

...miners," been reduced by one  
 ncial year 1926-27. A letter  
 to this provision of the Police  
 (Amendment) Bill, was  
 meeting of the Dublin  
 from the Local Govern-  
 A bigger reduction will be  
 re-taxpayers, who do not forget  
 of the British regime the tax was  
 extravagant impost, resulting  
 system. Still, the penny in the  
 as an earnest of a bigger  
 The story of the police rate  
 for 40 years reflects the political  
 time. Again and again the  
 ed to strike the rate as a pro-  
 vement. It was a gesture  
 . The British Government get  
 police rate from grants which  
 had to pay to the Corporation,  
 e protest had no effect.

**MINERS' TEST CASE.**

about to be heard in London  
 worker employed in the Hafod  
 owned by the Crumlin Valley  
 by the South Wales Miners'  
 £25,000 damages for lost wages  
 of work, which for some of them  
 t this was caused by the owners'  
 o shafts in good repair, in conse-  
 quence often fell on the pages, on  
 ding two workmen.

**CONDOLENCE.**

...y meeting of Old Queen's F.C.,  
 the following resolution was  
 James Killeen, seconded by Mr  
 d passed unanimously:—"That  
 s of Old Queen's F.C., desire to  
 ssion of our deepest sympathy  
 alloran, vice-captain of our club,  
 th of his father."

Senator McKean, moving a resolution declaring  
 the Irish Commercial Travellers' Federation  
 worthy of support, dealt with the question of  
 hotel prices, and said that 90 per cent. of the  
 hotels depended on the patronage of commercial  
 travellers, who ought to get more consideration  
 than they do. The prices were above the present  
 cost of living. Some attention should be given to  
 the subject of the profiteering which hotels were  
 carrying on. "If," he said, "we had one com-  
 mercial travellers' organization, including all  
 commercial travellers, then the hotels would not  
 dictate their terms to them." Referring to the  
 railway system, he said they had the railways  
 amalgamated, and a Railway Tribunal costing  
 nearly £10,000 a year, and what, he asked,  
 had they derived from it? Obvious little  
 things which caused inconvenience to the  
 should be remedied. Where there were  
 long waits at railway stations one would expect  
 there would be a decent waiting-room. Not in  
 five per cent. of the waiting-rooms was there, he  
 said, a fire, and during this severe winter  
 travellers had to stand in fireless, cheerless, wait-  
 ing-rooms. If some of the railway experts went  
 to the North and took notes of how the Great  
 Northern line ran their trains up to schedule it  
 would be a desirable thing.

Mr Gerald Ennis, vice-chairman, seconded the  
 motion, which was passed.  
 Mr M. O'Flanagan moved a resolution protest-  
 ing against a rule in the constitution of the Plunket  
 Schools, which, it was stated, compelled all  
 children in the institution, irrespective of the  
 religion of their parents, to attend the services of  
 the Church of England.  
 Senator McKean seconded the resolution, which  
 was passed.

**DEATH OF GOOD SHEPHERD NUN.**

Another member of the Good Shepherd Com-  
 munity, Clare Street, in the person of Sister Mary  
 Elizabeth Lyons, passed away during last week.  
 The deceased religious had been ailing for a con-  
 siderable period, and her death was not un-  
 expected. She was attached to the Order for a  
 long number of years.

hills with their relatives and livestock.  
 The general exodus is becoming more  
 although the authorities of the vil-  
 towns have ordered the citizens to rem-  
 weather now indicates that the dis-  
 further floods is over. At numerous  
 the Rhine, Rhur, and Upper Silesian  
 dams have given way.  
 On the Lower Rhine, near Esme  
 Dutch pioneer troops have entered  
 territory to combat the inundation  
 the bursting of a Rhine dam and the  
 huge lake, which is spreading toward  
 The mines in Baderloh, a small  
 Dusseldorf, are endangered, while the  
 the old part of Duisberg are sagging.  
 Inhabitants of many of the small  
 district who have been clinging despite  
 the roofs of their homes, have been  
 the police to evacuate.

**Highest for 70 Years**

**Many French Rivers Over-  
 Paris, Sunday.**—The waters of the  
 sided a little in Paris yesterday,  
 generally throughout the flooded ar-  
 provinces, but with continued rains  
 of disaster is still a menace.  
 Roads in the vicinity of Chalons-sur-  
 submerged. The Marne has overflowed  
 Vitry la Francois and Epernay, in the  
 hood of Rheims, forming an immense  
 Saone at Saint Jean de Loane is big  
 has been since 1852, and the village  
 menaced. The Pouilly Plateau is flood-  
 farm lands are ruined. Streets near  
 Chatillon are already impassable. The  
 still rising in the Ardennes, and from  
 to Givet the high water records of 1882  
 surpassed."

**XMAS IN POST OFFICE**

**Record Free State**

Enquiry of the Department of Post  
 graphs indicates that the volume of  
 with during the recent Christmas  
 ticularly the letter traffic—was materi-  
 than during preceding years. The sp-  
 made to be public to post their Chri-  
 spondered by the 22nd December at  
 largely disregarded, and the bulk of  
 only took place on the 23rd and 24th.  
 Notwithstanding the difficulties at-  
 the adverse factors, from the late ar-  
 m. 1 boats from Holyhead, and from  
 weather, which seriously impeded  
 place despatches were regularly  
 deliveries carried out with prompt  
 Dublin about 450,000 more letters  
 foreign) were dealt with than during  
 season. The foreign letters showed  
 about 500,000 letters. Some 72,000 p  
 delivered in Dublin and suburbs.  
 letters dealt with in Dublin number  
 an increase of about 7,000 on last year.  
 In registered parcel traffic there was  
 falling off. Altogether about 60,000  
 parcels (Dublin and provincial) were  
 Dublin.

Approximately 1,160,000 ordina-  
 26,500 registered letters, and 17,500 p  
 received at Dublin in U.S.A. mails.  
 also contained as many as 142,000 m  
 advices in respect of remittances fro  
 To cope with the additional traffic

