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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The land bill passed through the committee stage in the House of Commons Wednesday afternoon. At a meeting of Parnellites it was decided to adopt a passive policy after the passage of the Land bill, in order to allow a speedy close of the session.

In the House of Commons on Friday last, Mr. Timothy Healy was suspended for a fortnight for telling Mr. Delisle (Conservative) that if he interrupted him again he would break his neck.

John Boyle O'Reilly has just received from the *Pilot's* special correspondent at Rome the following cablegram, "The first report from Mgr. Persico, the Pope's representative in Ireland, has been received at the Vatican, and is most laudatory of the Irish people."

It is credibly reported that Sir John Pope Hennessy, who was recently reinstated as Governor-General of Mauritius, after several months' suspension, has had a writ issued against the *London Times* for libel, laying damages at £20,000.

The first meeting of the National League since the Coercion Act was put in operation was held in Dublin yesterday. It was announced that the receipts since last meeting amounted to £5,200. The Lord Mayor declared that the League, if proclaimed, would continue its fight.

Lord Salisbury, speaking at Norwich lately, warned the Conservative party to prepare for a possible dissolution of Parliament. He said that Parliament had often met with an early termination when its life seemed unendangered, and that the Conservative party must organize to instruct the people against the deception of the separatist apostates, who were only too numerous.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, on Tuesday last, presented the freedom of the city of Dublin to Hon. Patrick A. Collins, of Boston, as a representative of millions of Irish people banished from their native land by landlordism and oppression. Mr. Collins, in his reply, promised that the Irish in America would never desert the cause in Ireland. He also alluded to the fact that his luggage was searched on his arrival in Ireland, and that during his travels in the country since, he had been honoured with a detective escort. He said, however, he did not care about the treatment he had met with from the Government. The freedom of the city was also conferred upon Mr. Wm. O'Brien, Editor of *United Ireland*.

There is great rejoicing in Liberal circles over the election of Sir George O. Trevelyan for the Bridgeton division of Glasgow, by a majority of 1,301, compared with the last Liberal majority of 796. Sir George Otto Trevelyan's victory is felt in Conservative circles as the severest blow the Unionist cause has yet experienced. Intense interest pervaded the clubs. Each side attached supreme importance to the election, as the first fought, since the general election, between a Gladstonian and a Liberal-Unionist, the other contests having been between Conservatives and Gladstonians. The successful candidate, in a speech, said that his victory made it next to impossible for the Government to proclaim the Irish National League. The election, he declared, largely settled the Irish question. Henceforth Ireland must be treated in a spirit of conciliation, kindness and confidence.

Mr. Gladstone addressed the Liberal Radical Union on Friday evening last. He said that at the last election the Unionists had a majority of only 76,000 in the whole country, and that if the Liberals reclaimed 150,000 votes their strength in Parliament, now in the minority, would become a majority of a hundred. The recent elections had already given the Liberals six or seven seats, gains which indicated that the Liberals would triumph if Parliament were dissolved to-morrow.

In regard to the Unionist members he was sure that the electors who supported or refrained from opposing them at the last election mistook the position. They believed Irish autonomy to be of questionable policy, or even mischievous, but anyhow they expected that the Unionists would co-operate with the remainder of the party in regard to Liberal principles, especially against coercion. The result, however, was that the Unionists behaved as life long foes.

He continued: "Far from dismembering the Empire, we intend to solidify it. The electors are rapidly and almost unanimously arriving at the right judgment. The question of retaining the Irish members in Westminster is still an open one, but it will never be allowed to interfere with the attainment of our object.

"When autonomy is gained, if Ulster desires severance from the rest of Ireland, the Liberal party will not stand in the way. This ought to be a conclusive answer to those who allege that the Liberals are indisposed to try the effect of a reunion. The Land bill, as amended, confers vital and important benefits upon Ireland."