

called "Loyalists," adopting the tactics of their brethren at Armagh, Caledon, Magherafelt, and Dungannon, issued posters calling on the "Sons of William" to assemble in their thousands at Killekeel to show their determination to maintain the integrity of the Empire and to aid the Government in their resolution to re-establish the Queen's authority in Ireland by their passing the Crimes Bill. The usual result followed this strategy. Lord Kilmorey and his agent, John Henry Quinn, issued just a few hours before the time of the meeting a proclamation forbidding it. So little time was given for the proclamation to be read that the officer of the police did not know of the issue of the order until he arrived in the town about mid-day, and Mr. Bowman and Mr. Williamson, of Killekeel only got copies of the proclamation about half an hour before the time of the meeting, and only heard of it a few minutes earlier. The opposition meeting, the Loyalists also being ignorant of the proclamation, was held in the Orange Hall, and the orators had the pleasure of addressing precisely seventy-five persons, a large number of them being boys. Fifty extra police were drafted from Crossgar, Downpatrick, Newcastle, Newry, and some other towns, under the command of County-Inspector Harcourt. A number of leading local Nationalists consulted along with Mr. Bowman as to what was best to be done, and it was resolved to hold the meeting in the place announced, and to remain until the police should interfere. Amongst those assembled on or near the platform were:—Rev. Dr. Marner, P.P., Killekeel; Father O'Hara, P.P., Dandrum; Father Watterson, P.P., Newcastle; Rev. A. Lowry, Bostrevor; Father O'Hagan, London; Father McAllister, O.C., Killekeel; Father Campbell, O.C., Killekeel; Rev. John Burns, C.C., Lower Mourne; Father Donnelly, C.C., Crossgar; Father O'Donnell, C.C., St. Peter's, Belfast; J. F. Small, Newry; Alexander Bowman, Belfast; etc. Mr. Ferris having been moved to the chair, called on Mr. Bowman to address the meeting, Mr. Bowman had been speaking a few minutes when the police pressed through the crowd forcibly, and the officer in charge told Mr. Bowman the meeting was proclaimed and he would have to disperse the crowd, Mr. Bowman then called upon the people to go to Mr. Morgan's yard, which in a few minutes was completely packed by an enthusiastic assemblage, with whom the police did not interfere, and a highly successful meeting was held.

**FERRMANAGH.**—A great number of emigrants left Enniskillen during the week ended May 22, from the town itself and the adjoining neighbourhood. The emigration epidemic seems to have reached this County in an alarming form.

**GALWAY.**—A serious disturbance arose on May 27, in the Arran Islands, off the coast of Galway. A large force of police was protecting a collector serving notices for payment of County cess. A crowd collected on North Island, determinedly faced the police, and threw stones at them. The police fired and injured several of them and took one prisoner. Mr. Kelly, the collector, was much hurt with stones, as were also several of the policemen. Further resistance to this rate is expected.

On May 22, a splendid demonstration was held at Dunmore, organised by the local branch of the National League. Contingents attended from all the neighbouring estates which swelled the meeting into one of huge proportions. A remarkable feature in the proceedings was the entire absence of the constabulary, who handed over to the priests the responsibility for the peace of the meeting. The responsibility fell on the right shoulders, for the proceedings were most orderly and enthusiastic. Very Rev. Canon McEvilly, P.P., Dunmore, was moved to the chair. There were also present:—Very Rev. Canon O'Dwyer, P.P., V.F., Clonburn; Revs. Thomas Walsh, P.P., Glann; B. Freely, C.C., and M. Diskin, C.C., Dunmore. The Tuam Brass Band and Glann Brass Band attended.

At the uncouthly hour of 4 o'clock in the morning of May 27, the Sheriff's deputy, accompanied by about 40 policemen, repaired to the residence of Mrs. Bridget Ryan, at Coscorrig, one of the most extensive farmers in the district, and succeeded in carrying out the first seizure on the Clanricarde property. Although preparations were made for some days past to evade the Sheriff's officers, not alone on the farms of Mrs. Ryan, but on those against whom judgment has been marked, Mr. Malone, Deputy Sheriff, and his assistants succeeded in seizing on two bulls, five milch cows, ten heifers, sixty sheep, and a horse, which, under a very strong escort, were driven to the "Square," a portion of which is used as the rent office of Clanricarde. An event that threatened to result in serious consequences took place outside the post-office. Two Emergency men, guarded by police, came to the office at 12.30, and waited for the mail car, which leaves for Woodlawn at 12.45. They were hooted, and a crowd of about 500 persons assembled. The driver of the car refused to take the Emergency men, and a delay of about 15 minutes occurred. When the incoming car taking the mails from Dublin arrived, the drivers exchanged cars. One of the Emergency men placed a bag and some parcels on the outgoing car, when a young lad named Fahy, got on the car and threw down the parcels and bag; another man named Gannon got up by his side and said they had the car engaged. Sergeant Kavanagh interposed, but without avail; both kept their seats, and despite the opposition one of the Emergency men got on the car with the driver and held his seat, while the other had to remain behind. A small party of police, under the command of County-Inspector O'Brien, arrived just when the car was leaving, but there was no attempt to disperse the crowd. In the evening Fahy and Gannon returned and were cheered through the town. There was no further attempt at seizures and the Nationalists are organising a vigilance committee to watch both by day and night, the movements of the Sheriff's deputy and the police.

**KERRY.**—A committee of landlords has been formed in Kerry, to ascertain the names of persons anxious to emigrate to Canada and the United States, the fundamental condition being that they should already have had friends settled on the other side of the Atlantic who were prepared to receive them on their arrival. The funds for this scheme are provided from a balance in hands under the Arrears Act, administered under the direction of the Local Government

Board. The grant is £7 per head, out of which an outfit and a passage ticket are provided to take each emigrant to his ultimate destination. The surplus remaining after making this provision is handed to the emigrants after reaching their new home. The Kerry committee operating in the southern part of the County have succeeded in obtaining the names of upwards 2,000 candidates for emigration. Rev. Mr. Halloran, the Protestant rector of Caherciveen, has displayed amazing energy and ingenuity in procuring candidates with the required condition of having relations already in America. In the Killarney district, Rev. Mr. Wynne, Protestant rector, has taken the trouble to busy himself in this matter. There are several persons out of employment anxious to leave the country, and having no money are glad to avail of the help proffered them by the Government through the Rev. Mr. Wynne. On May 24, twenty five families from Killarney left for Canada, comprising in all about 140 persons. At the station, which was literally packed with the emigrants and their immediate friends, a heart-rending spectacle was seen when they began to take leave of each other.

**KILDARE.**—On May 25, when it became known that Father Ryan and Mr. Slattery were released from imprisonment, steps were taken in Athy by a number of Nationalists to give expression to the feelings of popular joy which the news evoked. A torchlight procession, accompanied by the two fine local bands, which played a variety of National airs, paraded the principal streets up to a late hour. Most of the houses were illuminated.

**LIMERICK.**—The usual annual review on the Queen's Birthday was held on May 24, at King's Island, Colonel Dyke, R.A., commanding. The ordinary evolutions having been gone through, the commandant called for three cheers for the Queen, which were given by line troops and officers of the Limerick County militia, but the rank and file did not respond. Loud cheers were then given for Gladstone and Parnell. The affair has caused quite a sensation in the city, being quite unanticipated.

On the morning of May 27, the released priest, Father Matthew Ryan, arrived in Herbertstown, and was recorded a most enthusiastic demonstration. He was met outside the village by the band and a large throng, who cheered vociferously for "the General." He replied to an address from the band congratulating him on his release, and said he was still of the same opinion as to the necessity of the tenants using the Plan of Campaign to defeat unjust landlords. Leaving Herbertstown for Limerick, Father Ryan was escorted by a procession of ladies, who warmly joined in the popular manifestations of applause. At night tar barrels and bonfires blazed in the streets, and every house in the village excepting the barracks was illuminated.

On May 23, 24, and 25, John Jennings, Sheriff's officer, accompanied by his usual retinue of bailiffs, and a large force of police under the command of Captain Segrave, R.M., was engaged carrying out a number of evictions, principally on the estate of Colonel Clive, an absentee landlord residing in London, in the Ballycroy and Achill District. Seven families in all were evicted; one was readmitted as caretaker, owing to a member of the family being ill. No resistance was offered by the people. At the eviction on a small island called Inishbegie, four miles off Ballycroy, so poor was the unfortunate woman and her family that the small detachment of the police who went on to the island to protect the bailiffs, on seeing them, opened a subscription to which each of them contributed, and in that way made up a small sum, which they handed them. All the families evicted were the recipients of outdoor relief during the past year.

**MEATH.**—On May 24, Father Edward Grennan of Beauparc was fowling with a double-barrelled breech-loader when it separated at the breech, and the charge, exploding, lodged in his heel. He died two days after from tetanus.

**MONAGHAN.**—The news of the release of Canon Keller reached Inniskeen on the evening of May 22, and immediately a demonstration was organised. The Inniskeen Fife and Drum Band turned out and paraded the village, discoursing National music, and accompanied by a very large crowd of people who cheered enthusiastically for Canon Keller and the Plan of Campaign.

**ROSCOMMON.**—Roscommon magistrates and cess-payers held a Presentment Sessions on May 16. A claim for £493 for the maintenance of extra police in the County for the half-year came before the court. The presiding magistrates who are J. D. O'Connor, J.P.; T. A. P. Mapother, J.P.; and John Neilan, J.P.; and the cess-payers were John Irwin, Rathmoyle; and John Dolan. Mr. Mapother pointed out that at the previous sessions they passed a resolution objecting to this charge for extra police, as there was not a more peaceable County in Ireland. Instead of heeding this resolution the Government had increased the amount by £100, and he now proposed that they take some vigorous action in dealing with it. After a short discussion the court unanimously threw out the presentment, and they directed that the Chief Secretary be informed that their reasons for doing so were that the County was in a perfectly peaceable condition.

**TIPPERARY.**—Great rejoicings greeted the announcement of the release of Father Keller all over this County. In Cahir a huge bonfire was lighted on the square, the brass band played national airs through the town, and the houses, with few exceptions, were illuminated. Crowds paraded the streets cheering for Father Keller. In Emly the young men of the town turned out with the Allen, Larkin, and O'Brien Brass Band under the management of Mr. O'Donnell, bandmaster, and in less than five minutes had thousands of people moving behind it. A procession was formed at St. Ailbe's Schools headed by about 60 young men carrying torches in their hands and singing the national anthem. Tar barrels blazed on the shoulders of stalwart men, and bonfires were lighting in all directions.

**TYRONE.**—At 9 o'clock on the morning of May 25, Major Irvine's agent, Mr. Harris, and his bailiff and four Emergency men, escorted by 100 police, under the command of Mr. Garrett Nagle, R.M., County Inspector Pennington, and District-Inspectors Kelly, Yeates, and