

Irish News.

Antrim.—At the recent meeting of Moneyglass and Cargin, I.N.L., Thomas Henderson presided. The following resolution was adopted: "That we condemn the harsh sentences imposed on John Dillon and William O'Brien, at the instigation of Balfour."

At the regular meeting of Lavery I.N.L., June 10, the following resolution was adopted: "That we congratulate the electors of Southampton on their successful rebellion against the Tory coercion regime by the election of the Liberal candidate for their city."

Armagh.—At the recent Quarter Sessions, Judge Kisby granted 60 acres on the estate of Louisa F. Donnelly, subject to the abatement allowed under the Act of last year.

At the meeting of Armagh I.N.L., June 10, the following resolution was passed; "That we regret very much to see the irregular attendance of a number of the Irish Parliamentary party during the present session of Parliament, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to J. G. Biggar, M.P., senior whip of the Irish party."

Lord Lurgan, the owner of one of the largest estates in the North of Ireland, has issued a circular to the tenantry giving them the option of becoming the owners of their holdings under the Ashbourne Land Purchase Act. There are about 1,000 tenants on the estate and most of the rents have of late been reduced by the sub-commissioners. Instead of fixing a uniform rate of purchase over the entire estate, Lurgan proposes to deal separately with the tenants on each holding. The circular mentioned informs each tenant as to the amount of the purchase money in his own individual case, and as to the amount of the annual installment, which the tenant would have to pay under the Purchase Act, in case of a sale being effected. As there is scarcely any combination among the tenants, it is feared they will have to purchase their holdings at figures shamefully extortionate.

Cavan.—At the meeting of Cootehill I.N.L., June 10, J. McDonnell, chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—"That we once more assert the right of the Irish people to struggle for their national and social rights by every means in their power."

At a recent meeting of Larah I.N.L., Patrick Devine chairman, the following resolution was adopted:—"That we are pleased to see the noble spirit displayed by our suffering people under a barbarous coercion code, and we are resolved to continue the struggle for our homes and liberty."

Clare.—At the Kilrush Quarter Sessions, Martin O'Donnell, being characterised by the Judge as a rogue, refused to give further evidence, and dared the petty tyrant to imprison him.

The police have issued a number of processes under the Coercion Act against the tenants on the Vandaleur estate, near Kilrush, who barricaded their houses. Not only are several carpenters summoned but the tenants themselves, in all cases where the barricading was constructed the day after their term of caretakership expired. Mr. Doherty and his clerks at the timber yard in this town have also been summoned as witnesses.

As O'Donnellan Blake-Forster, a Nationalist sympathiser, was driving near Arranview, Kilfenora, he was fired at by an unknown man, but escaped uninjured. A discharged labourer has been arrested on suspicion.

Rate-collector Blood and a force of police seized cattle near Newmarket-on-Fergus, belonging to several farmers who refused to pay the Whelehan blood-tax. Barony-constable Dillies has also seized a number of cattle near Kilrush. Considerable opposition was offered.

Messrs. Halpin, Hannin, O'Neill, and McMahon, imprisoned for celebrating Mr. Blunt's release, returned home to Newmarket-on-Fergus on June 15 after finishing their term in gaol. The whole country side flocked to meet them, and the town and surrounding districts were illuminated. Addresses were presented by the local National League.

Cork.—At the recent Mitchelstown Petty Sessions decrees were granted against 40 farmers for non-payment of the Leaby tax. Mr. Eaton, R.M., said that if civil taxes were not collected there was an end to civil government in Ireland. As the presentment to the murdering constable was granted by a landlord Grand Jury the people see no moral obligation to pay it.

The Countess of Kingston has granted a reduction of 20 per cent. to her Mitchelstown tenants on the rents due, the percentage being the same as that obtained under the Plan of Campaign.

Judgment was delivered at Skibbereen on June 14 by Commissioner Coyle in 244 land cases heard in the unions of Macroom and Clonakilty. Reductions as high as 58 per cent. were given, the average being 35 per cent.

The Mayor visited the political prisoners confined in Cork Gaol on June 13. Mr. Condon, M.P., who, during the three weeks of his incarceration has been sleeping on the plank bed, has been supplied with a mattress. In answer to an inquiry from the Mayor, the honorable gentleman stated he had slept well the previous night, and added that during the time he was on the plank bed he did not enjoy, on an average, two hours' sleep each night.

The regular meeting of the Cork I.N.L. was held at the Committee Rooms, 26 Marlboro' street, the Mayor presiding. Among those present were Messrs. Slattery, Howard, Brew, Forde, Dearing, MacCarthy, Nagle, M. Austin, hon. sec., and W. J. Meade, assist. sec. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—"It having come to our knowledge that the Cork Defence Union have adopted the policy of buying cattle at fairs and markets, and more especially at auctions, for the purpose of stocking evicted farms throughout the country, we hereby request the dealers and farmers to be careful that their cattle do not pass to members of the Defence Union or other doubtful persons, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all the branches of the League in the County.

Derry.—June 10 being the second anniversary of the defeat of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill, several of the local Orange flute bands paraded the streets of Coleraine playing anti-National airs. They were followed by large crowds.

Rev. John K. Smythe, O.M.I., died recently at St. Joseph's Orphanage, near Jaffna. Father Smythe was son of a Presbyterian minister of this County. When he was about twelve years old he was received into the Church by the Oblate Fathers, after which he went to Rome. Later on he entered the house of the Oblate Order in France, and was ordained in Ceylon in 1881. Lately Father Smythe acted as military chaplain at Colombo.

A serious riot took place in Derry on June 10. An excursion party of Foresters from Dundalk were leaving the city by train, and while waiting under a portico of the railway station one of the bands began to play in violation of the proclamation issued by the Mayor for the occasion. Captains Gage and Beresford, R.M.'s, ordered the police to charge the band. Then began an indiscriminate batoning of the defenceless people, and mounted police charged through the crowd. Three or four policemen and a number of people were seriously injured.

Donegal.—At the late meeting of Gartan I.N.L., P. A. Dunlevy presided. This resolution was passed:—"That we regard the resolutions of our bishops on the Rescript as proving that that document does not absolutely condemn the Plan of Campaign and boycotting."

Mr. Slevin, manager of the Hibernian Bank, Letterkenny, was again summoned to attend Falcarragh Coercion Court and produce copies of accounts of certain persons taken from the bank books. It is said that another local bank has been advised by counsel to refuse to show its books.

At the Falcarragh Coercion Court, June 12, four of the five political prisoners were remanded, for the fourth time, to Derry Gaol for seven days. The other, Shane O'Donnell, an old man, fainted on his third journey to gaol. It was with great difficulty he recovered. He appeared greatly debilitated by the confinement and travel and was discharged.

The following letter from the Bishop of Raphoe appeared in a recent issue of the *Dublin Freeman*:—"Dear Sir,—The extraordinary way in which the preliminary inquiry clauses of the Crimes Act are being worked in Donegal compels me to draw public attention to the increasing gravity of the situation that has been forced upon the people. For the maintenance of good order among them I am by my position more deeply concerned than any Resident Magistrate, and I cannot look on without protest while some of the most peaceful districts in Ireland are being thrown into a state of utter confusion by the needless operations of a secret Coercion Court. It is impossible to heal the wounds already inflicted on public tranquillity by this itinerant tribunal, but it may not be too late to arrest the danger of still worse results. Its daily work is a standing menace to peace and incitement to violence. Let the whole responsibility for disorder rest on those whose tyrannical administration has called it into being.—Faithfully yours, † PATRICK O'DONNELL.

Down.—A Presbyterian Home Ruler writes from Newry to the *Dublin Freeman* repudiating the assertion of the Moderator at the General Assembly at Belfast that the Irish Presbyterians did not want self-government.

W. M. Orr, aged 22, and a native of this County, has headed the list of successful students at the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos, and thus won the coveted position of Senior Wrangler for 1888. The Universities have no higher mathematical honour for a student and Mr. Orr is to be congratulated upon a brilliant beginning of what, it is to be hoped, will prove a distinguished career.

Dublin.—It is reported that Maurice Davin, the great Irish athlete, will send two hurling teams and a number of athletes to America this fall. His object is to establish the G.A.A. in the Western Republic, and thus form another strong link to bind our American cousins to us. Mr. Davin is the President of the Central Council.

The dead body of a man about 40 years of age was found in a railway carriage at Peterborough, England. On him were found two cards with the name, Robert M. K. Pickell, Dublin *Evening Mail*. He was after shooting himself with a revolver. Tickell was the son of the proprietor of the Dublin Orange organ.

Fermanagh.—At the recent meeting of Derrylin I.N.L. Rev. James Fitzpatrick presided. The following resolution was carried:—"That as, fair-minded people, we have no confidence in the partisan land courts, which are the merest tools of the Balfourian Government; and it is a notorious fact that the reductions are entirely inadequate.

The weekly meeting of Enniskillen I.N.L. was held, June 10. Rev. George McMeel presided. J. Downs, a large employer of labour in this town, was elected Vice-President. Mr. Downs thanked the members for the honour they had conferred on him in electing him Vice-President, and said he hoped they would find him worthy of the trust reposed in him. He had not up to the present time taken a very active part in the National movement, but he had always sympathised with his countrymen in their struggle to assert their rights, and he hoped in future to be more of a soldier and less of a spectator in the battle for Ireland's freedom.

Galway.—The house of a bailiff named Keating, residing on Lord Huntington's estate, near Loughrea, was burned completely, June 12. Lord Huntington disputed with his tenants over the rent question, which caused a bailiff named Fahey to give up his situation. Immediately after Fahey resigned the bailiffship the office was taken by Keating, who has lived since with the people of this parish on the worst terms.

John Roche, of Woodford, who has tasted the sweets of solitary confinement under the Balfour regime is at last recovering from the effects of his incarceration.

About a dozen soldiers of the Welsh Fusiliers demolished the shop of Thomas McDonagh, Flood street, Galway, and assaulted a man named Connolly.