

# Irish News.

**Antrim.**—Messrs. Harland and Wolff launched the steamship Georgian from their shipyard for Messrs. F. Leyland and Co., Liverpool. The Georgian is 441 feet long, 45 feet beam, 34½ feet deep, and is the largest cargo boat afloat, being capable of carrying nearly 7600 tons dead weight.

A public meeting was held in Lisburn Town Hall, George H. Clarke, Chairman of the Town Commissioners, presiding, and the following resolution, proposed by J. D. Barbour, seconded by Rev. J. A. Stewart, was adopted unanimously:—That having regard to the noble character and many benevolent acts of the late Sir Richard Wallace, Bart, we hereby resolve to take steps to perpetuate his memory in a suitable manner.

The well-known rock, Craig-na Scarf, has now been reached and connected with the mainland by a structure which will form part of the quay. The iron columns, which already number twenty, are made fast in holes in the solid rock three feet in depth and fourteen inches in diameter with concrete. Mr. McGildowney has in course of construction at the shipbuilding yards of Paul Rogers and Company, Carrickfergus, a steamer for the conveyance of goods to Ballycastle.

**Armagh.**—Reports to hand state that most of the varieties of early potatoes in Lurgan neighbourhood are seriously affected with the disease. The main crop is so far safe, but it is doubtful if that state of things will long continue.

**Carlow.**—A great meeting was held in Ballon in support of an evicted tenant named Keely. The Newtownbarry and Tullow bands attended. There were a few dozen police present. A Government reporter was accommodated on the platform. Mr. Hanlon presided. Mr. Keely, evicted tenant, who was received with cheers, stated he owed a year's rent last September, and had offered to pay down £100 and a rent for the future of £200 a year, but the landlord would not take less than £210 a year, with immediate payment of a year's rent. He, Mr. Keely, would watch the farm from which he had been evicted and on which he had spent £2000 (cheers).

**Cavan.**—The potato crop in Belturbet and Ballyconnell districts has suffered much from blight. It is no exaggeration to say that it is almost a total failure.

**Clare.**—Daniel MacNamara, relieving officer, Kildysart Union, read a batch of eviction notices to the Board at last meeting at the suit of the Marquis of Conyngham and Marcus Keane against John McMahon, John McNamara, Daniel Maloney, Mary O'Dea, Patrick Sexton, and John Cleary.

An encounter took place at Cahermonane, near Kilfenora, between an armed band of moonlighters and police. It appears that the moonlighters attacked the dwelling of a farmer named King O'Neill, into which they fired several times, then escaped.

**Cork.**—Daniel Mahony, William Glanville, James Donovan, William Allen John Allen, John Pyburn, and Andrew Johnson have been released after a month's imprisonment on a charge of unlawful assembly.

Edmond Foley, a Ponsonby campaigner, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour for having retained forcible possession of a farm at Knockmonalea, from which he had been evicted in April last.

Philip Thomas Somerville, of Dunbeacon, recently brought into Schull the enormous haul of 11,000 mackerel, which had been captured in Dunmanus Bay. They were bought by D. O'Regan, of Schull, on behalf of George W. Butler, of Boston.

John and Patrick Lucey, father and son, were arrested at Mounaborna, nine miles beyond Macroom. The arrest was effected in the house from which they had been evicted a short time ago, but of which they re-took possession. They were conveyed to Cork Gaol.

At the meeting of the Cork Town Council, the Mayor introduced to the members Dr. J. R. Leech, a Protestant Irishman, and native of Cork, at present residing in Port Natal. Dr. Leech made a short speech, and assured the Council that in Port Natal the greatest interest was manifested in the struggle at present being waged for Ireland's rights.

After an absence of seventy-five years, Tim Lynch, a native of Castlemartyr, recently landed at Queenstown, and astonished the easy-going people of the town by dancing an Irish jig on the quay, the air of which he gaily whistled. Tim is ninety years of age, seventy-five of which he spent in America.

Dr. Magner, medical officer, Timoleague, appeared before the Clonakilty Guardians, and stated that he had had in his district two cases of English cholera, one of a very bad type and proved fatal. He traced it beyond all doubt to eating diseased potatoes. This proves that the potato disease of the present year is not alone dangerous but of such a nature as will often not even be noticed by ordinary people. The cases were accompanied by great prostration, vomiting, and other serious symptoms.

A large cornfield at Incheleamy belonging to John Coleman, vice-president of the Ballyduff National League, was the scene of busy harvest operations recently. Horns were blown and the word was sent around that Mr. Coleman's splendid crop of white oats should be cut down and saved. Mr. Coleman was in Cork, and quite unaware of the kind and practical demonstration of sympathy made in his interest by good neighbours. The parishes of Conna, Kiltworth, Coolagown, and Ballyduff were represented by forty mowers and thirty women and girls.

**Dublin.**—An immense gathering of the trades in Dublin was held in the Phoenix Park for the purpose of expressing their determination to assist the railway hands and seamen in their strike.

Mr. O'Neill, of 39 Great Brunswick street, Dublin, is engaged in preparing a design of the national memorial to be erected at Mitchelstown to the memory of John Mandeville and the three victims, Lonergan, Shinnick, and Casey, of the police outrage of September 9, 1887.

**Fermanagh.**—Fermanagh farmers' show, held at Enniskillen, was the best for many years past. Great credit is due to Edward Archdall honorary secretary for this result.

**Galway.**—At the recent meeting of the Ballinasloe Board of Guardians a man named Burke, living at Clontuskert, 105 years of age, and his wife Bridget, 80 years, applied for outdoor relief, which was granted.

The Woodford tenants are threatened with another eviction campaign. The landlord's representatives applied for fifty warrants of possession. Extensive clearances on this notorious estate are of annual recurrence since the famous opening of the struggle in 1886.

**Kerry.**—There have been numbers of cattle seizures for rent on the Kenmare estate, principally in the Kilmomin districts. The cattle are retained on the evicted farms on the property near the town.

**Leitrim.**—At the meeting of the Carrick-on-Shannon Board of Guardians, John Fox presiding, the question of the impending distress was under discussion. John Flood moved, and Edward Murray seconded, the following resolution—Resolved—That in view of the failure of the potato crop from the blight and frost, we, the Carrick-on-Shannon Board of Guardians, call upon the landlords of this union to make adequate reduction in their rents to meet the distress, so as to enable the tenant farmers to at once take steps to protect themselves during the winter, and not allow their families to suffer starvation.

**Limerick.**—The branches of the Irish Democratic Labour Federation in Counties Cork, Kerry, and Limerick held a monster meeting in Bruff; not less than 5,000 persons were present. John Caulfield presided. The practice of farmers assisting each other instead of hiring labourers was condemned.

There was a great attendance at the recent meeting of the Limerick National League. Alderman S. O'Mara presided, and introduced the Messrs. Levers, father and son, natives of Limerick, residing at Melbourne, and at present visiting their native land. They were received very warmly, and both addressed the assembly.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cowhey, of Croagh, who was evicted in May, 1889, has been reinstated. During Mrs. Cowhey's forced retirement from her home and farm her interests were carefully guarded by the Croagh Branch of the Irish National League, to whom she returns her best thanks. The land held by Mrs. Cowhey forms part of the estate of White Minors.

**Longford.**—The eviction of Edward O'Connor by Thomas O'Connor, of Curraclarehan, has been amicably arranged by Rev. James O'Farrell.

Peter Chine presided at recent meeting of the Logan Workmen's Association. A resolution was passed binding the membership charge farmers who use machinery a double rate of wages for a vice, one-third to be given to the association fund.

J. P. Farrell, County President, recently presented the members of the Rathcune (John Martin) Gaelic team with championship medals. The ceremony was an interesting one, and great numbers of the people were in attendance. Mr. Farrell and Francis McGuinness, County Treasurer, were met outside Lanesborough by the team in full dress, headed by the Rathcune Pipe-and-Drum Band.

Two persons speak Irish only, and but 640 speak Irish and English out of a population of 61,009 persons in the County.

**Louth.**—Two splendid composite carriages for the Dublin Loop line have been constructed by the Great Northern Railway Works, Dundalk. They are finished in a manner most creditable to the workmen employed in this great local industry.

There was a full meeting of the Oliver Plunkett Total Abstinence Society recently, the president, P. J. Kelly presiding. John Rourke, of Great George's street, was elected Vice-President by acclamation. The Society is in a flourishing condition. A night school will be got up during the winter, and singing, dancing, and musical classes go on with a zest usual to such an entertaining study. The property in 68 Fair street has been insured for £200. Five years ago the Society started with a few borrowed chairs and tables in a room in West street.

**Mayo.**—A large number of pilgrims recently visited the hill of Knockroe to perform the Stations at the holy well which crowns the summit of that far-famed well. All through the day and night the pilgrims performed their religious exercises with great fervour and devotion.

**Monaghan.**—The cold-blooded brutality of Gibbins, Shirley, and their hangers-on of the Estate Office, Carrickmacross, can match anything in Ireland. They recently visited Farny on an eviction expedition, and, entering the house of a man named Fox, threw his furniture on the road, then began to pull down the house, but before the work was finished a son of Fox made a promise of settlement, and the evictor's hand was stayed. They had previously turned into Fox's garden of oats a batch of seven cattle, found on an evicted farm, on their way out. The same pitiless conduct was carried on at the other houses. Everything the tenants had was utterly destroyed.

**Roscommon.**—A committee of the people of Castlerea intend making application to have the power of collecting the tolls and customs transferred into their own hands from that of the Receivers.

**Tipperary.**—The Ballyporeen (suppressed) National League met in front of the police barrack. Four hundred persons were present. A turge fence hid the people [from] the prying eyes of the R.I.C. James Donovan presided.

John Godfrey, an evicted tenant of Smith-Barry, died recently. Mr. Godfrey was the second tenant evicted in Tipperary. He carried