

### THE RAILWAY CRISIS.

Ireland Trade and Labour Conference in Dublin on Tuesday showed, as has been anticipated, a diversity of opinion regarding the situation which has arisen in the Irish railway system and the necessity of the closing down of the main lines affected by that situation. The threatened action of the Government in this respect has stirred the controversy to an unwelcome degree. The Conference, if it exhibited no other quality, made it clear that all classes of opinion were speaking to a realization of the value of the railwaymen's strike and the prosperity of the country. It is a principle which they believed should be maintained. The question which has emerged and which is being considered on the conference after all—was it possible of a settlement and were the issues involved which would have been approved by the Government immediately concerned in the matter. The Dublin Conference, so far as it has opened out from small meetings, judge the proceedings and the views expressed by the principal speakers, and if anything, that the outlook for the future is such as to call for complete hygienic by the board, and for a settlement in the interests of the trade and prosperity of all concerned. Some of the speakers were in sympathy with the railway workers, and inclined if they did not unreservedly approve, a policy of conciliation. The arrangement of the question will have with them, in the course of the meeting, the hearty support of every man and trader in the country, and it need hardly be stated here, the number of the people. One may see the action of the railwaymen or the Government, if he please, in the matter

## CLARE TRAGEDY.

### Four Men Shot Dead.

#### While Attempting to Escape from Custody.

An official report received at Dublin Castle yesterday states that Martin Kildes, Alfred Roger Michael Mahon, and John Egan, all of Bearhill, Co. Clare, and John Conway and Michael Conway, of Whitegate, in the same county, were arrested for an offence under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, and that while trying yesterday to escape from their escort at Kilsloon, Kildes, Roger, Mahon, and Egan were shot dead.

An English correspondent telegraphed as follows last night:—A report has just reached Dublin that last night six men were arrested under the Defence of the Realm Regulations in the Whitegate district, East Clare, and an attempted escape was made by four of the party, who were thereupon fired on and shot dead, two others being wounded. The report does not state whether the arrests were made by the military or police.

## MILITARY ATTACKED NEAR LINERICK.

### One Soldier Killed. Another Wounded.

A party of military guarding the aerodrome at Bawnmore, two miles from Linerick, was attacked at half-past two this morning by a number of armed men. As a result one soldier was shot dead, and another seriously wounded in the right knee. The soldiers, whose names could not be ascertained, belonged to the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, and were short service men. The object of the attack is believed to be to obtain equipment and arms, but none were got, as the raiders were beaten off. The remains of the dead soldier were taken to the morgue at the Military Barracks, and the wounded man was removed to hospital.

## FOUR MEN SHOT IN CORK.

### Two Deaths.

During Curfew hours in Cork last night, Eugene Connell, an ex-soldier, and G. Brian were shot in Broad-lane. Connell died after removal to hospital, and Brian's condition is critical. No details are available as to how the tragedy occurred. Later two more civilians were found in the same street—one dead and one dying.

## GALWAY PRIEST MISSING.

The Rev Michael Griffin, C.C., Bushy Park, Galway, left his house on Sunday night to visit a sick person. He has not been heard of since then, and is believed to have been kidnapped. An Ecclesiastical Conference at Galway, yesterday, at which the Most Rev Dr O'Dea presided, and at which the Most Rev Dr O'Doherty was also present, issued a statement in which they declared that they could not but hold the British Government as responsible for this outrage upon the Catholic priesthood of Ireland.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NURSING ASSOCIATION

### Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the sub-committee Vincent de Paul District Nursing was held last evening in St. Munchin College. The Bishop, Most Rev D. presided. There were also present—Mr. South Hill; Miss A. Doyle, Mrs. J. D. Dundon, Mr. J. Barry, Rev Fr Conboy, Rev Fr Dwane, Adam; Very Rev Fr E. Grene-Barry, Mr. J. A. Doyle, solicitor, Fr Smith, O.P.; Mr. J. Griffin, Miss J. DeCorney, Miss Smithwick, Mr. J. E. Miss M. Doyle, her son's story.

Letters of apology for non-attendance received from the Mayor, Lady Na Pottor, S.J., Mrs J. Quinn, and Dr J. Doyle. Miss Doyle read the annual report, which had been published.

Fr Smith proposed the adoption of which appeared in our last issue. It was well done during the year contained usefulness, which could not be too precisely by the district. The balance of £22 7s 1d spoke for itself, and that side of the Association's activities had been overlooked. During the year 49 had been attended to by the nurses, and it could see and learn the work on the been very satisfactorily carried out.

Mr Doyle, in responding, remarked that over the report it was quite obvious that not for the generous help of the Sisters it would not be possible for the Association to carry on, having regard to their aims. The Sisters of Mercy deserved well of their work on behalf of the Association was a record of good work done at expense.

The motion was declared passed. Fr Dwane proposed that the best thanksgiving be given to the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, help and assistance during the year. Their aid he said they could not account for.

Fr Connelly seconded the motion, from personal experience he could account for the work of the Sisters was carried on most and in excellent fashion.

The proposition was adopted. The Bishop said he should like to make observations in putting the resolutions all with regard to the report, which was the good work done by the Association extensive, but the numbers compared year were not so high. Four hundred cases had been attended to in the of a comparatively small city—by the nursing meant, of course, some thousands of cases requiring constant attendance in illness and sickness. A doctor's services necessary for a patient, but would not be effective or helpful without good nursing. The Nursing Sisters would visit the homes of the sick persons regularly and attend to their bodily needs in the first instance was the first object of their care and that they did more than that. They brought into these sick homes the comfort of Christianity and of their spiritual well prepared them in their last moments visits of the priests. They also enquired of the children, and saw that there was always comfort in their homes. That involved