

Coal Strike Situation.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, March 21.
The gravity of the crisis, which Mr. Balfour characterized as passing in magnitude anything hitherto experienced, was reflected at the Second Reading of the Minimum Wage Bill this afternoon. The House was crowded. Asquith moved the reading. Balfour followed, moving its rejection. The country, he said, was witnessing the new, strange and portentous spectacle of a single organization acting within its legal powers, threatening and paralyzing the whole trade of the country. The leaders showed no desire to temper their powers with consideration or mercy. Has there, he asked, ever been an American Trust which has used or misused the powers given it by law to the detriment of private interests and general trade to such an extent as we are now witnessing? Cries of "Yes" came from the Labour benches. Balfour recognized the earnestness of Asquith's efforts, but said that there had never been a graver case of a government deceiving itself and the Commons. The Government defended its Bill on the ground of abnormal conditions in some mines, but this was merely to save the face of Ministers who had hastened, under threats, to yield to conditions laid down by the miners. He complained that the Government had sanctioned the tearing up of agreements without protest, and declared there was no justification for them attempting to force this colossal revolution through the Commons in less than a week. He concluded by saying that even if the Government were defeated, there would be no dissolution, as it was impossible to add the confusion of an election to the horrors of the strike. Although the Unionist party intended to test the matter, they would therefore do their best to see that the policy of the Government had its chance. From this it appears clear that the Government will not obstruct the Committee stage and that the Lords will pass the Bill. Premier Asquith claimed that the Government held an absolutely even balance between the disputants. They had tried by every persuasion and argument to bring the parties to agreement, but having failed, they could not allow the population to starve. A minimum wage bill was a necessary preliminary to any further steps.

Mine Owners Appear Pleased.

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LONDON, March 21.
Mine owners appeared pleased with the turn of events, which threaten to wreck the Minimum Wage Bill, which they characterize as a blackmailing makeshift. Many say that it would condemn a number of the less prosperous collieries to be abandoned, and demand radical amendments, safeguarding owners and giving arbitration powers to the chairman of District Boards, who, they claim, should be appointed by the Lord Chief Justices of England and Scotland respectively. They resent appointments by the Board of Trade, as proposed, claiming they would be biased.

Minimum Wage Bill Passed.

Special to Evening Telegram
LONDON, To-Day.
The Minimum Wage Bill passed the Commons last night by a vote of 348 to 225.

Kaiser Visits Venice.

Special to Evening Telegram.
VENICE, March 21.
All suspected persons here and in surrounding towns have been arrested, as the authorities desire to prevent any untoward incidents during the Kaiser's visit.

Double Tragedy.

Special to Evening Telegram.
NAPLES, March 21.
A double tragedy occurred at the Hotel Resargiment here, when Marquis Salvatore Volpicelli, a prominent Neapolitan noble, and Fraulin Adams, a young American actress, were found dead in one of the rooms. It is supposed that the woman killed her companion and then shot herself.

Alfonso's Health.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, March 21.
Reports as to the health of King Alfonso are disquieting. There has been a recurrence of aural and nasal troubles. Two operations have been performed and a third is reported necessary.

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Men's Golf Caps	.20c. to \$1.00
Men's Hard Hats, latest styles	.90c. to \$2.95
Men's Mackintosh's, Prussian collar	\$.875 to \$1.50
Men's Serge Working Jackets	.85c. to \$3.50
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Boys' Washing Suits, Blouses, White and Colored, 90c. to	\$.150
Boys' Rubber and Linen Collars	.100c. to .17c.
Boys' Boots, from \$1.50 to	\$.200
Boys' Overcoats, from \$4.50 to	\$.850
Boys' Mackintosh's, from \$5.00 to	\$.750
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That Appalling Disaster at N. S. Mines.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir.—Thanks to a merciful Providence, it is seldom that we are called upon to perform such a sad duty, or to report such an appalling affair as that which terminated at the Roman Catholic Cemetery to-day when the mortal remains of Sebastian and William Farrell were laid to rest to await the final call.
A gloom has been cast over the whole settlement since Monday last when the sad tidings were received that these two poor brothers in the very bloom of manhood had met a cruel and tragic death while working in No. 4 colliery of North Sydney mines. Never in the history of this settlement was there such universal sorrow shown or such keen sympathy felt as that which goes out from every heart to the poor bereaved widowed mother, brother and sister, who are left in the throes of grief over this unfortunate affair. The circumstances surrounding their death are extremely sad, and are as follows:
On Friday evening upon returning from work they were heard to mention that a piece of stone in the roof of their room was loosened and looked dangerous, and when advised by friends not to go down on Saturday, they expressed the belief that this place would be timbered and secured during the night shift. Evidently this was neglected, and when these poor fellows went down Saturday, that treacherous destroyer of so many of our countrymen (and which is appropriately known as "bad ground") like some cruel, unrelenting but cowardly monster of death, was hovering there as if waiting for the fatal opportunity to blot out the lives of its victims. Presumably without warning, the fall occurred, striking the elder brother, Sebastian, on the shoulders, crushing him to the ground; and a portion falling on William, he too fell beneath that persistent slayer of man. In that awful moment the last agonizing cry of his brother reached him. "I am dying; take the ground off me." In a vain endeavor to respond to the call of a dying brother, he struggled to extricate himself from the jagged, murderous weight that had broken and now tore the vital organs in the lower region of his poor mangled body. Wounded unto death, but with characteristic self-sacrifice, he struggled along for a space of two hundred yards before meeting some one to render aid to Sebastian. But alas! too late, the grim reaper had done his work, and when five willing hands removed that fatal stone, the poor fellow's lifeless body was found.
William was at once tenderly conveyed to the Harbor Hospital, suffering intensely, where all possible was done for him but without any hope of preserving life. He lingered in this hopeless condition until 6 o'clock Sunday morning, when his agonies were relieved and his spirit passed out to the great beyond fortified with the rites of his church. His friends were at his bedside to the last, and though the torture of approaching death racked his body as the vital spark was fast fading, his thoughts reverted back to home and mother, repeating, "My poor brother is killed and I am dying. What will poor mother do?" In his nature a sad but faithful touch of human nature which appeals to every heart.
Sebastian, who was 28 years of age, worked in Sydney mines for the last six years. The most unfortunate aspect of William's death was the fact of his having worked in the States for four years, coming home to see his mother and relatives last spring. After that he worked on Bell Island for some months, joining his brother at Sydney about six months ago. He was 24 years of age. Both possessed that happy disposition which enabled them to make friends of all whom they came in contact, and many a tear was shed as their caskets were laid side by side in one grave. Many a silent prayer was offered for their souls' repose by the great concourse of friends and mourners as their bodies were left to the lonely solitude of the cemetery.
A very impressive but consoling discourse was delivered by the Rev. J. J. Coady, P.P., in the Chapel, after which he called on Mrs. Farrell to offer condolence and endeavour to console the grief-stricken mother, with whom the whole community sincerely sympathizes.
It has been Mrs. Farrell's sad lot to taste the cup of bereavement and sorrow in its worst form on more than this occasion. Her first husband, John Nugent, met death in Bett's Cove mines 35 years ago in precisely the same way, when along with his brother, Richard Nugent, he was instantaneously killed by a fall of ground, leaving her a widow with one son, Bernard, who is now married and residing in New York. Eleven years ago another blow fell when her much loved daughter, Mary Joe, was called to her reward; and five years later her late husband, Wm. Farrell, a well known and experienced miner, died, leaving her again a widow, but with the con-



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soling influence in the home of three sons and one daughter, the two eldest sons being the victims in this terrible affair.
A remarkable coincidence in these deaths is that her daughter was buried on the 9th of March, 1901; her late husband's funeral took place on the 9th of March, 1907; and this accident, the greatest of all, occurred on the 9th of the present month.
Being conscious of the futility of our words assuaging the bitter pangs of grief that such a calamity inflicts, we commend the bereaved ones to Him who is the soother of all sorrows however great.
When we share a great affliction and our lives seem wrapt in gloom, let the Christian's faith console us. We shall meet beyond the tomb; then this world with all its trials shall no more inflict its pain; we shall share a glad reunion and our loved ones meet again.
With thanks for publication, I am,
Sincerely yours,
Kelligrews, March 9, '12. R. H.

THE BANK.

By HOWARD L. RANN.
The bank is a philanthropic institution which confers a favor upon society by borrowing people's money at 3 per cent and loaning it out at 7. The banker is a man who is paid a large salary for telling wabbly business enterprises where the jumping-off spot is located. Banks are built of marble and manganese steel, in order to prevent somebody who needs a little ready money from reaching in with a bottle of nitro-glycerine, and foundering himself with the cash in hand. In spite of this precaution, every once in a while some bank cashier is backed up against the adding machine, and requested to translate the time lock from the original Hebrew, while coarse men in pea jackets carry away everything in sight but the overdrafts. The banks have built up a flourishing and profitable industry, pursued with ceaseless energy by a certain class of citizens, who go through a steel vault

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