

Irish News

ANTRIM—Half-holiday Not Required

The plebiscite of the grocery, jewellery, hair-dressing, and drapery in Belfast as to the proposed half-holiday has resulted in a big majority against the proposal.

Party Organs

Following quickly on the announcement that the 'Irish People' is to be revived, comes the news that a weekly paper in the Russellite interest is soon to be published in Belfast.

CORK—A Memorial

The people of Riverstown and Carrignavar, County Cork, are about to erect a memorial to the late Canon Hegarty, who was so long a prominent figure in the South of Ireland.

The Industrial Association

The Cork Industrial Development Association is giving a very good lead to the similar Association that has been established in Dublin. At a recent meeting the secretary stated it had been decided to open a local exhibition in Cork in November, and that already the rush for space by local and other Irish manufacturers was very great, and showed that the value of the Exhibition was already fully realised. The committee state that the general attractions of the Exhibition will eclipse those of last year. An important feature in connection with the show will be a conference of representatives of all the Irish Industrial Development Associations and the Irish County Councils and other public bodies. All these, together with many Irish public men, will meet together in conference in the Council Chamber of Cork on the two days following the opening of the Exhibition. This conference will be presided over by the President of Cork Queen's College, Dr. Windle.

Mr. O'Brien's Policy

The Rev. Father Shinkwin, P.P., presided at a meeting at the Glanmire branch of the United Irish League recently, and delivered an address against the policy which is being advocated by Mr. William O'Brien, M.P. He said that gentleman was about to start a paper again, and it was easy to see what his object was—it was simply to smash the Irish Party. If he received a large amount of support they would have a split in the Nationalist ranks that would prove as disastrous to the country as that of 1890. Surely they had had enough of splits already. The attitude of Mr. O'Brien was that of one man against the entire Nationalist Party. His conduct was simply calculated to unloose, so to speak, the bonds of union and discipline. As far as things had gone Mr. O'Brien had not succeeded in any great measure in doing injury, because his followers through the country were few. Anyone who gave support to Mr. O'Brien's policy either directly or indirectly would not, in Father Shinkwin's opinion, be acting in the best interest of the country.

DERRY—Change of Name

A movement has been initiated in Ulster at the instance of the Gaelic League (says the 'Westminster Gazette') for changing the name of the old city in the North of Ireland from Londonderry to Derry. The London Companies, who possess considerable estates in the district, will, however, have something to say to the proposal. The 'Maiden City,' as it was dubbed in 1689, when the Williamites held it against James II., had its origin in an oak-tree wood or forest called in the Gaelic doire or Derry. In the beginning of the seventeenth century a body of London colonists were sent to settle in the district, and in consideration of the Corporation of London expending £20,000 in the establishment of the 'New Plantation in Ulster,' they received from the Crown a very liberal charter of rights. It was then that we first find the place called Londonderry.

DONEGAL—An Important Discovery

During the progress of the work in connection with the development of the recently discovered gold deposit in County Donegal, at Glenties, the men working for levels made a remarkable discovery by coming upon an old gallery which had evidently, from the condition in which it was found, been worked about two hundred years ago. The gallery admits an average-sized man walking upright, and the frame of the doorway is of old black bog oak. The evidences of the gold lode, it is stated by authorities, are very distinct and satisfactory. During the month of August many mining experts and workers from South Africa and Australia visited the mine, and in every case their reports were of the most encouraging character.

The Bishop's Words

There is no man in Ireland whose words have more weight with his countrymen than the Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell, Lord Bishop of Raphoe. He has ever spoken out fervently and fearlessly in support of the National movement. In a letter to a great meeting of the Letterkenney branch of the United Irish League he forwarded a generous subscription to the funds of the Irish Party. But of far more value than the subscription was the tribute he paid to the efficiency and fidelity of the Party during the session that has just drawn to a close.—'The Irish Party is the only one that returns with enhanced reputation from the fray. The chances in the next Parliament seem to be of great promise, and it is for us all to see that not a man will be returned to represent a Nationalist constituency who will not give constant and efficient attendance, and work hard to keep up the National organisation throughout the country.' The speakers at the meeting cordially endorsed the declaration of the Bishop, and denounced with him the contemptible plan for robbing Ireland of a portion of the Parliamentary representation to which she is entitled. The country is proud, and not without cause, of the Nationalist Party, and in hearty accord with its policy. It will return next year to the final struggle doubly strong in the approval of the people.

DUBLIN—An Appointment

The 'Dublin Gazette' announces that Mr. Walter Callan has been appointed private secretary to the Lord Lieutenant, vice Colonel R. J. Cooper, selected for the command of the Irish Guards.

Serious Damage

Damage to the extent of £30,000 has been caused at Bray, Ireland's fashionable watering-place, by the river Dargle bursting its banks.

Art Industries Exhibition

At the Art Industries Exhibition, which was a leading feature of the Horse Show, convent schools occupied a leading place. Out of 81 institutions exhibiting in the needlework section, 18 were convents, and out of 65 exhibiting lace, 31 were from convents. Among the latter were the Mercy Convents of Lurgan, Dundalk, Cootehill, and Ardee, the Presentation Convents of Bandon, Cashel, and Tralee, the Convents of Charity, Howth, and Benda Abbey, County Sligo, the Convents of St. Louis at Kiltimagh, Carrickmacross, Strokes-town, and Monaghan. Many exhibitors outside were also trained by girls instructed in the convent schools, which are without doubt the very best producers of fine lace in the country.

Characteristic Bravery

In the Throne Room Dublin Castle, the other day, the Lord Lieutenant decorated eleven brave men, who took part in the Bugh Quay disaster, with the medal of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem of England. In addressing them, his Excellency said: 'You showed the characteristic bravery of the Irish race on the occasion, and you have demonstrated once again that men are ever ready to risk their lives for the sake of others.'

Heavy Downpour

Ireland was visited by a very heavy rainfall during the last week in August. In the Dublin district the downfall caused some disastrous effects. The Dargle overflowed at Bray, and for a time a number of people of the poorer class, dwelling in low-lying tenements, were in great danger. Fortunately there was no lack of willing volunteers to take up the work of rescue. The chairman of the Urban Council almost lost his life in trying to rescue a man who did actually lose his life while prosecuting the work of rescue. So grave has been the damage that a committee has been formed to raise funds for the relief of the sufferers, and particularly for the necessities of the poor man Plunkett, who lost his life in his silent and unselfish effort to save others. All over the country the rain caused havoc. From places so remote from one another as Kerry and Armagh comes the same tale of loss. The Bann overflowed its banks, and turned the meadowland adjoining into a vast tract of water, the necks of hay standing on it being completely washed away. For 30 hours the rain continued. Not within living memory has there been so heavy a downpour.

GALWAY—Church Building

The Rev. P. Yorke, of San Francisco, who preached at the golden jubilee celebrations in connection with the Augustinian Church, Galway, said that church building by the people of Ireland had been and still was a question of physical necessity. If they had back their own churches, seized at the time of the 'Refor-