

Irish News.

ANTRIM—District Inspector Straton has applied for £300 compensation for injuries received by him during the June riots in Belfast.

Mr. William T. Coates, Chairman of the Belfast Water Commissioners, on July 20, cut the first sod in connection with the new works for increasing the water supply of Belfast, which are to be constructed at a cost of £105,000.

Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, writing to the Belfast Young Ireland Society, in response to a request that he should deliver a public lecture in Belfast, says: "I have a cordial sympathy for young men labouring to keep alive Nationality in Belfast, which has fallen away so miserably from its heroic repute. But when you remember that it is nearly fifty years since I commenced my public life in your town, you will not wonder that I have determined never to lecture again. I will use whatever days remain to me in serving to the best of my ability the Irish cause. But I must guard the flame of life that it may burn till I see before I depart an Irish Parliament fairly representing the whole Irish nation, lifting our country again into the light."

Mr. Biggar does not mince his words (says *United Ireland*). He bluntly puts the blame on the right shoulders. The Mayor first, and then the roaring reverends. The coolest proceeding of the whole business is the Mayor, Sir Edward Harland, the official mainly answerable for the peace of the city, issuing proclamations exhorting to order while his own workmen, who form the fiercest of the Orange element, fill their pockets evening after evening with ammunition from his yard in the shape of the deadly nuts and rivets. These handier and crueller missiles seem to have completely superseded the "kidneys" as the favourite ammunition of the Orangemen. It is a curious comment on the history of these riots that the rioters were practically armed by the Mayor of the city. Evening after evening of these terrible weeks the thousands of Harland and Wolff's workmen sallied forth from their shipbuilding yards with their pockets stuffed with iron rivets. Now the streets are strewn with them as plentifully as loosened kidneys. This patriotic firm must have spent a considerable sum in thus supplying their employes with their war material. A Mayor of a town, if we remember rightly, was arrested and imprisoned in the last century for participation in Lord George Gordon's riots. If there was a strong Government resolved to do its duty in Ireland now, the Mayor of Belfast, instead of consulting with the Chief Secretary, would have been occupying the inside of a jail for the past two weeks.

On July 9 a deputation from the people of Ramoan parish waited upon the Most Rev. Dr. McAlister, at the Parochial House, Ballycastle, for the purpose of reading an address of welcome and also presenting him with a pectoral cross and chain which had been selected as the most suitable token to convey their deep affection for their former pastor.

On the night of July 13 an accident occurred on the Belfast and Northern Counties Railway, a short distance from Ballymena. It appears that a special passenger train which ran between Belfast and Portrush was about an hour behind its due time of arriving at Ballymena. All the evening trains were also late, and the one which starts from Ballymena at 7.50 was so much so as to unfortunately lead the man in charge of the gates at the level crossing near Slatt into a mistake in concluding that this train was the special alluded to. The gates in question were therefore closed across the line to admit of traffic on the public road between Ballee and Slatt, without being stopped, as is sometimes the case, for a few minutes while trains are passing the place. They were in this awkward position when the special, which did not leave Ballymena until 10.36, came along with great velocity and dashed out through them. The passengers were greatly shocked, but beyond this none of them were injured. When the train was stopped, however, a short distance along it was discovered that the engine driver, John Roy, Belfast (who with the stoker had narrow escapes of their lives), had got his leg broken. The injured man (Roy) was taken to Antrim and placed in the hospital there for the night, the train meantime resuming its journey to Belfast.

The *Daily Express*, we (*United Ireland*) take it, is perfectly satisfied with the consummation of the policy inaugurated by Lord Randolph Churchill in Belfast, and the riots are but a successful and characteristic Orange demonstration against Home Rule. But its big brother, the *Times*, has a shade more prudence if not more honesty, and cannot shut its eyes quite so close as its Parliament-street protégé to the facts that are patent to the world. In its leader on the Belfast riots on Monday, the *Times* declares that "on the face of affairs the heaviest share of responsibility must fall immediately on the Protestant masses." The *Standard* of the same date is more outspoken still. "If," it proclaims, "Englishmen are fated to witness a prolongation of the sanguinary saturnalia, they will have doubts about the worth of the Union."

CARLOW—A fire broke out on July 10, on Mrs. Agar's premises, Janeville, in which Mrs. Agar's daughter, 11 years old, perished. The fire is believed to have been caused through a spark falling on the roof of the dwelling-house, which was thatched. The dwelling-house and out-offices, excepting one, were consumed with appalling rapidity.

Mr. Edmund Bourke, Local Government Board Inspector, sat in the board-room of Carlow Workhouse on July 15, and commenced an inquiry under the Laborers' Acts into a scheme for 152 cottages promoted by the Guardians.

CAVAN—The townland of Seafin (and surrounding districts), situate about five miles North-west of Ballieboro, Co. Cavan, was recently the scene of great rejoicings. Bonfires blazed on every hill, and hundreds of people marched to the stirring music of the Knock-bridge West Fife and Drum Band. The cause of jubilation was the victory of an evicted tenant, named Patrick Cusack, over Mr. Dickson's agent, Farr, junior. Cusack had been summoned to the

petty sessions on a charge of forcible possession. It transpired, however, that he had been not legally evicted, whereupon he was advised by his solicitor to go back and live in his old home.

Bernard Smith, merchant, Ballyjamesduff, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the Co. Cavan. Mr. Smith is a thorough Nationalist.

CLARE—Recently four yearlings, the property of Mr. Martin Gavin, Lavelle, near Kildysart, were stolen off the lands of Ballycorrick and sold to a dealer at a fair of Kilkee. The police seized the cattle in Limerick and arrested the purchaser who stated that the paid £25 for them in Kilkee.

A draft of £18 9s. was sent by the priests and people of Ennislymon, on July 16th, for the Irish Parliamentary Fund.

The Guardians of Kildysart have agreed to build eleven additional cottages for laborers.

The Rev. Patrick Shannon, late P. P. of Cooraclare, directed his executors to apply a sum of £50 in effecting any necessary repairs to his chapels in Cooraclare and Cree, £20 to be expended on the former and £15 on the latter. He further directed his executors to purchase a harmonium for the chapel of Cooraclare at an expense of £20. Testator also directed that a sum of £30 be applied in having Masses said for his soul. He bequeathed £20 to the very poor of his parishes of Cree and Cooraclare, and £120 to the Kilrush and Kilkee Convents, £60 to each. On the happening of certain events he also bequeathed a further sum of £100 to the Kilrush Convent. Testator appointed the Rev. Wm. Buckley, his then curate, and Mr. Michael Shannon, of Ennis, his executors, to whom probate was granted on the 1st of July.

Ejectment processes have been brought against nine tenants on the Twiss estate at Ballymalone for the non-payment of impossible rack-rents.

Col. O'Callaghan is fast earning for himself a most unenviable reputation as a landlord. He is just now vigorously prosecuting his favorite work of extermination.

CORK—The crops generally around Skibbereen present a very healthy appearance, but in some places the potato blight is spreading very rapidly and doing a considerable amount of havoc.

There was recently offered for sale in the Land Court: Estate of Trustees of Charles John Daly, deceased; W. F. Littledale, petitioner. The lands of Carraghclonbrough, 113a 2r 3p; held under a fee farm grant of the 13th of February, 1857; net annual profit rent, £50 19s 7d. There was no bidding, and the sale was adjourned, leave being given to make private orders.

It is nearly the same story in Cork as in Mayo. That great county has had but a few trivial cases to occupy the attention of judges and jurors, yet its people are called upon to pay a bill of close on £3,000 for extra police, for the past three months. The monstrosity of keeping these men there has become at last too much even for the grand Jury, and that body have formally recorded their opinion that the charge is a totally unnecessary one.

On July 20, under the supervision of the Shraharia Branch of the National League, a most comfortable house was built for Mr. John McCarthy, Labbamoiga, who was recently evicted, together with his nine children. About five hundred persons assembled, amongst whom was a large contingent from the Agleborough Branch of the Irish National League, bringing with them the necessary implements for the work, headed by their fife and drum band, which enlivened the proceedings during the course of the day. Next came a large contingent from the lately established branch in Glenroe, with horses and carts to supply building material. The Shraharia fife and drum band were also in attendance. The greatest energy and careful workmanship were displayed in the erection of the hut, and after being finished Mr. Patrick Noonan, William Lee, Glenroe Branch, and William English, Agleborough Branch addressed those present.

Death has been busy among some leading citizens in Cork. On July 19 the deaths were simultaneously announced of Mr. Francis Lyons, three times Mayor of Cork; Dr. Ermes, Medical Superintendent of the Cork Lunatic Asylum, and Mr. Victor B. Fitzgibbon. One gentleman in the city—a member of a firm which gives very extensive employment—had three brother-in-laws awaiting burial at the same time in Sir Henry Donovan, Tralee, Mr. Lyons and Mr. Fitzgibbon. This is almost unexampled in the annals of death.

DUBLIN—There has been for some time past great dissatisfaction on the part of the fishermen at Howth with the prices which they have been receiving for their catches of herrings. The fishermen believe themselves to be victims of a "ring" among the buyers, who have agreed to combine together to keep down the prices of the fish offered for sale by the masters of the fishing trawlers upon the quay side. English buyers are able to send steamers to Howth, to pay double the price given by the local buyers, to pay the heavy cost of railway carriage to the English centres of population, and after making allowance, moreover, for the deterioration of the fish in transit, to sell at a profit. The fishermen have therefore struck against the terms offered by the local buyers, and at the date of our latest Irish exchanges upwards of 150 boats lay idle in the harbour.

The proselytising "bird's nests" are not going to have things their own way in Dublin in the future. The newly-established "Home for the Shelter of Little Catholic Children," which is receiving the warmest support of Archbishop Walsh, the Lady Mayoress and others, is doing good work in looking after the spiritual and temporal welfare of little Catholic waifs.

On July 16 Miss Florrie Pearson, of Phibsborough avenue, Fairview, without waiting to divest herself of any of her clothing plunged into the rescue of a drowning girl at the the Clontarf baths and splendidly accomplished her heroic task.

The erection of a barrack for married constables at the entrance to the Phoenix Park is being proceeded with, notwithstanding the pledge given by the Secretary to the Treasury to Mr. Healy in the House of Commons that the work would be suspended pending the decision of Parliament. This disfiguring of the Park is being strongly denounced by the citizens.

With the utmost respect for the superior judgment of our loyal contemporaries in Ireland, we (*United Ireland*) venture to