

Irish News.

Antrim.—The patriot priest of Gweedore in company with Father Stephens arrived in this town and addressed a large meeting of Nationalists in St. Mary's Hall, James Johnston, of the Protestant Home Rule Association, presided. A large placard on the platform contained the greeting, "Balfour's Criminals Welcome to Belfast." Speeches ringing with defiance of Tory misgovernment and felonious landlordism were delivered by Father McFadden, Father Stephens and Father McCartan, Donoughmore, Tyrone. Rev. Dr. Greene, proposed and Dr. Farlane seconded the following resolution:—Resolved That we tender to Fathers McFadden and Stephens our heartfelt gratitude for their valiant stand against the hosts of despotism, and we pledge ourselves that no reign of terror which Toryism is capable of establishing will ever drive us from the field of Nationality until our country is crowned with independence. After the singing of "God Save Ireland" the meeting terminated.

Armagh.—Sub-Sheriff W. H. Moore and Auctioneer W. Leake of Portadown, under the protection of 150 police, sold cattle seized for rack-rent on the lands of Edward W. Lockhart, Kilmonaghan and E. Thompson and Hugh Gordon, Seara, near Jerritt's Pass. The cattle were bought in by the tenants. The people jeered at the police, and Peter Byrne, Edward Fitzmaurice, and Lawrence McCourt, Newry, endeavoured to obstruct the sale.

Clare.—J. B. Cox, M.P., attempted to address his constituents at Scariff, April 8, but was prevented by Captain Keogh at the head of a large force of police and military.

Carra ("Suppressed" Branch) I.N.L. met April 8, Rev. P. Keran, P.P. Chairman. The thousands of ejectment notices about to be served in the vicinity were referred to and the people advised to adopt the Plan of Campaign.

J. Jordan, M.P., and W. Abraham, M.P., attempted to address the Nationalist people of Miltown-Malbay April 8, but were prevented by a large force of police and military under Major Waring, who threatened to order his men to shoot if the members held the meeting.

Michael Davitt, John O'Connor, M.P., and T. J. Condon, M.P., attended the great meeting held here April 8. Colonel Turner with a large force of police and military occupied the town, and by their mean savagery tried to goad the people into open rebellion. After the meeting Colonel Turner ordered the "peelers" to use their swords and batons on the people, which they did with barbarous alacrity wounding hundreds, among others John G. Hill, of the *Irish Times*, and Mr. Murray, of the Dublin *Freeman*. Seventy-four arrests were made, and John O'Connor was also threatened if he attempted to address the people. Thus the devilish crusade against a justice loving people is carried on in the face of the civilised world.

J. B. Desmond and Daniel Crilly, M.P.s, attended the monster meeting at Kiltrush, April 8. As the people filled the square, Irwin, B. M., ordered his peelers to charge them, which they did with swords and batons. Father Glynn, of Kilsreacle, was assaulted by a policeman, but was bravely defended by a young Protestant, named Kershaw, who felled the peeler with a stick. Kershaw was arrested. Hundreds of people were injured in the charge. Amongst them were:—Michael Rowan, Ballyket, sword wound; Thomas Quinlivan, Ballymacremen, baton wound; Patrick Hassett, Tullchar, baton wound; Daniel Corbet, Kiltrush, baton wound; and Michael Mahony, Carricaria, baton wound. Several priests were also roughly handled during the affray. This is a fair sample of Bloody Balfour's murderous administration of "law" in Ireland.

Cork.—The area of this County is 1,849,686 acres, of which 481,445 are under cultivation. Three hundred and seventy-two landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are Earl of Bantry, 69,500 acres; Lord Bandon, 40,941, and Duke of Devonshire, 32,650.

The Nationalists of Mitchelstown have determined to contest the legality of the Grand Jury's award to constable Leaty. A Plan of Campaign Fund, equivalent to the amount of the levy which would fall on the district, had been collected. It is believed it will cost £3 to levy each shilling of the tax.

A large number of Nugent Chichester's tenants at Killavillen have been served with civil bill processes by Agent Craagh. The Local League has resolved to support the people in their fight against rack-rent.

Daniel Ahern was recently evicted from his holding at Clonavrick, near Macroom. The tenant was absent during the "devil's work" and his furniture would have been badly damaged but for the intervention of his neighbours.

The Member for West Cork, whose brutal treatment by his gaolers was chronicled in last week's *Irish World*, was released from Cork gaol April 18, and arrived in Bantry the same evening. He was received by the local Nationalists with great enthusiasm. Fathers O'Hea, C.O., J. O'Leary, C.O., and the National League band were present at the station. Mr. Gilhooly wasn't a bit intimidated by his imprisonment, and advised the people to stand to their organisation. T. M. Healy, M.P.; J. C. Flynn, M.P.; Rev. Mr. Ellis, Bradford, and Mr. Byles, of the Bradford (Eng.) *Observer*, attended the Nationalist meeting called at this place April 8, to show that the League was not a thing of the past. There were several thousand people present. Among others:—D. McCabe, C. McCarthy, and J. D. O'Connor, Kanturk; J. Murray, and Timothy Curtin, Freemount, and J. A. O'Callaghan, Charles C. Daly, and William Quinlan, Dromtariff. While Mr. Healy was endeavouring to address the assemblage Magistrate Segrave's bloodhounds charged the people with their bayonets and batons. During the *melee* six people were seriously injured, one man receiving a severe cut on the head from a policeman's baton. Edward Donovan, a farmer, living between Kanturk and Newmarket got a bad wound on the hand, from which the blood flowed profusely. A man namely Daly, from Curass, also got his head cut, while another

man named Horan, as he stood at his own door, was struck on the temple with a baton.

The Nationalists of Macroom held a meeting before daybreak on the morning of April 8, to prove that the League was not a thing of the past as Bloody Balfour had falsely asserted in Parliament. Another meeting was held in the afternoon, when Inspector Hayes opposed Dr. Tanner as he was speaking and ordered the police to disperse the people. Five "peelers" dragged Dr. Tanner to the Victoria hotel, tearing his clothes in the action. The Government note-taker, Keveney, who had taken the Doctor's National League card, which he prominently displayed in his hat, returned it at the request of the owner. Subsequently several charges were made by the police, and many persons received scalp injuries. One policeman received a severe injury on his nose from a hurley. Another, after batoning a man was felled to the ground with a blow from a man's fist. Two arrests were made, but the prisoners, after a short delay, were discharged.

Derry.—The area of this County is 522,315 acres, of which 186,891 are under cultivation: Sixty-six landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest land-holders are Skinners Co., London, 34,722 acres; Drapers Co., London, 27,025, and Mercers Co., London, 21,241.

Father McFadden, the patriot priest, has received a threatening letter from a Derry Orangeman.

The recent meeting of Maghera I.N.L. was held in the National Hall, L. Walsh, chairman. A resolution of regret for the departure of Samuel Stockman, a local Protestant Nationalist, for America was adopted. Henry McLarey proposed and James Bradley seconded a motion that £5 be sent to the Central Branch.

Donegal.—At the recent meeting of the Gartan I.N.L., P. A. Dunlevy, chairman, the following resolution was passed:—That we hail with delight the accession of the patriotic Dr. O'Donnell to the ancient See of Raphoe.

Dr. O'Donnell, the new bishop of Raphoe, has written a strong letter commending the patriotic action of Fathers McFadden and Stephens in espousing the cause of the oppressed people of Northern Donegal.

The regular meeting of Glenties I. N. L. was held at the League Rooms, April 8, Rev. James Murray, C.C., chairman. A deputation was appointed to attend the trials of Fathers McFadden and Stephens and Mr. Blane, M.P., at Letterkenny. The following resolution was adopted:—Resolved. That we condemn the infamous conduct of the Marquis of Conyngham in heaping new costs on his rack-rented tenantry instead of allowing them a reasonable reduction, James O'Donnell, Kiltraine, made an able speech in support of the resolution.

Down.—The dispute between A. C. Innes, Dromantine, near Newry, and his tenants has been settled by arbitration. The tenants have received a reduction of 20 per cent. on the year's rent, the landlord agreeing to pay all law costs.

Patrick Boyle, James McAlinden, and Michael O'Hare were arraigned at the Newry Petty Sessions for attacking the soldiers on Hill street, recently. The witnesses showed that though the soldiers, as usual, began the trouble some of them had been roughly treated by the prisoners. Magistrate Evanson sentenced Boyle to two months' imprisonment and McAlinden and O'Hare to six weeks, each. And thus the repression of a liberty loving people goes on.

Dublin.—The area of this County is 226,995 acres, of which 88,724 are under cultivation. Thirty-seven landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are:—Earl of Howth, 7,377 acres; Sir Charles Donville, 6,262; and Lord Longford, 3,659.

Fermanagh.—Rosslea I.N.L. met April 8, Rev. M. McGlone, Chairman, Rev. J. Lamb and Charles Callaghan were also present. A deputation from the local G.A.A. was present and listened to a lecture from Father McGlone, for their unpatriotic conduct in accepting funds from bailiffs and other enemies of the National cause.

Galway.—The area of the County is 1,569,505 acres, of which 220,070 are under cultivation. Two hundred and sixty-six landlords claim to own nine-tenths of this County. The three largest landholders are: Richard Berridge, 159,808 acres; Marquis of Clanricarde, 49,035; and Allan Pollok, 29,366.

The Clifden Guardians have protested against the proselytism carried on in the house by Rev. Mr. Goodison, the Protestant chaplain, who has just been removed by the Local Government Board.

A convention of the Leagues of the surrounding districts was held in Castlereagh recently. The following resolution was adopted:—That we tender to those tenants of Major Balfe and Charles O'Connor, against whom ejectment decrees were obtained at the Castlereagh Quarter Sessions, our warmest sympathy and support, and condemn the conduct of those landrobbers in taking such harsh proceedings.

The arrival of Mr. O'Brien in Ballinasloe, April 7, was the signal for a great popular demonstration. He was presented with an address, signed by Rev. P. Costelloe, Adm.; Rev. P. J. Walsh, C.C.; Rev. P. O'Farrell, C.C.; Rev. C. J. Mahon, C.C.; John Bigney, C.T.C.; James Goode, and William Purtil. Mr. O'Brien in the course of his speech, said that it was a fact patent to the world that Clanricarde was the only land-thief in Coughnought who dared to resist the Plan of Campaign, which plainly proved that Balfour's vain boast about squelching the League was ridiculous.

The people of Loughrea gave the lie direct to Balfour's recent statement in Parliament that the Irish National League was a thing of the past by assembling in tens of thousands to hear William O'Brien, M.P., April 8. The Member for North-East Cork was accompanied to the place of meeting by Mr. Wilson, an English M.P., Fathers Meagher and Costello, Peter Sweeney, P. Kelly, John McCarthy, Pat Kennedy, and Pierce Dolphin. There were also present, but in the landlord Tory interest, 200 police, a company of the 23rd Fusiliers and a troop of the 11th Hussars. As the people were entering the field in which the meeting was to be held, County Inspector O'Brien ordered his forces to block the gate. A general scrimmage