

## Generous Bonus to Staff.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce the distribution amongst the staff of a bonus of £10,000 in recognition of their services in connection with the heavy traffic during the year, which was an exceptionally prosperous one for the company. The greater part of the Dublin traffic was diverted to the Great Northern line owing to the strike and closing of Dublin port.

## LABOUR TROUBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A Johannesburg telegram states that the Railway and Harbour Servants' Union are reported from Pretoria to be taking steps which will bring about a crisis before the end of the week. It has been decided to issue instructions to union members to refuse to handle coal produced by "scab" labour. From Durban it is reported that the coal-owners have decided to send a representative to the coal-fields with a view to adjusting the differences with the men on strike.

## DEATH OF MR. MICHAEL SULLIVAN.

Much regret is felt by a large circle of friends over the death of Mr Michael Sullivan, eldest son of Mr Daniel Sullivan, builder, Frederick Street. The sad event took place on Tuesday at Barrington's Hospital after a brief illness. The deceased was quite a young man, married, and with a family, and he was held in much esteem by his friends and those having business relations with him.

## NAVAL OFFICER

### Gallantly Rescues Seaman From Drowning.

A Portsmouth message reports a gallant rescue by a naval officer. Two seamen of the destroyer Velpo were returning to their ship in a boat when one was knocked overboard by the boom of the destroyer Lizard. Sub-Lieutenant Benson jumped overboard from the Lizard, and rescued him in an unconscious condition. Three hours elapsed before the seaman recovered.

Snow fell heavily in Berlin on Tuesday. A storm is raging in the Baltic, and the streets of many coast towns are under water. At Swinemunde four fishermen have been drowned.

There are signs that the cotton trade boom in Blackburn is at an end. There are 18 mills stopped through bad trade, and 4,000 operatives are idle.

The bodies of two lovers, Bridget Havem, 24, and Cornelius Osone, 21, were recovered from the canal at Glasgow on Tuesday. They were seen proceeding to chapel on Christmas Eve.

Cardinal Serafine Vannutelli, as Protector of the English College, Rome, proposed that Canon John M'Intyre, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, should be appointed Rector of the College. The selection has been ratified by the Pope.

The schooner James Williamson, Glasgow to Swansea, sheltering in Belfast Lough, was sunk by collision with the steamer Eveleen, Ayr to Belfast, with coal. The crew were saved. The Eveleen's forepeak and fore-castle are full of water.

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