

assumption that at least eight hours should be the standard working day. The Government proposals were recommended by the Minors' Delegate Conference on Saturday last to the districts for acceptance. These will decide by Thursday next on the terms, and their reports will be considered at a Delegate Conference on the following day. It is not, of course, a foregone conclusion that the districts will accept the proposals, but judging by the very large majority on the delegate card, it is the general opinion that the proposals will be ratified. So that in the general view we are at the closing stages of the struggle, and it may be that there will be a full resumption of work within the next ten days or a fortnight. This is an optimistic view of the situation which is justifiable in the light of events of the past few days, and the feeling is uppermost that peace is at last in sight.

### THE CITY FIRE BRIGADE.

At the last meeting of the Borough Council, Mr H. L. Place raised the question of the pressing necessity for providing the City Fire Station with up-to-date fire fighting appliances. In a city of the population of Limerick the fire station should be equipped with modern appliances, and it is well that attention has been focussed on our position in this respect. At the present time, as for some years past, the local station is ill equipped to meet existing conditions, and the Committee of the Corporation which has the matter in hand, ought to act without the least delay, so as to bring Limerick into line with other centres of population. At the station there are now a couple of engines, including one antiquated manual, which should be cleared out, and room made for a modern fire-fighting machine, with the necessary accessories, such as escape ladders. The cost of the new appliances would not exceed £1,400, and surely, in a matter where life and property may be imperilled by a fire outbreak this would not be too much to expend. The appurtenances now housed in the station could be sold, and the purchase

it was a useful quantity, and was not wholly absent. They had been proud that their hospitals hitherto had been well-known schools of medicine. They had felt it part of their glory that men trained in Irish schools should go to all parts of the world and there illustrate and vindicate the place of the Cross of St. Patrick in the Imperial Flag. They took for granted in their nurses and doctors science, skill, patience and order. They thought of their hospitals as the chief theatres where these exercised their Christlike ministry, and when Hospital Sunday came round they were glad to give, and there was a wholesome rivalry among the churches in the matter of free-will offering in support of this, which was God's work. He asked them to think of the thanks they owed to God for His guidance of mankind into deeper knowledge and higher skill in medicine and surgery.

Perhaps as things went on improving, nurses, who carried on their work of healing all over the civilised world, would get more leisure and more fair play. No doubt they were still but at the beginning of great things, and modern psychology would help physicians as well as other seekers after truth.

### FIREMAN'S DEATH.

#### Engine Room Discovery.

Yesterday a man named Patrick Clancy, employed as a fireman at Messrs Henry Denny & Sons' bacon curing factory, was taken to Barrington's Hospital, where the House Surgeon, Dr W. P. Dundon, pronounced life to be extinct. The deceased had been at his work as usual, and about two o'clock he was found lying prostrate in the engine room. Blood was issuing from the nose, and he had a slight abrasion of the underneath lip. It is believed deceased took a weakness and in the absence of a post-mortem it is difficult to ascertain the cause of death.

At the inquest held at Barrington's Hospital this evening, the jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from embolism of the heart.

They sympathised with the relatives of the deceased, and recommended the widow to the kind consideration of Messrs Denny.

### COAL SHORTAGE LIKELY TO CONTINUE.

The probability that there will be a shortage of coal for months after the resumption of work in the mines is emphasised by a statement by Sir Joynson Hicks, British Home Secretary, in a speech at Newport (Mon.) last night. If the collieries

morning, in view of attacks on Guards by some other parts of the past eight on Sunday called out, and from different points, beat the Guards. Nothing, however, it is stated visited in the city and pedestrians were of places in the county

### GRAND C NEXT V "THE SEA"

### LICENSING PRO ENN

At the Ennis District before Mr Gleeson, D.J. Mrs Bridget Hurle, Parnell-street, Ennis, breach of the Sunday C. Evidence was given by his visiting defendant's morning, 16th Oct., with taking a pint of porter.

The offence was admitted by the daughter supplied the who always came with mises. The publican was fined 40s, v of the licence. The premises was fined 5s.

John Walsh, licensed street, Ennis, was charged with an offence on the same Sunday. A Guard Wall's evidence entering the premises he woman there with two the counter.

The defence was that for milk which she was getting from the defendant was a traveller and a local.

The publican further liquid the Guards saw porter, but water with washing the glasses over.

The Justice imposed an endorsement of the two parties found on the fined 2s. 6d. with costs.

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