

are general, while heavy gales have also been experienced, and considerable damage caused to farm produce by flooding. Heavy snowfalls have also taken place in parts of England. All things considered, we have no great reason for grumbling at the weather conditions in this country, and this is some consolation, having regard to the acute shortage of fuel in the cities and towns. There is still no sign of an ending to the coal strike, which has now lasted for practically six months. A ray of light in a gloomy situation is, however, found in the statement made yesterday at Newcastle by Sir Robert Horne, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, that he felt the crisis would be over "before long." One thing is certain, the public, the innocent sufferers, are weary of the whole business.

### FUNERAL OF MR T. HARDING.

The remains of the late Mr Thomas Harding were removed on Sunday last from his residence, Yewfort, Patrickswell, at two o'clock for interment at St. Mary's Cathedral, where the funeral arrived at 2.45. The deceased gentleman was highly respected and esteemed, not alone in the district where he so long resided, but throughout the County of Limerick, and there was a large attendance of friends of the family at the funeral, as a mark of respect to his memory, and of sympathy with his widow and relatives. The coffin was strewn with beautiful wreaths of natural flowers.

The chief mourners were—Mrs Fitzmaurice (daughter), Mr Fitzmaurice (son-in-law), Mrs Albert Browning (sister-in-law), and Mrs Russell. Messrs. T. Browning, D. R. and Frank Browning were unable to be present through indisposition.

The service in the Cathedral was partly choral, the psalm and hymns being sung by the choir, and as the coffin was being borne to its last resting place the Dead March in Saul was played by Mr F. Muspratt.

The officiating clergy were the Dean and Canon Orpen, Adare. The other clergy present were—The Archdeacon, the Precentor, Canon Taylor (Kilmallock), Rev. T. deC. Studdert (Croon), and Chancellor Swain.

Under the auspices of the Limerick Boat Club a Cinderella Dance will be held in the Lyric Hall on Thursday evening next. Music will be supplied by a full orchestra.

The Limerick Branch of the Irish Bank Officials' Association will hold a Cinderella Dance at the Lyric Hall on Thursday evening next.

fine characteristics were appreciated and admired. Outside of his own family early demise is no more keenly felt than the members of these Clubs, where his warm-hearted manner and kindly disposition maintained lasting friendships. In this the hope their affliction the sympathy of the city will be extended to his two sisters brothers in the great loss they have sustained.

At seven o'clock last evening the remains were removed to St. Michael's Cathedral Church, and were followed by a large cortege. This morning at 10 o'clock Requiem High Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of the deceased, in presence of a large congregation. The Rev. Fr. Gallagher brother, was celebrant; deacon, Rev. Fitzpatrick, C.C.; sub-deacon, Rev. Hannon, Adm., St. Michael's.

At the close of the solemn ceremonies the coffin was transferred to the hearse, and the funeral, which was of very large proportions, left for Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The chief mourners were—Rev. Robert Gallagher and John Gallagher (brother) and Mr Joseph Lawler (brother-in-law).

The clergy at the Solemn Requiem High Mass walked in the procession, and at the graveside Fr. Gallagher officiated.

Wreaths were sent by the Shamrock Rowing Club, the Irish Club, and friends.

### MUNSTER AND LEINSTER BANK.

#### New City Premises Acquired.

The directors of the Munster and Leinster Bank have, it is learned, acquired premises in William-street for the accommodation of customers in that district of the city. The building purchased is the house up recently in possession of Messrs O'Mahon & Co., drapers. It is a fine spacious house and will be in every way suitable for banking business.

### GRAND CENTRAL.

#### "The Son of the Sheik."

"The Son of the Sheik" brought Rudolph Valentino his greatest fame, and last night it was shown at the Grand Central and proved a great attraction, numbers of people being unable to obtain admission to the 9 o'clock performance. It is a wonderful production, presented with realism and replete with daring situations and thrill. The picture will be on during the week, and should not be missed. It is requested that as many as possible should attend the seven o'clock performance owing to the likelihood of crowded houses at the later production. Matinees on Thursday and Saturday at 3.15 will afford a further opportunity for seeing this masterpiece, for which seats should be booked.