

Irish News.

(From the Irish World)

Antrim.—The Duke of Devonshire will visit Belfast in November, and be entertained at a banquet in the Ulster Hall. He will speak at a Unionist meeting in the same hall during his visit.

A serious strike, which will effect 7,000 men, is threatened in the Belfast shipbuilding and iron trade. The masters have notified that, owing to the depression in trade, a reduction of 1s per week will be made after September 1st. The men at a mass-meeting decided to resist the reduction.

Clare.—Lady Aberdeen arrived in Ennis last week. A large number of townspeople awaited her arrival at the station, and gave her a hearty greeting, which she smilingly acknowledged. With her were private secretary, Miss O'Brien, and Edward Browne. They were received by Robert Vere O'Brien, whose guest Lady Aberdeen was to be at New Hall, and Rev P. M. O'Kelly, Ennis. A deputation of the Ennis Town Commissioners, J. P. Linnane, D. Roughan, J. Armstrong, with M. A. Scanlan and M. S. Honan, representing the people of the town, were also present. Addresses were presented to the distinguished lady by the public bodies of the town. Subsequently, accompanied by Father O'Kelly, they drove to the Convent of Mercy, where they were received by Right Rev Doctor McRedmond and the Rev Superioress and Sisters. She was highly delighted with a welcoming poem rendered by one of the little pupils and with the sweet floral offering of another little one, whom she kissed on getting the flowers, and advancing she thanked the children for their very cheering greeting and welcome and for the sweet scented flowers they had given her. It was her first visit to the Convent, of which

they received a home in the Republic of the West. But that was not entirely the reason why Irishmen had these kindly feelings for the American people. In the middle of the century famine was in the land, and the American people sent provisions for the relief of the people. Then in their own time—in 1880—when Ireland again experienced a bad harvest, the American people sent stores to that harbour, and the Constellation was the ship that brought help to the people. Rear-Admiral Erben said he would return to America with a better idea of Ireland and the Irish than he had ever had before. He learned more in two weeks than he had learned all the years before.

Derry.—Amid the general decoration of Derry City in honour of the Royal wedding the Walker Monument and the Memorial Hall, both under the control of the Apprentice Boys and Orange parties, displayed no flags or ornamentation of any kind. These are the people who are never done parading their loyalty to the British Crown. But the action of the Crown must be in accordance with Orange ideas; if not, they resort to treason.

Donegal.—A violent thunderstorm swept over a great part of County Donegal last week. At Glenties the people were terror-stricken. Near that town some men who were working in a field took shelter in a house. One of the party, John McGettigan, aged 18, went out to see if the storm was abating, and stood in the door. He was struck and killed by the lightning. The hair on the left side of his head was singed, and there was discoloration down his body to his feet one side. Two years ago his mother was drowned near the same spot by a flood in a small stream.

Dublin.—Last week, before the Master of the Rolls, Dublin, in a case of Devereux's trusts, C. A. O'Connor applied for a transfer, to the governors of Jervis street Hospital of a sum of £3,919 Consols, which by the will of the late Richard Devereux of Wexford was settled on trust for Kate Devereux for her life, and after her death

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she had heard a good deal, and was greatly pleased at the good work the holy religious were performing for the rising generation of Irish girls.

Cork.—Henry Cullinane, merchant, Skibbereen, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the county. The appointment is popular.

During a thunderstorm some parties were in Sullivan's forge, and retreated to his house. They were not long there when a tremendous crash came. Removing the greater portion of the slates off the roof, the lightning burst through the kitchen, killing instantly Patrick Neill, aged 20, and Patrick Sullivan aged 40, owner of the forge and house. Two young men of the Neills escaped with slight injuries, and Sullivan's wife was unharmed. A dog and a hen were also killed instantaneously. The floor was rooted, and the ground for a considerable distance, and the grass, furz, etc, scorched and burnt, and the door-posts were cut clean away.

The Mayor of Cork entertained Rear-Admiral Erben and sixteen officers of the U.S.S. Chicago at luncheon in the Municipal Buildings. Five carriages were provided for the accommodation of the visitors, who drove to Blaney, having first paid visits to the church of SS. Peter and Paul, St Finbarr's Cathedral, and the Queen's College. A brief stay was made at Blaney, during which a great many visitors kissed the stone. The city was reached at 3.15, and the visitors drove immediately to the Municipal Buildings, over which floated the American flag. The Mayor, in giving the toast "Our Visitors," said he was sure that Admiral Erben would be pleased with their city, because the feeling of the Irish people towards the American people was of the most kindly nature. As was well known, Irishmen in their hundreds of thousands lived in America. They prospered and

for such charitable purposes as her executors should appoint. The executors had appointed Jervis street Hospital, and Miss Devereux had released her life interest in the fund in order to enable the hospital to receive it at once. The order was granted.

Fermanagh.—There is a serious fear amongst farmers that fodder will be extremely scarce the coming winter. Where meadows have been cut and saved in this and other districts of northwest Fermanagh, a deficiency of from forty to fifty per cent in the yield is clearly observable. Hay will be scarce and dear this season.

Hugh McLaughlin of Corry, near Belleek, was lately evicted and his dwelling torn down by the bailiffs of the Marquis of Ely. McLaughlin had lived in the house for fifty years and regularly paid his rent until recently, when old age and hard times prevented him.

Galway.—P. Corcoran, Galway, presented the Countess of Aberdeen with a Claddagh ring, made by the late George Robinson, composed of eighteen carat gold, in splendid state of preservation, date 1820. The presentation was made as she was leaving the Church of St Nicholas. Lady Aberdeen inquired could they be manufactured at present. Mr Corcoran replied in the affirmative, and she gave him a large order for Claddagh rings for the Irish village at Chicago World's Fair.

Kilkenny.—A new Parnellite organ, the *Kilkenny People*, will soon be issued in Kilkenny City.

Leitrim.—The holder of the largest estate in the County of Leitrim is Lord Massy, whose property covers an area of 24,751 acres, valuation 31,100 lols. The next in size is the estate of Col H. T. Clements, who holds 20,250 acres.

Queen's County.—Three new magistrates have been appointed to the Roscrea bench—James Maher, Abbey Cottage,

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