

## Irish News

### ANTRIM—The Insurance Bill

A great meeting of the men and women workers of Lisburn was held on October 20, when resolutions were carried welcoming the State Insurance Bill, and urging the Chancellor of the Exchequer not to exclude Irish workers from the working of the measure. The principal speaker was Mr. Wm. Walker, J.P., of Belfast.

### ARMAGH—Detrimental to the Interest of Labor

Mr. McKeown, an organiser of the Transport Union, at a meeting held in Dundalk on October 16, made an attack on Cardinal Logue for the course he took in connection with the recent railway strike, and stated that the resolutions of the Irish Bishops were directed against the workmen alone. This attack is resented by all classes in the town, but by none more than by the thirty-five unfortunate workmen who have not been reinstated, and on whose behalf his Eminence has written to the directors of the Great Northern Railway Company, a letter urging them to be merciful and take back their late employees. At a meeting they held a few days later, the following resolution was passed unanimously: 'That this meeting of all grades of railwaymen now out of employment, recognising the efforts of his Eminence Cardinal Logue on our behalf, most strongly protest against the uncalled-for references to his Eminence made by Mr. McKeown in his speech; that we thoroughly recognise that his Eminence is only a trustee for the shares held in his name in the Great Northern Railway Company, and as such derives no personal benefit therefrom; that we hereby gratefully acknowledge what his Eminence has already done and what he is at present endeavoring to do on our behalf to secure our reinstatement; that such language and such attacks as Mr. McKeown has made are detrimental to the interest of Labor and calculated to injure our cause.'

### CORK—Protestants Give Testimony

In view of the campaign of calumny which has been set on foot against Catholics, for purely political purposes, it would be well if Irish Protestants who are living in amity with their neighbors came forward and gave publicly accounts of their experience. Some few have done so already, and with good results. Mr. Green, C.E., a Protestant, at the quarterly meeting of the Youghal Rural Council, said he had been officially connected with that body and with the Board of Guardians for the last twenty-five years, and during that time he had received nothing but kindness and good-will, not alone from the members of the public bodies, but from everybody with whom he came in contact. The secretary of the Clare Council, in a letter to the press, bears similar testimony.

### DOWN—Serious Fire in Newry

Over £10,000 damage was caused by a fire which broke out on the morning of October 24 in the premises of Messrs. Redmond and Co., Ltd., Newry. Adjoining the timber yard is a boxmaking factory. Owing to the inflammable contents of the concerns involved the Fire Brigade's task was from the outset hopeless, the flames spreading with remarkable rapidity, and both premises were gutted.

### DUBLIN—Praise for the Christian Brothers

At the meeting of the Protestant Diocesan Synods of Dublin, Glendalough and Kildare, Archbishop Peacocke presiding, Mr. Fitzpatrick said that their diocesan schools were doing useful work, but the Protestants had no such teaching facilities as were afforded by the Christian Brothers for Catholics. One of the pupils of the Christian Brothers had just been gazetted to the Indian Civil Service. What Protestant in humble circumstances could hope to have his son educated so as to be able to pass such an examination? A long debate followed, in the course of which some of the speakers complained of the want of subscriptions from Protestants for educational purposes in Ireland. The oppor-

tunities provided for education were so great for Catholics that it was to be feared that in Ireland the Protestants would become the hewers of wood and the drawers of water.

### KERRY—Muckross Abbey

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent, the new owners of Muckross, are effecting extensive changes in the old Abbey (says the *Daily Chronicle*) since they acquired the romantic estate from Lord Ardilaun in the spring of this year. The most approved method of electric lighting will replace the old paraffin lamps so long in use at the Abbey, and spacious stables and garage are being added. Mrs. Vincent is the daughter of a Californian millionaire. A great sportswoman, she has seen a good deal of life on the prairie, and has tamed some of the wildest bronchos.

### LOUTH—Civil and Religious Liberty

The president of the Dundalk Division of the A.O.H. has received the following letter from Mr. Joseph Loudon, assistant-secretary, Louth County Council, and a well known member of the Methodist Church: 'As president of the A.O.H. Division 566, will you kindly convey to the members my kind appreciation and warmest thanks for suspending the band practices during my recent long illness, and also for their kind and best wishes for my recovery, which I fully and deeply appreciate? This is the second time since your division came to this locality that I have experienced their true spirit of Christian charity towards members of other religious persuasions. When your division first came to their present hall (next the Methodist church) your then president called upon me to ascertain the hours of Divine worship, so as to make arrangements not to disturb the services in any way. This, to my mind, has the true ring of civil and religious liberty, which we hear so much about nowadays. As a next-door neighbor, I may be permitted to say of your division that I never saw a better-conducted set of young men. I wish your division every success, and may your membership increase, as it deserves.'

### The New Lieutenant of the County

It is not often (says the *Glasgow Observer*) that one Catholic succeeds another as the King's Lieutenant in an Irish county, but such is the case in County Louth, where Sir Alan Henry Bellingham has been appointed in succession to the late Lord Bellew. Sir Henry, whose younger daughter is married to the Marquis of Bute, is a convert to Catholicism, and an M.A. of Exeter College, Oxford. His family hails originally from the North of England; and on a window of Levens Hall, their old seat in Westmoreland, is to be read the quaint inscription, 'Amicus amico Alanus Belliger belligero Bellinghamus.' Sir Edward Bellingham was Lord Deputy of Ireland in 1548, and his descendant was granted the Gormanstown estate in Louth, which he re-named Castle Bellingham. The present house was built to replace the old castle, burned to the ground a few days before the Battle of the Boyne. Sir Henry's first wife was a sister of the present Earl of Gainsborough, and he married after her death the Hon. Leigarde Clifton, daughter of the twenty-third Baroness Grey de Ruthyn. He was a Private Chamberlain to both Pius IX. and Leo XIII., and is well known for his devotion to Catholic interests. His elder daughter is a nun of the Order of the Holy Child.

### MAYO—Neither Privileges nor Disabilities

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Healy dedicated the new Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Claremorris, County Mayo, early in October. The Most Rev. Dr. Gilmartin preached on the occasion. At a banquet held subsequently, the Bishop of Elphin said that some people were afraid that Home Rule meant Rome Rule. They wanted under Home Rule no privileges, but neither would they tolerate any disabilities.

### TIPPERARY—Consecration of an Abbot

The Rev. P. Justin McCarthy was solemnly consecrated Lord Abbot of Mount St. Joseph's Monastery, Roscrea, on October 18, in the presence of a large gathering of clergy and laity. The consecrating prelate was Right Rev. Dr. Fogarty, Bishop of Killaloe, who