

and has been for some time past, a change for the better will soon come to pass. All that can be said at present is that the dirge-like sound of winter is with us, with gales and floods that tell their own story, especially at sea, where many casualties occurred during the week-end, but, happily, without loss of life, thanks to the heroic services of the lifeboat.

LIMERICK DRAPERY ASSISTANTS.

Proposed "Cut" in Pay.

Official intimation has, it is understood, been given to the staffs of Messrs Cannock and Co, Messrs J McBirney and Co, and Messrs Todd and Co, of a "cut" in their rate of pay, but the figure is not stated. Mr L J Duffy, General Secretary of the Irish Distributive Workers' Association, has arrived in the city in connection with the matter, and a meeting of the drapery assistants of the city has been called to consider the situation.

It is understood that the notice served on the assistants in the three monster drapery houses intimating a reduction in salaries was discussed at a committee meeting of the Limerick Branch of the Irish Drapers' Assistants' Association, and that a reply was drafted to the effect that the proposal of a cut could not be entertained.

LIMERICK POSTAL WORKERS

And Commission's Report.

The following resolution was unanimously carried at a meeting of the Limerick Post Office Workers on Sunday—"That this special meeting of the Limerick Branches of the Post Office Workers' Union records its strong protest against the Government's decision on the Postal Commission's Report, and further protests against the Government's counter proposals, which, if carried into effect, will only intensify the prevailing discontent in the Postal Service. The issue being above class or party, the meeting calls on the people's representatives to see that justice is forthcoming by the Government honouring the findings of its own tribunal."

REDEMPTORIST PRIESTS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Yesterday morning, by the 9 o'clock train, the Rev. W. A. Murphy, C.S.S.R., left Limerick for the Philippines, where he is returning after twelve months' spent in this country. At Dublin Fr. Murphy will be joined by the Rev. Fr. Clear, C.S.S.R., who has been also home for the past year. Both are distinguished members of the Redemptorist Order. Fr. Murphy is a well-known and brilliant preacher, and some of his addresses have been published by the Catholic Truth Society of Ireland.

GAIETY THEATRE.

All this week at the Gaiety Theatre a splendid picture in ten reels, entitled "Flames of Passion," featuring Mae Marsh, will be produced, and was last night followed with great interest and pleasure by big houses. It is most thrilling and splendidly produced. It is very highly spoken of in the Press. The "Daily Mail," for instance, says it is "the most ambitious and possibly the

been formed to deal with the strike threat of Mr Bromley's union of 50,000 locomotive-drivers and firemen.

Irish Railways.

The question of wages on Irish railways is likely to become an acute problem at an early date.

The Irish railway companies have given notice to their employes of proposals for the revision of the wage agreement on lines similar to those before the National Wage Board for British Railways in December.

The position in Ireland is virtually the same as in Great Britain, the railways being working under similar arrangements, with similar machinery for hearing proposals from the employers' and workers' side, together with central and national Wage Boards, on which the trades unions have representation.

A conference between the Irish railway companies and the railway trades unions will, it is stated, be held at a date not yet fixed.

The reply of the companies to the Railway Clerks' Association for an amendment of the existing national agreements has been received. The whole of the proposals have been declined.

DEATH OF MISS O'DONOVAN.

The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to Mr and Mrs Phillip O'Donovan on the death of their second daughter, Miss Josie O'Donovan, which took place yesterday at Wellesley Lodge at the early age of 21 years. Her bright and winsome disposition endeared her to all, and her death has occasioned deep sorrow to everyone who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Funeral arrangements will be found in the obituary notice.

THE MOST REV DR KEANE.

According to present arrangements it is understood that the consecration of the Bishop-Elect of Limerick, the Most Rev Dr Keane, will take place at St John's Cathedral, towards the end of February or early in March.

IRISH CUP COURSING.

The Irish Cup Coursing will take place over the Clounanna preserves on the 6th, 7th, and 8th February. Active preparations for the fixture are now going on and a record meeting in every respect is anticipated.

COUNTY LIMERICK P.P. DEAD.

Abbeysale, Sunday—The death of Rev Wm O'Shea, P.P., Athea, is very sincerely regretted in West Limerick.

Father O'Shea succeeded Canon Cregan, P.P., V.F., in the pastorate of Athea some few years ago. He has been ill for some weeks past.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The Week of Prayer in connection with the Evangelical Alliance was opened last night at the P.Y.M.A. Lecture Hall, the Archdeacon of Limerick presiding. Considering the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance. The meetings will be continued during the week up to Friday at 12 o'clock and 8 p.m.

DAIL VACANCIES.

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