

# Irish News.

**Antrim.**—Thomas Higgins, one of the survivors of the Light Brigade, who resided at Brookhill, near Lisburn, recently met his death by falling off a car. After passing unscathed through a shower of leaden hail he perished by a fall from a car.

The remains of Mr. Biggar, M.P., were conveyed from London to Belfast, via Liverpool, in the steamer *Dynamic*. Accompanying the remains of the deceased gentleman on board were his sister, Miss K. Biggar, Belfast, and his son, Mr Biggar, solicitor, Dublin, and the following members of the Irish Parliamentary party:—M. McCartan, Richard Power, P. J. Power, W. J. Reynolds, John Pinkerton, Thomas O'Haulon, and Jeremiah Jordan. T. M. Healy, Maurice Healy, and P. A. Chance, M.P.'s, also arrived in the city from Dublin for the purpose of attending the funeral. The landing took place at Donegal Quay where thousands were waiting to pay honour to the remains of a devoted son of Ireland. The remains lay in the Church of St. Patrick, which was draped. On either side of the altar were the mottoes, "Pray for the soul of Joseph Biggar," and "Ireland mourns the loss of a faithful son." A solemn *Requiem* Mass was celebrated, after which the remains of the dead patriot were interred in Carmonay Cemetery.

**Armagh.**—James Lemon, of Markethill, was fined 40s for giving tartar emetic instead of tartaric acid to Miss Douglas as a cure for the "grip."

The Great Northern Railway Company have given Mr. McFarland, foreman printer in R. P. McWatter's establishment in Armagh, a sum of £750 compensation for his two daughters, who were killed in the disaster in June last.

**Carlow.**—P. J. Conlan presided at the recent meeting of the Croppies' Memorial Committee, which was numerously attended. A committee was appointed to confer with Borough Surveyor Byrne for surveying, levelling, and enclosing the grounds. P. McDonald was elected assistant secretary to Mr. Fenelon, who is finding the business getting heavier each day. This is a good sign that the Croppies' Memorial is going to be a National gem.

Browne Clayton, of Browne's Hill, Carlow, sued Joseph, Patrick, Ellen, and Catherine Kinsella for possession of lands in Carlow and Chapestown, with £500 profits of same during the time they were withheld. Justice O'Brien advised a settlement, and it was accepted: Browne to get possession, without cost of lawsuit; the Kinsellas to be paid for all improvements made by them or their predecessors and allowed the value of the crops received by the landlord.

**Cavan.**—Peter Murtagh presided at the recent meeting of the Kill League, when a protest was made against the tyrannical conduct of M. J. Boyle, Tullyvin, in harassing his tenants with writs and excessive law costs.

Father Phillip King presided at the recent meeting of the Carrickallen League, and a resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr Biggar and the Irish party on the loss of a dear friend and faithful companion, who laboured unceasingly for Ireland, was passed. The members of the Cootehill League passed a resolution in the same strain.

**Clare.**—Thomas Cellinan was recently arrested on suspicion of being concerned in an attack on the residence of Thomas Cassidy, a publican and National school teacher, at Carron, near Ballyvaughan, when, it is alleged, a shot was fired through the open door into the shop, fortunately without any injury to the inmates. The prisoner was brought before Henry de L. Willis at Ennis, but discharged.

At noontime recently a party of five men entered the house of Thomas Galvin, situate at Caberbanna, and demanded fire-arms from the occupants. Mr. Galvin was attending a meeting of the Ennis Guardians when the visit was paid his dwelling. No arms were in the house.

Proceedings have been instituted by Thomas Purcell, a farmer living at Ballymaley, near Ennis, against Sergeant Baggs and Constable Reid, for having unlawfully entered his house and assaulted him.

**Cork.**—An English mining company has furnished £50,000 to work the West Cork mines. Doctor English has been appointed medical officer to the mines, which are rich in some of the choicest minerals, as proved by two experts—mining engineers sent over from London to test them. The specimens they took with them to London yielded in analysis a large percentage of gold, silver, copper, and lead.

The cottages erected in Buttevant under the Labourers' Act were not given to men of that class by the Guardians, and in order to prevent a repetition the labourers of the district went into possession of six cottages without the sanction of the Board in order to have an investigation, but gave up possession when requested. John Sheehan, James Egan, Daniel Sheehan, Daniel Murphy, Cornelius Callaghan, and John Brien are the labourers.

A great many of the tenants on the estate of Herbert R. O'Sullivan sent in proposals for the purchase of their farms at Clobina, Rahona, East and West Gortanamill, Reineraree, etc., which were accepted. The standard of value adopted is the poor law valuation, and the tenants' bid was 23 years' purchase. There are about 40 tenants on the estate, who, since the adoption of the Plan of Campaign about two years ago, have not paid any rent, and a bitter struggle was imminent until the proposals for a purchase came from the owner of the estate.

There was much friction recently between police and people in Mitchelstown, which happily passed away without serious results, owing to the admirable forbearance of the people. W. J. Casey, National League Secretary, had some notices posted requesting farmers to send horses to New Tipperary, but the police tore them down. Mr. Casey immediately had the local bill-poster to replace them. The police tore down the posters as often as they were put

up and threatened to arrest Mr. Casey, saying the bills were intimidatory. In the evening Mr. Casey and his friend again posted the notices.

**Derry.**—A meeting of the Macosquin and Aghadowney Labourers' Association was held in the Parochial Hall, Macosquin. The chair was taken by Rev. Dudley Fletcher. Rev. James Stewart, Rector of Killowen, delivered a very able and interesting address upon the condition of the labouring classes, during which he pointed out many weak points in the Labourers' Acts, which had rendered them almost useless. What the labourers' required were proper houses in which to rear their families in decency and security, so that they could go forth independent and offer their services to the highest bidder.

**Donegal.**—Edward McGinley, an evicted tenant of the Olphert estate, has been served with two Coercion Act summonses. He is charged in one with preventing certain buyers and dealers from buying a pig from an Olphert tenant named Charles Gallagher at the fair of Falcarragh, because Gallagher paid his rent; and in the second he is charged with intimidating the said Charles Gallagher for the same reason.

Sergeant O'Neill and Constables Smyth, McPhillips, and Gallagher, of Crossroads, Killygordon, recently seized in the townland of Balat an immense quantity of wash, a still, still-head, and cooler. The still, which was unusually large, was of most singular construction. The bottom and sides were copper, while the remainder was composed of block tin. In addition to this there were two handles attached to it. These were to facilitate its removal in case of emergency, as it frequently happened that smugglers were obliged to allow their "tackle" to fall into the hands of the police, because they had neglected to provide a means of removing them in a heated state.

**Down.**—It is stated that Mr. Parnell has nominated Mr. Knox, of Ards, a Protestant Home Ruler, as the late Mr. Biggar's successor for West Cavan.

**Dublin.**—Father Kelsh presided at the last meeting of the Killucan League. A vote of regret on the death of J. G. Biggar, M.P., was carried unanimously. A vote of protest was also passed against the cruel treatment of Father Kinsella and the Clongorey prisoners.

The amount received for the Tenants' Defence Fund has now reached the great sum of £46,590.

**Fermanagh.**—Father Brew presided at the meeting of the Irvinestown League recently held. A resolution expressing the deep regret felt by the members at the death of Mr. Biggar was passed. The result of Mr. Campbell's action against Mr. Porter gave satisfaction to the members.

The natives of Fermanagh residing in Glasgow, Scotland, recently held a reunion, at which Dr. Tanner, M.P., presided and delivered a patriotic speech to the men from the land of the Maguires.

**Galway.**—Martin McDonald, of Dunmore, has purchased the property adjoining Menlo, which contains marble quarries of a choice description, and intends developing the industry.

At the Woodford sessions recently an emergencyman, named McKeavor, employed on the Clancarde estate, was summoned for being drunk at Woodford while having a loaded revolver in his possession. When arrested he threatened to shoot the policeman. McKeavor was fined £2 and 2s costs, which he handed to the petty sessions clerk.

Delegates from several branches of the League assembled in Tuam Town Hall recently to select a candidate for Poor Law Guardian for Milltown District, and Mr. Costelloe of Graigue Lodge was selected to contest the seat with Mr. Flannery.

At a recent meeting of the Harbour Commissioners a letter was read from Alexander McCracken, Liverpool, intimating his intention to run weekly a steampacket service between Liverpool and Galway for the transit of goods and passengers.

**Kerry.**—At the last meeting of the Kenmare Guardians, Mr. Egan, R.O., handed in the following evictio notices:—The Marquis of Lansdowne v. John Bell, Mary Sullivan, Patrick Lehane, and W. Tullaybury, of Kenmare. Same against Michael Flynn, junior and senior, and others of Gerahagoul, Bohane.

**Kildare.**—Henry O'Connor, of the *Leinster Leader*, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by the Removables on a charge of publishing intimidating notices. The case was brought to the Superior Courts and the sentence reversed.

T. A. Dickson, M.P., is endeavouring to effect a settlement on the Luggacurran estate between Lord Lansdowne and his tenants, who were evicted under the Plan of Campaign during the last three years. As a result of these efforts it is expected that proposals will shortly be made for effecting a settlement.

An indignation meeting was held at Digby Bridge to condemn the conduct of the Government in arresting Father Kinsella.—Thomas Dunce, Ballysize, presided. The attendance was large and representative. Henry O'Connor proposed the following resolutions:—That we condemn the latest outrage on the Irish priesthood in the arrest of Father Kinsella the beloved and esteemed pastor of this parish, and that we express our admiration of the heroic conduct of our priest, who refused to be separated by the prison walls from his suffering people; that we denounce the cowardly and vindictive behaviour of the police of the county of Kildare in wantonly and brutally attacking numbers of inoffensive and defenceless people to the disturbance of the public peace; that we protest against the gross illegalities carried out in Clongorey in the name of law and order by the police authorities, who burglariously entered the houses of the tenants and arrested tradesmen engaged in a work of charity without even complying with the requirements of the law. Mr. Dawson seconded the resolutions, which passed unanimously. Denis Kilbride and Dr. Counsel addressed the meeting.

**Kilkenny.**—The reverend "criminal" in Kilkenny gaol was visited by Most Rev. Dr. Brownrigg, Lord Bishop of Ossory, accom-