MINERS' VOTE.

Result of North-West Durham Bye-election.

Bigger Unionist Poll.

This afternoon the result of the Parliamentary bye-election in North-West Durham was announced as follows:—

A. Williams (L)	7841
J. O. Hardicker (U)	7564
G. H. Stuart (Lab.)	4639

Lib. majority over Unionist 1077

It will readily be seen, therefore, that, compared with the last election, the Unionist poll has now been increased by 537, while, with a Labour candidate also in the field, the Liberal, instead of a 4000 odd majority, has to be content with a majority of 1077.

Previous Elections.

The results in previous elections were:—January, 1910, T. E. Taylor (L), 6507; Radical majority, 2507.

December, 1910—Mr. A. Atherley-Jones, K.C. (L), 6599; Mr. J. O. Hardicker (U.), 4677; Radical majority, 1922.

GIRLS AND EUGENICS.

School Teacher Raises a Storm of Protest.

Mothers' Indignation.

Should the teaching of eugenics to girls of eleven to thirteen be allowed? The Derbyshire village of Dronfield is up in arms because Miss Outram, the headmistress of the local Council school, has been explaining the origin of birth to the girls prior to them leaving and making a start in life.

Recently the local school managers discussed the matter, and Miss Outram went before them and frankly admitted that she had taught as suggested, but emphatically denied that the lessons might result in harm to the girls. On the contrary, she contended that girls should have some knowledge of eugenics, and while she preferred that the information should go from the mother direct to the child, she pointed out that in most cases the parent would not give a straightforward answer to the child's question, with the result that the girl then appealed to her teacher.

The managers reported the whole matter to the County Education Committee with a recommendation that Miss Outram be asked to resign. This week the County Committee have replied to the communication, and state that they do not consider it necessary to hold an inquiry into the facts, as they appeared to be admitted, nor do they agree to Miss Outram being asked to resign.

When the news of the contents of the County Authority's reply reached the town there was a storm of indignation. The managers met again, and a number of mothers went to the room, and four resolutions to be heard were conceded to. Copies of their evidence have been forwarded to Derby with a further request for an inquiry.

As a protest against the action of the authorities a number of mothers have kept their girls away from school.

In the meantime Mr. Hall, chairman of the Urban District Council, has received a requisition for a public meeting of protest, and failing a reply from Derby by next Friday the meeting will be called.

"SMOKING IN BED."

Liverpool Woman Acquitted of Murder Charge.

At the Liverpool Assizes to-day Lillian Ellen Upton (26) was charged with the murder of Patrick Dwyer, with whom she lived.

The prosecution alleged that following a quarrel between the two the deceased went to bed. Later he rushed from the room with his clothes on fire, and accused the woman of having set him ablaze.

The defence contended that the fire occurred through the deceased death-bed habit.

His Lordship stopped the case, saying that the charge was very much a surmise. The jury returned a verdict of "Not guilty," and the accused was discharged.

POWDER BLOWS UP.

Huts Two Miles Away Damaged.

Much alarm was created to-day in the Monmouthshire mining town, Blenavon, by the explosion of 200 pounds of powder stored in a magazine in the mountain some two miles from the town.

The powder was used in connection with the boring of a tunnel through the mountain for the Abertillery waterworks. The fact that the explosion occurred in the dark is responsible for the absence of fatalities. A number of workmen housed in the huts two miles away say that the windows of several huts were shattered.

ROYAL HOUSING SCHEME

Fine Flats for the King's London Tenants.

The King is greatly interested in the scheme for the improvement of the Duchy of Cornwall estate, which is being carried out in South London, and particularly in that part which deals with the better housing of the Royal tenants. His Majesty acts on behalf of the Prince of Wales, who is Lord of the Manor of Kennington, in right of his Duchy of Cornwall, until the Prince attains his majority.

The Duchy estate is close to the Oval and Kennington Park, and very extensive re-building operations are being carried on. Solidity, comfort, simplicity, and good taste are the principal features of the work and the houses are so designed that, in the opinion of an expert correspondent of the "Times," the tenants of them will only have themselves to blame if they do not find them both comfortable and economical.

Electric light is provided at low charges, but gas ranges and coppers are fitted, and in each house and flat there is a well-equipped bathroom with hot and cold water. There are ample cupboards (a common deficiency in flats), large windows in every room, picture rails, partially-panelled walls, and external iron fire escapes.

Altogether the new Royal dwellings are the finest houses and flats for working people in London, and the rentals are very moderate (from 3s 6d upwards), representing only a low rate of interest on the building, and leaving nothing for ground rent.

This was formerly nothing but a slum. The King, with the assistance of Professor Adshead, professor of Town Planning in Liverpool University, has changed it into a fine residential locality for working people.

Foot and Mouth Disease.

In connection with the case of foot and mouth disease, which was discovered at Nass, near Dublin, to-day, when fifteen animals were found affected, the port authorities in Ireland have been directed to allow no shipment of cattle, sheep, or swine until further notice from the Department of Agriculture.

The late Mr. Martin John Sutton, head of Sutton and Sons, seed merchants, Reading, left estate sworn at £137,099 gross with net personalty £135,851.

STRIKE THAT FAILED.

Agitators Did Not Reckon with the Public.

Seized Mean Advantage.

The "Saturday Review" to-day says:—Another attempt has been made to blackmail the community, and it has failed. The London coal-carriers seemed at first bound for success. Time and place were carefully chosen.

In mid-winter coal is a necessity in London, owing to difficulties of housing and the small purchasing power of the poor, thousands of people buy their fuel week by week. The coal-carriers had the public and the coal-merchants at a double disadvantage, and, following the sinister doctrine of industrial warfare, they struck at the most favourable moment for themselves. A penny a ten more and—extras for delivery was the price they gave.

One small success they had. A first coal-merchant, at Woolwich, had a distinguished Radical politician, broke through the solid front which the miners opposed to the men's demands, and conceded the extra penny. It may have been politics, or trade, or sheer benevolence—we modestly suggested by the first—but it miscarried. The men refused to carry the coals of their benefactor.

The Public Spirit.

But that was the end of the men's success. Their calculations of time and place were right, but they charged the public, and did not allow for public spirit. They refused to carry coal to the hospitals, as the students footballed it themselves. They refused to carry coal to the workhouses, so the waiters went to St. Pancras for their coal. The general public somehow managed to get their supplies, either fuelching it for themselves or buying it in small quantities from enterprising hawkers.

The strike caused some loss, much inconvenience, perhaps a little suffering and shortage of food among the very poor. It was a mean thing, and it came to nought. At the end of last week the coal-carriers were shabbier for fight than when they went back to work on any terms they could get. Some, like the men of Sir Edward Cornwallis's employees chiefly, got their penny a ton extra, the unlucky ones got their old wages, or found their places had been filled.

Selfish Action.

The coal-carriers had no grievance, except that they wanted more money—a grievance which all the world shares with them. There was no grievance between the builders, who are also on strike, of very conditions being imposed and a penalty pledge being exacted. In this latter trade there was an organisation for fight to a finish on an issue of principle; but the coal-carriers had no such argument. They were neither badly paid by their masters nor badly treated by the public; their wages averaged over thirty shillings a week for simple work requiring moderate strength but no skill, and with tips as a kind of temporary backsheesh to the fortunate holder who signs the delivery note. There was no grievance they think the public can be made to pay. It is true that they made the public pay, but it was a mean case, but it was time more than money that was lost by them who deflected their own coal. Only the memory of a dusty month will mark the strikers' share of suffering for many householders and clerks.

Lesson for Unskilled Labour.

London has been confronted with the same problem as Leeds, and it learnt its lesson quickly. The community can challenge by a section of the community, and it answers. The challenge is either in a convenience, and sometimes it seems almost a necessity of modern life, but it a pinch must people can carry a sack of light a fire, they would prefer that some work should be done by others but rather than be bullied we can do the thing ourselves. That is a lesson which the unskilled carrier can carry home and the community has now learned. Henceforth he will be better able to understand the temper of the public.

NOVEL FOX HUNT.

Chase in a Fishing Cobble.

A novel fox hunt is reported from Flamborough. The kill took place on the margin of yapping dogs and breathless men, but in the open sea the chase and kill was dealt with a—ay.

In the decline light of evening three Flamborough fishermen—Tom Cross, George Cross, and Tom Mangrove—returning from the fishing in their cobble Mary Alice, saw what they at first thought was a dog swimming in the water.

The Mary Alice was bedecked for the evening annual, which proved to be a fox, and the fishermen gave chase. They attempted to catch the fox alive, but found it impossible, and on getting within oar's reach, they knocked it on the head with one of their oars and drew the broken body on board.

Foxes have been known to take refuge in Bempton Cliffs, and it is supposed that this particular one had come from there while running along the edge and fallen into the water.

AT THE PANTOMIME.

Treat for Children at Bradford Theatre Royal.

Thanks to the thoughtful consideration and invitation of Mr. Hirst the youthful inmates of the Bradford Workhouse, the Cottage Palace hot child Dick Dodd in some 300 in number, witnessed the "Dick Whittington" pantomime at the Bradford Theatre Royal this afternoon. Mr. Hart had also arranged for a good tea and a supply of fruit and buns to be distributed among the party.

Insurance Agents Meet.

The staff of the Manchester Road (Bradford) branch of the Pearl Assurance Company had their annual tea and dance at Moore's Restaurant, Westgate, on Thursday evening.

The gathering was presided over by the company's superintendent, Mr. F. Jones, Mr. H. A. Moore, Mr. J. H. Jones, ordinary branch superintendent, Mr. Jones, and Mr. C. V. Varley, the superintendent of the Keighley district. In the course of an address Mr. Moore mentioned that the company came into Bradford a few months had made the largest increase in its history. Prizes were distributed to those who had made the largest increase during the quarter, viz., Messrs. Turnbull, Lund, Broadley, Dawson, Kendall, and Court. An excellent programme of conversation was the presentation of an oak clock to Mr. H. E. Bradley by Mr. G. H. Robinson on behalf of the staff, on the occasion of his recent marriage. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Jones, Wilkinson, and Varley, and Messrs. Lund and Pearson, Mr. G. E. West presided at the piano.

Boxing Contests.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE YORKSHIRE DAILY ARGUS.

Sir—In your issue of the 27th inst. a the report of the Lord Chamberlain has granted the use of the Palladium (which is the largest theatre in London) for the Bombardier Wells v. Bandsman Blake contest.

In Bradford we can't even get the Chief Constable to relinquish his fiat—in fact, that we cannot have a contest unless Scotchmen are used, thereby robbing the sporting public of a few hours' recreation. I remain, yours, etc., J. QUAYLE.

Burlington-Yours, etc., J. QUAYLE.
61, Cardington Street. Jan. 30, 1914.

Army statistics for the last year show that there were only four foreigners in our Regular Army.

Lanthwaite District Council has won an appeal against the Rivers Board on a question of river pollution.

BRADFORD TRIPPERS.

2500 Go to Sheffield and 600 to Millwall

To Cheer Cup-tie Teams.

With a fair sprinkling of the fair sex, some 2500 spectators left Bradford by the Midland Station, the numbers being augmented by five special trains. Almost to a man club colours were displayed, but in spite of their hospitality to the Park Avenue partisans got away in an orderly manner. This was largely accounted for in a degree by the tactful management of Mr. F. W. Pugh, the stationmaster.

The first special left at 7.38 this morning with about 300 passengers, and the second at 11.41. This carried 600 trippers. Two more were 900 at least on board, and from some 300 were despatched by the Birmingham special which stops at Sheffield.

"Vive l'Avenue."

Other specials left at 12.30, 12.35, and 12.40, there being eighteen saloons and carriages with an average of thirty passengers to each saloon. The 12.35 was, perhaps, the best fitted train of the lot, and it was necessary to run another at 12.40 to carry the surplus and pick-up passengers at Manningham and other waiside stations en route.

Mascots, rattles, and the very inevitable concertina in the shape of the saloon booked by the Provident Supply Co., were much in evidence, and full of the "Vive l'Avenue."

A big train left the Exchange Station this morning at 11.55, and it had a full complement of passengers from Great Horton and other stations. The Great Horton contingent was in charge of a stationmaster, Mr. Matthews, the stationmaster who is in charge at the Great Horton station, and it left Bradford at 11.17 p.m.

City Excursion.

This morning the City excursion for New Cross, the station nearest the Millwall ground, went at six o'clock, and was well filled, about 600 making the journey. The G.N.R. passenger agent, Mr. J. H. Thomas, was the conductor of the train. Oystons, the popular agent, was also present. The fare for the day was single time of the return permits of a visit to the ground, the return of the last train being at 11.17 p.m.

RACHMANINOFF.

Noted Prelude Composer in Bradford.

A Lesson for Students.

It is not difficult to account for the immense audience at last night's Subscription Concert. The name Rachmaninoff suggests but one thing—the Prelude in C Sharp Minor, known and appreciated all over the world. Rachmaninoff is primarily a pianoforte piece, it has, however, been transcribed for orchestra and for organ, and its popularity; in fact one may say that in every manner the Prelude is a gem—its adaptability is quite remarkable. Even though the composer's name is unknown, it lends itself effectively in many directions—it is a composition capable of investiture with suitable atmosphere, and presenting itself as a pleasing work to catch the appreciation of the pedal causers.

Why Rachmaninoff should so play into George's Hall was not, of course, thought of. Rachmaninoff simply has other and more ambitious compositions of his own creation—such as the Fifth Symphony, Preludes and a trio of lighter pieces—a Polichinelle, a Barcarolle, and a Humoresque. It is perhaps doubtful whether, as a composer of Rachmaninoff's style, he is not largely disappointed, and none too welcome, when he is asked to play, and in a position to in the brilliant and highly accomplished Prelude in Rachmaninoff's idiom. It is of the academic order to a degree, and he is playing in quite of the same fashion. The so-called Sonata, for it was impossible to discriminate that accepted form, was probably the most agreeable of all the compositions. The pomp of church effects, a speciality which R. Rachmaninoff clings to, was there, the handiwork in the tendence of a descending scale passage, with the impressive chords as an accompaniment, was quite an inspiration. The three lighter pieces, however, afforded the audience a good deal of appreciation, and one could not help noting variations of the Rachmaninoffian chromatics with which those pieces of the celebrated Prelude are familiar.

So far as the C Sharp Minor prelude—eminently styled the E Major in the programme—concerned, it is, perhaps, a lesson to pianists, and intensely regarded as such. It is always interesting and instructive to know how the composer would himself play his piece, and when he was last night would correct one or two impressions gained in the ordinary way of playing. For instance Mr. Rachmaninoff does not give the melt into the ears of the listener at every possible opportunity. There are occasions where the chords are to be given out with forte effect, the composer only allowing a trace to be the single note of the melody, thus minimising what the pianist designs—a moving bass in fourths with the melody—but rather lends the melody, the accompaniment, the accelerando passages and the crashing chords are given out in the conventional style, accepting that Rachmaninoff makes no concession to the public, but he has reached. Here again the effect aimed at is academic, and not attempt is made to eliminate the pianoforte in the final, which, needless to say, is a fine piece, was an object lesson, and M. Rachmaninoff was heartily applauded. His other preludes, more exacting in many ways, showed that this is certainly not the acme of the position most agreeable to the distinguished writer.

Naturally the personality of Rachmaninoff, of unique and rather quaint, individuality of the other artistes. Miss Ruby Helder, a very charming and fascinating "soubrette" of her operatic sphere, made an impression by her quaint and quite a number of airs, by Bishop, Mozart, Tschaikowsky, and others. One should be her singing the delicacy demanded in the composition assigned to Mozart—and, but necessitating the absence of adequate gradation of some phrasing of intention pleased the audience immensely, and compelled her time after time.

Mr. Felix Salmond, 'cello soloist, is a gentleman of the old school, rather too, so highly did he adopt the strings. He contented himself with a fine tone and good technique, and in the effect was admirably assisted by Mr. G. Midgley.

Old Bradfordians in London.

The first annual general meeting of the Old Bradfordians' Club, London, has been held at Westminster, Mr. A. C. Carter presiding.

Other members present were Mr. John Crossley, Mr. A. E. Steinthal, Mr. J. Ernest Burton, Mr. G. V. Steinthal, Mr. Robert Ward, Mr. A. J. Gardner, Mr. H. Cooper Shaw, Mr. T. R. Ablett, and Mr. Horsfall Shaw.

Mr. W. Maxwell, Mr. T. R. Ablett, and Mr. H. V. Schaffer were elected to the committee. All the other officers of the club were re-elected with the exception of Mr. T. R. Ablett, who, to the regret of all, is relinquishing his office as treasurer. Mr. R. W. Calverley was unanimously elected to succeed him.

The King went out shooting in Windsor Great Park this morning.

The American Ambassador (the Hon. Walter Page) is visiting Leeds for the week-end.

During the past year 982 lost children were restored to their parents by the Oldham police.

FOOTBALL.

MILLWALL ATHLETIC v. BRADFORD CITY.

ENGLISH CUP.—SECOND ROUND.

By "Forward."

The Bradford City Cup-tie team left Bradford yesterday afternoon, and their reception was a fair compliment to the third round at the expense of Millwall. The magnitude of the task was fully appreciated, but in "Tim" of the game Bradford City during the past few weeks it was confidently hoped that the Parsdens would at any rate avoid defeat at New Cross.

Both teams have undergone a change, and early in the week Millwall were able to announce that they would be at full strength.

The City team was not definitely chosen until this morning, but it was expected that it would be as follows:—

BRADFORD CITY.

Campbell Bocock
Robinson Torrance Dodge
Boyd McDonnell Dorrer Fox Bookman
Forwards O Mr. J. T. Pearce.

Moody Davis Vincent Duffy
Hodge Wilson Valentine
Wootlier Kirkwood

MILLWALL.

AT "THE DEN."

It was definitely decided that Fox shall play. His wrist was swollen in Millwall yesterday, and it was thought that his mishap would not handicap him.

Bradford City are full strength, as chosen above.

The pitch was in ideal condition and favourable to clever football. The "Den" holds 20 thousand, and there was every prospect of a "full house." Rain fell during the morning, but it soon ceased, and the crowd quite a pandemonium with their rattles, bells, and whistles.

The largest crowd ever accommodated at the "Den" is 37,000, and it was estimated that to-day there would be over 20 thousand.

The Parsdens, were the first out, and were warmly received, but there was a perfect roar when the Lions appeared in the arena.

THE GAME.

Robinson lost the toss, but Millwall elected to play against a moderate breeze. Fox and Bookman were the two to come prominence, but Kirkwood intercepted a pass and regained the ball up the field. It was crossed to the right, where Robinson fouled. The free kick was well cleared, and Torrance charged Davis off the ball when the latter tried to break through.

Oscar Fox's Injury.

The Bradford City players had an unpleasant shock when they reached their London headquarters last night, and one was confronted a very painful spectacle. Oscar Fox went to his room for a wash, and as he was pouring water from into bowl it broke in his hand, and he received a serious cut on the wrist from a jagged edge. George Robinson was in the room at the time, and both he and Fox were alarmed to see blood pouring profusely from the cut. Evidently an artery had been severed, and a messenger was despatched for a doctor.

The prospect of Oscar being unable to play against Millwall spoil Tim's plan of campaign, and it was thought he would be ordered by the doctor to the Royal Hospital. The wound was stitched, and Fox, after a night's rest, felt well. He had a good night's rest, and was able to report to Tim that he was ready this morning. The doctor declared that he might play.

Tony Logan was very well, and Leslie Bookman was chosen outside left.

The Bradford party met together at their headquarters this morning, and then proceeded direct to New Cross in motor cars.

SHEFFIELD UNITED v. BRADFORD.

ENGLISH CUP.—SECOND ROUND.

By "Forward."

Only two matches in the second round of the F.A. Cup ended single, but clever and more ambitious compositions of his own creation—such as the Fifth Symphony, three Preludes and a trio of lighter pieces—a Polichinelle, a Barcarolle, and a Humoresque. It is perhaps doubtful whether, as a composer of Rachmaninoff's style, he is not largely disappointed, and none too welcome when he is asked to play into George's Hall and to play in quite a different idiom