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- (a) That any strike is illegal and punishable that is not declared and controlled by the Trades Union and the men concerned therein.
- (b) That all trade disputes must be settled by agreement made with the Trade Union concerned, which shall be responsible in damages for breach of the agreement the same as any other Corporation or individual.
- (c) That no strike pay, grants, or monetary assistance of any kind shall be given out of the Trades Union fund, or contributed by members of any Trades Union, and no Union officials shall support or assist illegal strikes, with appropriate penalties for breaches.

TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT.

Washington, Saturday—Navy aviation experts are planning Transatlantic flight, plans of British Naval Aviation Service in the matter having given great stimulus to the same project on this side. It is not known yet when the proposed flight will be attempted.

SEA SCOUTS.

At a parade of 2,500 Sea Scouts at Regent's Park, London, on Saturday, a message from the King was read expressing to the Sea Scouts his Majesty's appreciation of their patriotic services, voluntarily rendered day and night during the war, and in circumstances of much bodily hardship. There were also messages from Sir David Beatty, and from the Secretary to the Admiralty.

CITY BURNING FATALITY.

A distressing burning fatality took place on Saturday night, the victim being Kitty Greene, eleven years, living with her parents in Charles street. While the little one was toasting bread at the kitchen fire her clothing got ignited, and she became enveloped in flame. With all possible haste she was removed to the Limerick Infirmary, where she succumbed on Sunday morning, after suffering great agony. She was daughter of Mr C Greene, with whom sympathy is felt in his loss.

SINN FEIN AND HUNTING.

Commenting on Sinn Fein opposition to hunting, "Blackthorn" in the "Sportsman," says:— "A persistent campaign against hunting can only result in grave injury to horse-breeding in Ireland for those that breed hunters, will not take long to realise that the market for their output will quickly "dry up," and they will cease to produce them. In pre-war days Ireland was the source of supply of hunters, not only for the English market but also for many Continental markets, and the country achieved for herself a splendid position in the horse-breeding world by reason of the fact that her hunting was so well developed. During the period of the war the light horse breeding industry received a very severe check, but, with the fighting over, the work of reconstructing that business was agreed to be of pressing importance.

RAINFALL FOR JANUARY, 1919.

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Mr P O'Halloran, one of the District Councillors for the electoral division, gave evidence as to the necessity for extending the burial ground, and said the District Council was unanimous in applying for the Provisional Order.

Dr M Graham, Dispensary Medical Officer for the division, having given evidence as to the necessity for the extension.

Mr J J O'Malley, Engineer to Limerick No 1 District Council, in the course of his evidence, said he had made some very strong reports as to the overcrowding in St Patrick's Burial Ground, which he described as a disgrace to humanity. An extension was a necessity, and if it were not promised at the time the Closing Order was asked for opposition might have been stronger. As far as he could see the ground proposed to be acquired was suitable. Although he had put down £100 purchase money to the County Council, he did not think they would ask it.

This concluded the evidence, and the Inspector said he would report to the Local Government Board in due course.

BRITISH LABOUR DISPUTES.

Belfast strikers yesterday accepted terms subject to the result of a ballot to be held to-morrow.

It is believed that the Clyde strike will end to-morrow. London handpressers and waiters returned to work yesterday. London railway services returned to the normal yesterday.

A miners' deputation met the Prime Minister yesterday and demanded 30 per cent wages increase and a 6-hour working day. They were offered an increase representing the higher cost of living asked since their last arrangements. They left very dissatisfied, with the threat that the offer would be rejected by the men.

A deputation representing the boilermakers', blacksmiths', and shipwrights' societies attended the Ministry of Labour yesterday. A proposal was submitted for a resumption of work, and a meeting of the negotiating committee on the same day. If the parties fail to agree, the Ministry of Labour will, on representations from either side, refer the matters in dispute to arbitration. The deputation are to discuss the matter with the men.

TUAM MEETING ABANDONED

The "Our Day" Red Cross meeting, arranged to be held at Tuam to-day, has been abandoned, by order of the Government.

GATWICK MEETING POSTPONED.

The Press Association was informed this morning by Mr Dawkins, Clerk of Kempton Park, that owing to the frost there is no possibility of racing at Gatwick.

THE HOUSING SCHEME FOR IRELAND

Sir Henry Robinson, questioned by an "Irish Independent" representative as to whether an arrangement similar to that come to with regard to housing in England and Wales would be made for Ireland, said that the Irish scheme was not out yet, but it was being considered by the Treasury. "There are," he remarked, "special circumstances, such as the independence of Irish towns which necessitates a differentiation in the scheme for Ireland as compared with that prepared for England," but whether or not this "differentiation" is to be favourable to the Irish local au-