

# Irish News.

**Antrim.**—At the recent meeting of the Portglengone branch of the League John O'Neill presided. The following resolution was adopted:—That we regard the professing Nationalist who does not aid by every means in his power the strength and effectiveness of the Irish National League and the great cause of truth and justice as either a selfish knave or a contemptible hypocrite.

The Belfast I.N.L., meeting was held in St. Mary's Hall August 6. Rev. J. Convery, president, occupied the chair. The reverend Chairman delivered an eloquent address on the political situation, dwelling specially on the *Times's* forgeries. He also gave the members some good advice about the coming revision of voters' lists and exhorted all the Nationalists for whom claims had been lodged to prove their right to be on the register when the courts open. E. Murphy, B.L., delivered an able speech on the National movement. The Chairman then requested the Nationalist justices of the peace in the Counties of Derry and Donegal to daily visit Father McFadden and Mr. Blane, M.P., in Derry Gaol and report to the press a full account of their treatment.

**Armagh.**—The Belfast National Foresters, a respectable and patriotic body very much hated by the riff-raff of the Orange Society, made their annual excursion to Dundalk on August 5. On the return journey the trains containing the excursionists were violently attacked with stones and pistol shots near Portadown. Several persons were injured, but none seriously. The Orange papers of Belfast are loud in their condemnation of the Foresters for the impiety of excusing on Sunday, but they have no condemnation for the Orangemen who showed their respect and reverence for the sabbath by a murderous attack on the Foresters.

**Cavan.**—Rev. Charles Collins presided at the recent meeting of Shercock I.N.L. The following resolution was passed:—Resolved, That we congratulate the Irish Parliamentary party and their English allies on their able debate in the House of Commons on the Commission Bill, which was devised by the Tories to protect their slanderous organ.

There was a large meeting of the Carrickallen I.N.L. on July 29, Rev. Philip Kind presiding. Several members handed in their subscriptions and those who had neglected to do so were requested to be prompt in this matter, as the life of the League depended on it. The following was passed by acclamation—Resolved, That we condemn the conduct of the Coercion Government in arresting that noble patriot, James J. O'Kelly, M.P.

On August 5, a return football match was played between the Carrickmacross Emmets and the Bailieboro St. Ann's Raparees in a field adjoining Carrickmacross. The Raparees did not arrive until it was almost 5 o'clock, and owing to some objections lodged by both teams it was not decided to kick until half-past 5. The Emmets played with the sun in their favour for the first half-hour, but the wind blowing across the field it was not of much advantage to either side. After the first half-hour the teams changed sides, the score being for the first half-hour Emmets two points, Raparees, nil. The play for this first half-hour was not so well contested as the first on account of the Raparees getting disheartened, so that for the remaining time the Emmets had it all their own way, scoring two more points. The Referee now blew the whistle and declared the Emmets victorious by four points to nil. Denis Nolan, Captain of the Carrickmacross O'Briens, acted as Referee and gave entire satisfaction. After both teams were refreshed they proceeded to the town where the Raparees, after a little delay, mounted on their conveyances and proceeded home to Bailieboro.

**Clare.**—The Statement is made that £30,000 has been set aside from various sources to assist the National League in enabling the tenants on the Vandeleur estate to resist the eviction process of settling the dispute between them and their landlord. There is a rumor also that Colonel Turner, R.M., recently had an interview in England with the landlord with a view to a settlement, but it is not confirmed.

Joseph O'Brien, who was released from Limerick Gaol the other day, has arrived in Miltown-Malbay, his native town. The Nationalists of the town turned out in large crowds to welcome him home, and held a public meeting in his honor. On the platform were: Fathers White, O'Meehan, Donnellan, Stuart, and Burke. An address was presented to Mr. O'Brien, to which he replied.

Thomas Lillis was chairman at the late meeting of the Kilmacduane branch of the League. The most important resolution passed was the following:—That we repudiate the statement made at the Kilrush Coercion Court by Removable Roche, claiming that the priests of this district were the cause of the Vandeleur tenants joining the Plan of Campaign. The tenants adopted the Plan absolutely through their inability to pay their rack-rents, and then the clergy resolved to aid them against the tyrant Vandeleur.

**Cork.**—Daniel O'Brien Coakery, of Kenmare, has served his tenants at Laharr, near Bantry, with writs for rent. There is about two years' rent owing, and the tenants are willing to pay, provided they get a reduction equal to what the neighboring landlords are giving their tenants, and in keeping with the condition of the times, but this request was refused by the landlord, who then commenced proceedings in the superior courts for the recovery of his rack-rents.

**Derry.**—Dr. Barr, is a native of Cinn. When he was a boy about 10 years old, his father bought a farm at Donemana, where he also kept a little shop, behind the counter of which young Barr assisted. Barr senior, was selected as guardian for the Donemana Division of Strabane, his principal qualification being the bigotted character of his Tory principles. He has for years been treasurer for money collected for Tory registration purposes, and at the elections proved himself a hack for the Hamiltons. He was rewarded by being made a J.P. Dr. Barr, after receiving his diploma, went to Liver-

pool, and his preferment is generally ascribed to the influence of the Hamiltons.

**Down.**—The Sheepbridge I.N.L. met on August 5, in the National Hall, Lawrence McCourt, chairman. The following resolution was adopted:—That we pledge ourselves to renew our efforts in the cause of Ireland, for which John Mandeville nobly died, defying coercion in the future as we have in the past, and if necessary to suffer imprisonment like Lawrence, McCourt and Peter Byrne, rather than give up our principles.

**Fermanagh.**—At the recent meeting of Kinawly branch I.N.L., James Keenan presided. It was resolved:—That we deeply regret the removal of our beloved president, Rev. Charles Brady, who has been our director of over three years.—An objector was appointed for the Revision Sessions.

**Galway.**—Very Rev. G. J. Canon Bourke presided at the recent meeting of Corrofin branch, I.N.L. Other members present: Patrick Daley, Owen Flanagan, James Mullin, Patrick Baffery, Patrick Niland, Michael O'Brien, William Dolan, and Richard Molloy. Some discussion arose as to Mrs. Bodkin's treatment of her tenants at Cloondarone and Cloonmore, which was characterised as harsh, and the meeting hoped that a settlement satisfactory to both parties would be arrived at.

A rainstorm of an hour's duration and unprecedented heaviness visited Eyrecourt and neighbourhood the other day, the thunder and lightning were also fearful. The rain came down in such torrents as to be likened to a waterspout. Fearful damage has been done to crops, especially potatoes and hay. The Shannon rose several feet after the storm, and every low spot in the district is inundated. Farmers were preparing for a water famine this season but that idea is now abandoned.

James Kilmartin, the released "criminal," addressed the following letter to the *Tuam News* recently from Ballinasloe:—The after-effects of my imprisonment have been more serious than I could have anticipated. Since my arrival here, I have been suffering from a severe cold and pains in my body, so that I could barely walk out, and could not possibly write to you as I promised. I feel like one recovering from a severe bout of sickness—weak, hoarse, and moldered, and though I felt most anxious to contradict the lying statements of my landlord, T. J. Tully, and also to thank those who have interested themselves in behalf of my poor sick wife, I could not do it by reason of my state of health. I had arranged to go to see my beloved bishop, Dr. Duggan, to unfold my plans and ask his blessing, but I had to keep to bed. I am now, thank God, very much better. I wished to thank Colonel Nolan for his two visits to me in prison, and Mr. Harris, Mr. Davitt, Mr. O'Brien, and Balfour's present victim, John Dillon, and the many others who showed their deep sympathy for my afflicted wife on the occasion of her eviction—but man proposes and God disposes.

**Kerry.**—The Kilgarvin I.N.L. met on August 5, under the presidency of Daniel Healy. The following resolution was passed by acclamation:—That we are delighted to witness the brave stand against felonious landlordism made by the Campaigners on the Vandaleur estate and their patriotic priests, and we congratulate them on their courage in defence of the principles of the League.

**Kilkenny.**—There was a crowded meeting of Johnstown I.N.L. on August 5. Rev. W. Healy occupied the chair, and the following resolution was passed:—Resolved, That in view of the recent action taken by J. W. Smithwick against the *Kilkenny Journal* with regard to certain transactions between himself and his unfortunate tenants, which were represented to that paper as being true and were consequently published, we are of opinion that all costs in that case should be borne by the tenant farmers of this County, whose advocate the *Journal* has always been, and we are prepared to pay a reasonable portion of the costs incurred.

**King's County.**—At the meeting of the Tullamore Town Commissioners, W. Adams presiding, Mr. Tuke said he was in a position to know that Dr. Ridley had not lost any practice, and the chairman said Dr. Ridley's practice had, to his own knowledge, been recently increased by Nationalists. A resolution protesting against the attempt made at the inquest to show that the demeanour of the people of Tullamore was hostile to Dr. Ridley was adopted.

Rev. E. O'Reilly presided at the recent meeting of Tullamore I.N.L. It was unanimously resolved:—That we tender to Mrs. Mandeville, Clonkilla House, Mitchelstown, our warm sympathy in the affliction she has sustained in the death of her patriotic husband. We share in common with all fair-minded Irishmen feelings of the deepest horror and detestation of the brutal treatment of Mr. Mandeville while in gaol, which brought him to an untimely end. It was decided to reorganise the branch and elect a committee on the first Sunday in September.

**Leitrim.**—It will afford satisfaction to all lovers of Ireland to know that the Arigna mines are now being worked, and the company are exhibiting specimens of their iron ore and coal at the Irish Exhibition, London. The directors are naturally anxious to push this industry, which will afford valuable employment in the district, and, as they are all resident Irish gentlemen and deeply interested in the concern, there can be but little doubt that the Arigna Mining Company will ultimately prove a success. It may be mentioned that owing to the exhaustion of turf and peat bogs in the surrounding country there is a great demand for coal from the Arigna district, both for domestic purposes and for lime-burning, its quality being much superior to any coal at present raised in the district. With regard to the ore the company intend to send a quantity of the calcined metal to England, and to let subsequent operations be guided by the results. In addition to the coal and iron shown at Olympia, the company sent exhibits of iron stone flagstones, which are regarded with much interest by visitors. The Arigna Iron Works were half a century ago famous for the quality and quantity of iron which was manufactured there, but unfortunately the works were closed, owing to the absence of facilities for reaching the market and the consequent inability to compete with more favoured districts. The newly-opened