.8; Limerick, donderry, 12.7; Lurgan. vtownards, 34.3; Porta- 19.8; Sligo, 14.0; Tralee, ; Wexford, 31.9. The lemic diseases registered 22 districts during last annual rate of 1.2 per from 0.0 in 15 of the el, the four deaths from riet including one from 22 deaths from all causes whooping-cough and one of a child under two e 11 deaths from all causes phtheria, and of the seven s for Dundalk one was

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