

Last Edition.

THE FINANCE BILL.

The revolt of a section of the Liberal Party against certain proposals in the Finance Bill has resulted in a remarkable set-back for the Government, as evidenced by yesterday's proceedings in the House of Commons. The completeness, we read in a Press Association message, "with which Ministers have yielded to the demands of the group of Liberal dissentients came as a great surprise, and perhaps not least so to the dissentients themselves. Members of that group, after Mr. Herbert Samuel had explained the intention of the Government to take out of the Finance Bill the clauses giving subventions to local authorities, to abandon the temporary grants proposed for this year, and to take off again half the additional income tax, admitted that they had been granted all they had asked for, and claimed that they had vindicated the principle of financial control by the House of Commons." Mr. Samuel, in moving the second reading of the Bill, said the Government had decided to divide the measure into two parts. This would render it impossible to include in the provision for this year the grants on the new basis to local authorities. Having thus diminished the expenditure by a very considerable sum it would not be necessary to ask the House to levy increased taxation to the extent anticipated, and therefore the additional income tax is to be reduced by one penny in the pound. The right hon. gentleman was, however, careful to declare that this was a postponement and not a release. That is, of course, assuming the Liberals are in power next year. The surrender of the Government is, however, remarkable and significant, having regard to the complexities of the political situation at the moment, and it is another blow to their prestige in the country. Mr. Walter Long

the parade from a carriage near the saluting point.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland gave an official dinner party last evening at the Viceregal Lodge in celebration of the King's Birthday. The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and the Judges of the High Court, were among those invited.

Ministerial Dinners and Receptions.

The customary banquets in honour of the King's Birthday were given last evening by the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet. An official reception was afterwards held at the India office.

The Premier and Mr. Lloyd George gave dinners at their official residences. Lord Crewe gave a dinner at Lancaster House, the home of the London Museum, and Sir Edward Grey entertained the Diplomatic Corps and other distinguished guests at the Foreign Office. Several members of the Royal Family attended the reception at the India Office, among them being Princess Christian, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Arthur of Connaught, and Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck.

KILKEE DROWNING MYSTERY

Body Found.

Our Kilkee correspondent writes that the body of the young man, Mr. John Clegg, an assistant at the establishment of Messrs. Todd and Company, Limerick, who was on a visit to Kilkee, and has been missing since the 8th instant, was found yesterday morning cast up by the sea on the shore at Furryh.

It will be remembered that Mr. Clegg, who was aged 22, and a native of Croon, was spending his holidays at Kilkee. He was last seen sitting at a dangerous point near George's Head, where the tide is frequently very strong and treacherous. The news that the poor young man was missing created a sensation in Limerick. Various search parties dragged the sea within the vicinity of Kilkee last week and previous week, but no trace was found of the body. However, the news from Kilkee yesterday confirmed the worst fears that were entertained. The poor young fellow was, no doubt, washed off the rock where he had been reading.

Deep sympathy is expressed with his relatives in their sorrow.

RINK PALACE.

A very attractive picture programme was shown to a large house at the Rink last evening. It included three dramas, entitled "His Father's House," "The Glove," and "The Hermit," and two comic features "Elopement at Home," and "Bowery Pearl Fishers." On Thursday night a cinderella ball will be held at the Rink from 8.30 to 12 o'clock.

LIMERICK VOCALIST'S SUCCESS.

His numerous friends in the city will be pleased to learn of the success which has attended Mr. Frank Costello in his profession. For some time past Mr. Costello, who received his musical training in Milan, has been singing with distinction in London, and quite recently he was engaged by Sir Joseph Beecham, for his summer season at Drury Lane, where he is

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