is in the way of construction, is e, but in the face of almost inable difficulties the scheme was is carried into effect, and in 1885 Smith drove the last spike of the Pacific Railway, now completed ntreal to Vancouver. What the Strathcona's wonderful underas done for Camada is common The prosperity of the Dominion y began from the time the railway in accomplished fact, for thanks to aved methods of transport huge ertile land were opened up, and mickly became attracted to the provinces. The man who did so make Canada was always an where the Dominion was conwas in himself a wonderful of mind over natter. He owed splendid conditution, but far in omitable courage tireless energy inbounded capacity for work. As ne builder he accomplished perhals as any man, and that in face of difficulties that would have the spirits of the lordinary pioneer ievements the Empire large have benefited to an will, perhaps, never become and his memory will always be 1 by the British peoples.

# URRENT COMMENT.

#### ndo Coal Strike.

prospect of an immediate settleat all posters strike in London, and and men are re-affirming their o see the dispute through to a not long before the effects of the in the Metropolis, and as might first people is suffer have been sous, who have neither the means his in a large stock of fuel. The plies during the present spell of weather is resionsible for a great misery and suffering in the poorer , and even the middle classes are feeling There is a body of volunteer strike engaged at the various depots in the and relivering supplies, but the story is enfolded, while the comedy, "I fear no foe," makes up a replete and novel programme.

### MR LARKIN AT BIRMINGHAM.

Mr Larkin, speaking at Birmingham on Sunday? referred to the strike in South Africa, and said every union in England was affected by it. Not a voice of protest, however, was raised. If the Parliamentary and political machine would not work now it was of no use to them. If the Labour party could not bring this cowardly, vicious Government to heel it was no good now or in the future. They had proved sufficient of the Labour party to damn it for ever. Referring to the Dublin situation, he said Dublin had not received the consideration which had been promised it.

#### LATEST THING IN STRIKES.

#### Italian Lawyers "Out."

Rome, Monday.—The newspapers announce a strike of lawyers in several towns in Apulia tagainst the shortage of the number of judges in hat region.

#### SUDDEN DEATH.

This evening Mr.J. F. Barry, J.P. City Coroner, and a jury held an inquest as to the death of Francis Donnellan, 74, and who up to recently was a well and favourably known hackney car driven in the city. He was in a delicate state of health for some time past, and the death of his wife last week appeared to have a depressing effect on the deceased, who was found dead in bed this morning, having retired to rest fairly well last night. Dr. Shanahan was examined, and stated that the cause of death was syncope, and Sergeant Heffernan, who had charge of the case, informed the Coroner that a sum of £74 2s 7d was found in the clothing of deceased and in a room where he resided at Frederick Place. The jury found in accordance with the medical testimony, and the Coroner directed the police to take charge of the property of the deceased and his premises for the present.

### THE GAIETY THEATRE.

The outstanding film in an attractive programme at the Gaiety Theatre last night, was, that entitled "Big Jim of the Sirreas" It is a story of an illicit distillery in the mountains very well related and of absorbing interest. Side by side with this entertaining drama, is a very fine subject designated "Why Girls Leave Home." It is a melodrama of strength, and very well conceived. Last night it held the audience throughout, and was received with applause. "The Adventures of a shooting Party" was a decidedly pleasant comedy, and greatly appreciated. Among the other pictures shown were "The Word of the King," "Fortune's Turn," and the world's news as supplied through the medium of the Gaumont Graphic. There was a full house.

# SKIRMISH IN AFRICA.

Nairobi, Tuesday—A convoy of the King's African Rifles, in a skirmish with the Merabar tribe, had Lieutenant Bentinck, a native officer, and three privates seriously wounded.

Deep regret is left in west that which occurred on Friday night Patrick Hogan, P.P., of Knockerr after something over a week's illne ministerial career he was Curate Doonbeg, Borrisokane, and Kilrispent thirteen years, and he was years Parish Priest of Killimer, popular elergyman, and his compactions is generally mourned.

At the meeting of Kilrush Boar on Saturday touching references tolergyman were made by the Chair Carmody, J.P.), Mr Michael M proposed the adjournment of the Joseph Brown, J.P., who seconded and Mr Kelly, Clerk of the Union, tion was passed unanimously, ar adjourned.

At the District Council meetin Doherty, J.P., who presided, move ment of the Board which was secon O'Brien. The motion was supported Mr Mescall, J.P., and Jother nother following resolution was added, the members of the Kilrush Boar and Rural District Council in purassembled, have learned with much death of the Rev Father Hogan, Killimer, who for a period of the officiated in the parish of Kilrush Sagred ministry he endeared a classes—the rich and poor alike—a of respect to his memory, we now meetings of the Kilrush Board of C the Rural District Council without my business."

#### SOUTH AFRICAN LABOUR

Johannesburg, Tuesday—Mr Cree leader in the Union Assembly, who imprisonment inconnection with the was remitted yesterday, has been courtmartial has found Drake and with causing an explosion during the not guilty.

### KILLALOE PETTY SE CLERKSHIP.

It is stated that the authorities to sanction the appointment of Scanlon, Garranboy, as clerk of Sessions, to which he was elected of There were ten candidates for which brings with it a salary of £ in the final division Mr Scanlon six votes to five. The grounds on approval to the election is, it declined, are that some magistra were not qualified to sit and vote.

It is further stated that a ne been ordered and will take place February.

## IMPERIAL TOBACCO CO DIVIDEND,

The Imperial Tobacco Company' be 74 per cent, making 15 per cent and a bonus of 4s. per share ordinary shares. One million sterl to the reserve,