

Irish News.

Antrim.—A graceful compliment was paid recently to Judge Savage, the retiring American Consul in Belfast. During the four years Judge Savage has been in the city he has gained the esteem and respect of all classes. In presenting Judge Savage and Mrs Savage with their portraits, which are from the easel of Sir Thomas Jones, the Mayor alluded in appropriate terms to the efficiency and courtesy which Judge Savage displayed to those who came in contact with him in an official capacity. It may be safely said that Belfast has had in Judge Savage a model and accomplished Consul, whose term of office here has been honourable to himself and the merchants in our city. The Judge will carry back with him to America many pleasant recollections of Ireland, and his departure will be regretted by many of the inhabitants of Belfast.

Armagh.—Joseph Johnston, a labourer, brought an action against the Great Northern Railway Company for the recovery of damages for injuries sustained to his leg and spine in the Armagh disaster on June 12. Defendants had lodged £30 in Court as sufficient compensation. Plaintiff stated that his father and mother were both killed in the accident. The jury awarded £40 damages to the plaintiff. This was the first claim for damages in connection with the accident.

For months past the agricultural labourers and cottier tenants on the estates of Lord Lurgan, especially those residing in the electoral division of the Moyntiagh, have been carrying on a movement for the redress of alleged grievances under which the labourers and cottiers, as they assert, now suffer. As one of the results of the agitation, a "Farm Labourers' and Cottier Tenants' Defence Association" was lately established in the Moyntiagh, and a meeting of the Association was held recently in the townland of Derrycoor. The following resolutions were passed:—1st. That we are willing to buy our cottier buildings and we request the House of Commons to pass an Act of Parliament to that effect. 2nd. That the Government should advance the money to the cottiers and labourers at a very low rate of interest, repayable in 50 years, and that we now offer 15 years' purchase. 3rd. That, as this is not a sectarian association, we call upon all classes and creeds to enrol themselves in this Association, because, when the landlord sells, he will, if possible, sell the labourers' and cottier tenants' interests in the soil. 4th. That, as the Government propose to bring in a compulsory Purchase Bill, this meeting believes that, in order to prevent the rise of landlordism again, a limit should be put on the ownership of land.

Carlow.—Daniel Kavanagh, an evicted tenant, was tried at Carlow recently, charged under the Coercion Act with assaulting an emergencyman in charge of his evicted farm at Timolin. He was arrested in Dublin on a warrant, having failed to attend at the Coercion Court for the decision of the bench, and was brought in custody of two policemen to Carlow and taken before Mr. Kennedy, who decided that the defendant should give security himself in £50, and two sureties of £25 each, to keep the peace for six months, or, in default, two months' imprisonment. Mr. Kavanagh entered into the necessary security and was released.

Cavan.—The Earl of Cavan, on the treatment of political prisoners, says:—A political prisoner is one who is detained in prison under an Act of Parliament which is distinctly disapproved of and constantly protested against by the whole of that political party which for the time being is out of office. How should such a person be treated? Surely, by every law of justice and common sense he should only be subjected to as much punishment as the community at large would award him could it speak its mind. This law, in a general way, is practically recognised in the treatment of all criminals. The murderer who is condemned to death has his life spared whenever it is realised by the Home Secretary that the public generally are, to a considerable extent, satisfied that the murderer had in his favour certain justifications or excuses. What consideration, then, should be shown to prisoners whose acts and words are held to be unworthy of any punishment whatever by the whole community if performed or spoken in any part of England, Scotland, Wales, or the colonies?

The Cavan, Leitrim, and Roscommon light railway directors report:—During the winter months the traffic of the line was small. The maintenance of the permanent way has for the first time been cast upon the revenue in the accounts now presented, and this charge has considerably increased the working expenses, which have exceeded the receipts. The output at the coal mines of Arigna has not been great during the past half-year. This has arisen from the want of proper appliances at the pit, which have now been supplied so far as the capital of the Mining Company will permit; and as there is a large demand for fuel in the district it is hoped that the carriage of coal will be a valuable source of traffic to the company in the future, as well as save (as it has done in the past half-year) some £600 or £700 a year in the cost of fuel for the engines, as compared with the cost of the same article obtained from England or Scotland. The directors who retire by rotation are—The Earl of Kingston and Mr. George F. Stewart, and they are eligible for re-election. The auditor, Mr. Thomas Graydon, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

Clare.—Captain E. Croker, sub-Sheriff, Clare, with his bailiffs and police escort, recently proceeded to a place called Bealacraggy, near Connolly, and effected a seizure of cattle and horses belonging to tenants on the estate of H. S. O'Brien, of Clatloe Woods, Sixmiltbridge, for rent due.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of Moyarta League, at which upwards of 800 members attended, Denis Collins presiding, the following resolution was passed:—That we condemn the mean and unpatriotic conduct of Conor Haugh (Denis), Lishan, for grabbing the farm recently occupied by Michael Keating, Querio, who was arranging with his landlord to retake the above farm at a considerable reduction of his former rent.

A farmer named McNamara, secretary of the Crusheen Branch of the I.N.L. was arrested recently at the railway station, Ennis. The constable who made the arrest approached McNamara and asked him what was his business in town for the past three days. McNamara declined to say and was arrested. On asking the reason of this step the policeman replied that it was because he would not tell what was his business in town for the past three days. McNamara was then brought before Mr. Hodder, R.M., who also interrogated him as to his business in town. McNamara asked the magistrate if he had authority from the Crown to ask such a question. Mr. Hodder said he had not. McNamara was then released.

Cork.—John Flynn, who was seriously injured on the occasion of his eviction, was arrested recently on the charge of obstructing the bailiffs on that occasion.

Dr. Tanner, M.P., has been released from Holloway Gaol on the expiration of his sentence. The plucky Doctor looks none the worse for his incarceration.

His Worship the Mayor and M. D. Daly visited the political prisoners in Cork Gaol recently. Father McFadden, Kilmee, and the other Coercion prisoners are all well.

William O'Brien, M.P., has written to Mr. Casey, secretary of the Mitchelstown League, expressing his approval of the John Mandeville memorial project, and stating he will subscribe £100 for the purpose.

A National demonstration took place at Gulcean, in West Cork, recently. Rev. Father Forrest, presided, and Mr. Gilhooly, M.P., was the principal speaker. A branch of the National League was re-established, and resolutions were adopted expressing confidence in Mr. Parnell, and approval of the principles of the new Tenants' Defence Association.

James Cussen, a tenant on the Mount Plummer estate, was recently evicted. He held about 56 acres. A large force of police from all the outlying stations under the command of District-Inspector Wright, Newcastle West, was present to protect the sub-Sheriff, Fred Hobson, of Limerick, and his bailiffs. Major Plummer was also present. A great concourse of people from the surrounding locality, and more especially from Broadford, was present. Both the front and back doors were barricaded, and it was only after the use of the crowbar that the bailiffs were able to effect an entrance.

John Walsh and his sister, Eliza Forrest, were charged before a Crimes Act Court recently with assaulting the Sheriff and his assistants on the occasion of their eviction at Ahadellane. The male prisoner stood at the door with a scythe and threatened to cut down anyone who approached. Eliza Forrest threw stones and bottles at the bailiffs and police, several of whom were struck. They were brought up two years ago on a similar charge, but medical evidence having been then produced that they were unable to plead the case was adjourned *sine die*. They were sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour this time.

Two Emergencymen, named Linn and Connor, employed on an evicted farm on the Ponsobly estate, were charged at Oustemartyr Petty Sessions recently, before Colonel Caddell and Mr. Redmond R.M.'s, with larceny of an umbrella from a railway carriage. Robert Dwyer travelled from Cork in the same carriage with the defendants, and left the apartment at Killeagh Station for a few moments. On returning, the Emergencymen had disappeared and so had his umbrella. It was subsequently found by the police in the house occupied by the defendants. They were each sent to gaol for 14 days. The property these fellows have charge of for Ponsobly is all right.

At the recent Cork Assizes the City Grand Jury rejected the bill against three respectable farmers' sons on the Ponsobly estate named Thomas Flavin, James Gould, and Simon Fitzgerald. About two months ago Removable Redmond and three of his brother justices returned these young men for trial to the Assizes for the County of Cork on the charge of Whiteboyism. The "authorities" left nothing undone to secure conviction, and a special application was made by Mr. Carson, Q.C., to have the defendants tried at the City instead of the County Assizes, where they were sent for trial by the magistrates. The City Grand Jury, however, declared that the Crown had not even made a *prima facie* case, and rejected the bill.

Four policemen recently presented themselves very early in the morning at the house of Mr. Barry, Killavullen, with the intention of bidding him good morning and afterwards introducing him to the Removables. They were informed Mr. Barry was out looking for some policemen in order to get himself arrested. On being informed of this fact by Miss Barry, the burly constable betrayed very visible signs of disappointment. He, however, insisted on searching the house, which he did in the most provoking and insulting manner imaginable, not sparing the apartments of male or female, and grossly insulted Miss Barry when she remonstrated with him about his ruffianly conduct. When Barry is taken the police may put him down as a "long-felt want" supplied.

A rather amusing and fortunately not tragical story concerning a policeman's "blighted affections" comes from Coachtord. Rumour has it that a certain constable named Coleman, stationed at Coachtord, having wooed and won the affections of a young lady in the vicinity of his station, waited on the fair one's father with a view to matrimony. The stern parent, however, refused his suit, and it is said that the disconsolate wooer determined to put an end to his trouble and existence at the same time. He is reported to have loaded his rifle with ball cartridge, and with the observation, "I may as well do it now as at any other time," was about to blow out his brains when some of his comrades wrenched the weapon and prevented mischief. The departing one was placed under arrest and lodged in the County Gaol. In the ordinary course he should be brought before the magistrates at Coachtord, but so far his companions in arms pretend to know little or nothing about the matter, and are as usual reticent, particularly when it is one of their own body who finds himself in trouble.

Derry.—At a recent meeting of the Limerick Harbour Commissioners, W. Boyd presiding, a resolution was adopted on the motion of Alderman Conihan directing the Secretary of the Board to communicate with the Londonderry Harbour authorities with reference