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SATURDAY, SEPT. 13, 1902.

HARROWING SCENES. - Rosmmon, 23rd August.—The eviction campaign, entered on by Lord De Freyne against the tenants on his estate, was resumed on Friday after week's cessation. The net result of the day's proceedings was the eviction of four families, or rather of three, because it is extremely doubtful whether the formulas which the law prescribes as necessary were complied with in the case of Thomas King, of Feigh, whose house was strongly barricaded, and whose son made a fierce resistance to the tack upon his humble home. Mr. Wm. Jones, M.P., for North Carnarvon Mr. Thos. Roberts, a member of the Liverpool City Council; the repreentatives of some English newspapers, and a Frenchman, the correspondent of the "Temps," of Paris, were among the spectators of Friday's scenes. They seemed deeply impressed with what they saw, and some of them displayed their unmistakable sympathy with the cause of the tenants whose homesteads were the object of attack, and their abhorrence of the system which permitted the cruelty of which they were the pained witnesses. Amongst the others present at the eviction scenes were the Very Rev. Canon White Loughglynn; Messrs. John Fitzgibbon, Chairman Roscommon Co. Council; Patrick Webb, vicechairman; Patrick Conroy, Castlerea; Denis Johnston, United Irish League organiser, as well as a large number of the tenants on the Dillon, Do Freyne and Murpiy estates. The evictions were carried out by Burrowes Sheil, sub-Sheriff of the ther built? I will keep it at the sa-

companied by a couple of bailiffs. The day was miserably wet and the drizzling downpour gave an added air of pitiableness to the eviction scenes, which would have been sad

County Roscommon, who was ac-

under any circumstances. ogill, which lies off the roadside a-The holding consists of about ten rent was £9 18s, or almost £1 an a wife and eleven children, the remainder of the children being at

The next holding attacked was ated a few miles distant. It is approached from the main road by a long, winding boreen. Leaving their cars at the junction of the two thoroughfares, the party travelled toby the shrill cries of the country people, who hurried on ahead of to cut off their advance by taking a more direct cut across the fields; but they failed in the attempt.

The eviction was then proceeded daughter of Mrs. Neaphsey aided in removing the little household belongings, fearing that they might the Sheriff and his men and the ponot be handed with sufficient tender- lice crowded through the now deness by the Sheriff's men. It was fenceless door at the rear. while she was engaged in this task that Head Constable M'Gowan gave the first illustration of his ill-humor by endeavoring to thrust her violent ly out of the house. District-Inspector Supple sought to excuse the head constable's conduct to one of the Englishmen present, who had protested against it, by stating in the house. While the eviction was eding a crowd of girls present recalled some unpalatable facts to the recollection of the police by shouting "Sheridan" and making remarks about cows' tails. The furniture having been placed outside the house in the drizzling rain, the eviction was completed, and, as in the previous case, the party left the house in charge of an emergencyman. and his police guard, and turned their steps in the direction of the next house marked out for eviction. At the end of the boreen Head Constable M'Gowan again displayed his savage temper by knocking down

in his way. District Inspector Hetreed reprimanded him on the spot for his conduct. The incident produced much indignation amongst those who witnessed it.

A journey of a few miles brought the party to the house of Thomas King, of Feigh. The rent of the holding is £9 11s. Though nominally held by Thomas King, the real tenant is his son, Bernard, who, with his wife and little children, live in the house, and are a most industrious, hard-working couple. Bernard's father and mother also reside in the house, which is a fairly substantial-looking structure. The younger Mrs. King is a refined, in telligent-looking woman. She spent fourteen years in America, and during that time, in addition to sending money home to her father and mother, she saved £113, with which she returned to Ireland and married Bernard King. The latter is a fine strapping looking fellow, who gave the evictors a tough task before they succeeded in dislodging him from his home. When the Sheriff's party ar- to the house of Mrs. Catherine Conrived they found the doors strongly barricaded. Bernard King stood at ty, on making their appearance, were a small open window in an attitude of angry defiance. The Sub-Sheriff and Mr. Flanagan approached him, escorted by a number of police.

Bernard said he wished to make a statement.

The Sub-Sheriff asked him to open the door and they would talk in-

Bernard declined the suggested accommodation. Mr. Sheil-Are you going to open

the door quietly? King-Are you going to put out of the house that my grandfa-

crifice of my best blood. Mr. Sheil-Then I must take for-

cible possession. At this point County Inspector
O'Connell and District Inspector Supple approached the window, and by soft persuasion sought to induce The first halt was called at the Bernard to give up possession quiethouse of Thomas Mahon, of Curragh-ly. Bernard, who was in a highly excited condition, vehemently re bout two miles from Loughglynn. proached Mr. Flanagan for his treatment of him, and reminded him how acres, of which four are of arable he had carried him across the river land six being reclaimed bog. The on his back. In the meantime as large a crowd had gathered at the acre. There were two years' arrears scene as the police cordon would perof rent, and the costs alone amount- mit, and apparently fearing that the ed to £40 17s 8d. The tenant has police officers contemplated seizing a wife and eleven children, the King while he stood inside the winyoungest of whom is four years of dow, they shouted warnings to him age. Two girls are in America, the to keep back. Mr. Jones, M.P., approached, and united his entreaties to those of the police officers, asking King not to use force, and reminding that of Mrs. Bridget Neaphsey, situ- him that he had good friends in Parliament. Meanwhile the Sheriff' men had commenced an assault on the front door, but it stoutly resisted their efforts. They soon desisted, and made their way to the back of wards the house on foot. The ap-ithe house, and attacked the backproach of the evictors being heralded door with pickadors. The Sub-Sheriff aided them by kicking at and pulling down the woodwork. When them, a party of police endeavored the timber was removed an inside barrier of huge size was revealed. This was also attacked by the She riff and his men. King's attention was now drawn from the window in front, and he retreated to the back The sub-sheriff directed that the furniture should be carefully removed,
nity they sought. District Inspectso that it might not be broken. A or Supple, with the aid of a police man, had scrambled through the window about the same time that

Bernard King was arrested, and h and his weeping wife, who was also inside, were ejected from the house Mrs. King wept bitterly, and be wailed the cruel eviction of herself and her family, including the youngest infant only a few months old, which was afterwards brought round by its grandmother to her daughter-Miss Neaphsey had been mistaken in-law's arms. Mrs. King told how meone who had no right to be she worked in America to save the £113 already referred to; how proud she was to come home and the good honest fellow, her husband who also took an honest pride in th little improvements which his industry had effected in the holding. The scene was so painful as to evoke the expressed sympathy of some of the

policemen present. Bernard King was removed, in cus tody, to Castlerea. It was found that the Sub-Sheriff had left a young girl in a portion of the house, and it was confidently asserted that this circumstance invalidated the evic

............. ant died some time ago, and his son remained in possession. The holding comprised four acres, and the rent was £4 12s. Five years' rent was due, and the costs amounted to £41. No resistance was offered to the eviction, and the usual formalities having been gone through, the Sheriff and his party directed their steps homeward.

The eviction campaign was continued on Saturday. The scene of operations was in the Loughglynn district. Three families were evicted. There was only one English spectator of the proceedings-Mr. G. lace Carter, of Lincoln. Mr. Wm. Jones, M.P., and Councillor Roberts, of Liverpool, who witnessed the inscenes of the previous day, structive had left Castlerea on their way further west. The Sub-Sheriff was not present at the operations, the Sheriff being represented by a Mr. Duffy. Mr. Carter was able to secure a snapshot of the eviction cavalcade. which ought to prove instructive to his English friends, Mr. John Fitzgibbon, of Castlerea, and Mr. Denis Johnston, United Irish League Orfanizer, were present during the proceedings. They were everywhere received by the evicted families and the assembled crowds of country people with warm expressions of greeting, and were frequently cheered most enthusiastically.

Having proceeded a short distance the eviction party halted at a gate way, which opened into a rugged path leading through a cutaway bog, ry, of Clonboney. The evicting parreceived with cries of denunciation by a crowd gathered near the house principally composed of women and girls, the comparative paucity of men being explained by the fact that at this season large numbers of them are absent in England earning the wages of which a substantial part has been accustomed to go to the landlord in the shape of rent.

The effects of Mrs. Conry having been removed from the house, the emergencymen proceeded to bring their furniture and provisions from the transport cart. An emergencyman was installed in the house, and a force of police detached to protect

The Very Rev. Canon Dillon, P.P., Loughglynn, arrived on the some time after the eviction had been carried out, having been prevented by a sick call from attending at an earlier stage of the proceedings.

Leaving Mrs. Conry's, the party again took to their cars, and journeyed towards the holding jointly occupied by Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Catherine Moran at Kilrudaune. Mrs Freeman's house was first visited. Mrs. Freeman occupied a substanbuilt. comfortable-looking, cleanly-kept dwelling, consisting of three good-sized apartments. A zincroofed out-office, suitable for the shelter of cattle, was in keeping with

the rest of the buildings. Among the articles put out of the house was a cake, the baking of which was still unfinished when the eviction party arrived. Mrs. Freeman's mother, an old lady between 80 and 90 years of age, was among the members of the family evicted Mr. Carter and Mr. Johnston were able to take interesting photographs of a group representing the four generations, extending from Mrs. Freeman's mother down to a little baby in arms, the child of a married daughter. Having completed Mrs. Freeman's eviction and placed an emergencyman in occupation, the party proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Moran, close by, She has been a widow for twenty-six years, and leaving the house, and was being forcibly removed by the Sheriff when Carter intervened and gently persuaded her to leave peaceably so During the as to avoid being hurt. process of furnishing Mrs. Freeman's house with stores from the transport cart the assembled women-folk kept up a running fire of adverse com ent, directed principally towards Mr. Flanagan and the emergencymen, the police, too, coming in for a share of it. Mr. Fitzgibbon were shadowed" by a couple of policemen as they moved from place to

Mrs. Moran's eviction was the last for the day. Mr. Flanagan drove back to his residence still escorted by police. Mr. Fitzgibbon, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Carter were warmly cheered before they took their departure, and were followed by the blessings of the warm-hearted people.

A correspondent, who has witness ed the horrible work described, Alsatian, who was acting as ?the correspondent of the well known Paris journal, "Le Temps," express

peace. There are never those terrible scenes there. Oh, it is awful."

After the eviction of the lings, M. Shindler praised very highly the action of King. He said:-"It is the duty of the people to protest against those evictions. Lord De Freyne should be ashamed of the homes of his tenants." In appreci-

ation of Mr. King's conduct. Mr. Shindler sent a very nice present from M'Dermot's Hotel to Mrs. King, and was lavish in his praise of both Mr. and Mrs. King. So does the Alsatian pressman look upon the state of affairs in Ireland.

LANDLORDS DECLARE WAR -The annual report by the executive of the Irish Landowners' Convention to be submitted at a meeting of the convention at 35 Dawson street. Dublin, on Friday next, has been published. It provides interesting reading for Nationalists. More Coercion is demanded; a more vigorous policy against the League "boycotters and blackmailers" is called for; the alleged causes that called the landlords' combination into existence are recited: the "Round Table" business is scouted; and the success of Wyndham's Land Bill or not, we are told, depends upon the manner in which it will be administered from the landlord point of view.

FOR THE COURTHOUSES. - At the last meeting of the Kilmallock District Council the following reso-

lution was passed unanimously:-Proposed by Mr. S. P. Harris, D. C., seconded by Mr. E. Byrnes, D.C. "That we, the members of the Kilmallock District Council, call on the Limerick County Council not to expend any of the money of the rate payers of this Union on the court houses of the county until such time as it is put out of the power of any Dublin Castle nominee to deprive the representatives of the people of the use of these buildings on any pretext whatever."

At a meeting of the Sligo County Council held on Aug. 23rd, Mr. John O'Dowd proposed the following resolution:-"That, in view of the fact that the courthouses of Ireland are erected and maintained by the people, we, the members of the Sligo County Council, in meeting assembled, hereby most strongly condemn the recent attempt on the part of the Irish Executive Government to prevent the people from using their own Council Chambers for the transaction of legitimate business; that we heartily endorse the action of the Mayo County Council in refusing to pay rates towards the maintenance of courthouses until this question be settled to the satisfaction of the people of Ireland. Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to the Secre tary Mayo County Council and Mr. William O'Brien, M.P."

The Mayor (Alderman Keenan) sec-

onded the resolution. The adjourned quarterly meeting of the Belmullet District Council was summoned to be held at the courtouse on the 22nd inst. At the appointed hour Mr. James Mills, J.P. Chairman of the District Council, with a number of councillors, as well as a large body of the outside public. assembled in the courthouse, in order to act in legal conformity with the notice convening the meeting. After a short time Mr. Mills (chairman) proposed that as a protest against the action of the Government and the High Sheriff on that auspicious occasion in refusing to allow the County Council to transact their ings of the District Council be held in the boardroom until the Council whole community. He claimed direct otherwise.

The resolution was adopted amidst the greatest acclamation, and immediately all the councillors proceeded to the boardroom, where the meet-

ing was held. At the quarterly meeting of the King's County Council, held at Tulsolution was unanimously passed, an seconded by Mr. Wm. Adams, J.P. : the ratepayers, and have hitherto been used by the Grand Jury, of which the County Council are the successors, to discuss without protest political questions, such as re-

may be allowed to consider, and we of the heroism of O'Hurley and his thoroughly endorse the action of the Mayo County Council under the cir- in the sacred cause of religion and cumstances in declining all responsibility for the maintenance of the ourthouses."

At the same meeting, on the moion of Mr. William Adams, J. P., the Council refused to consider an estimate of £55 10s, for certain repairs of the courthouse, and Mr. Adams intimated that he would at next meeting bring forward the question of securing another building in which they could discharge their duties and have control over it

THE LATE DR. CROKE.-At the Month's Mind of the late Archbishop Croke, held on 25th August, in the Cathedral, Thurles, His Eminence Cardinal Moran preached an eloquent panegyric on the deceased prelate. In Ireland, said His Eminence, almost alone amongst the nations, religion and patriotism are happily blended into one. We owe this to the heroic devotedness of our people throughout the terrible warfare in which for three centuries they were engaged in defence of Faith and Fatherland. A powerful nation left nothing undone to exterminate the Irish people, and, this proving impossible, an agency was employed

to oppress and to degrade at the same time our refigion and our race. Throughout those ages of suffering and peril priests and were found side by side under the Banner of Erin fighting for religion, and triumphed in martyrdom for that sacred cause. Alike they were seen marshalled under the banner of the Cross combating for their native land, and though brazed as in a mortar, yet they were invincible under every oppression, enduring hardship sooner than surrender that hallowed heritage. There is no evil but a benign Providence may draw forth a blessing from it, and, like the sufferings and triumphs of the Maccabees of old, Erin's martyrdom and incomparable heroism have merited an imperishable reward. Her religion and patriotism have been inseparably blended together, and as if fused into one in the affection of her Catholic people, and thus united they have become the symbol of Ireland's faith and the presage of Ireland's freedom. As a genuine patriot, Archbishop Croke wished all the grievances under which his country labored to be redressed, but he was foremost in recognizing that it was only through peaceful and legitimate agitation such redress could be achieved. In this he took Daniel O'Connell for his guide, and he denounced as a misnomer and a sham the false patriotism that would lead his countrymen into a career of crime. Justice and freedom for Ireland, under the banner of the Cross. was the moving principle of O'Connell's political career. It was the guiding maxim from which the deceased prelate never deviated, and by his fidelity to it he earned the enthusiastic affection and admiration of his fellow-countrymen at home, and of the true sons of Erin in every land of their pilgrimage. "The Land for the People," was the popular cry perhaps more than any other endeared to him, and one which he other

was convinced would, when realized, ensure the prosperity of Ireland. With such maxims for his guide we cannot be surprised that Dr. Croke had ever at heart the claims of his country. He unflinchingly upheld the right of his native land to selfgovernment, and in this contention he found firm support in his experience of New Zealand and the other colonies where democracy has achieved its triumphs. all the quarterly and adjourned meetment and happiness pervade the people the proprietorship of the land rendered fertile by their labor. On a former memorable occasion the illustrious Cardinal Primate of All Ireland compendiated in a few words the Archbishop's eulogy. "In him," he said. "have his people ever found a kind father, a sterling friend, and lamore, August 26, the following rea trusted guide. His sympathy was never wanting to the suffering the motion of Mr. Wm. Delany, M.P., afflicted; his compassion was never denied even to the erring and -"That as the County courthouses fallen; the poor were never driven have been built and maintained by from his gate. Neither have his compassion and active sympathy of been confined to the members of his own flock, as I, and I am sure some of my colleagues in the Episcopate, have good reason to know. test political questions, solutions against Home Rule and were surrounded by a people on the calling for Coercion, etc., we, the verge of famine one of the first elected representatives of the rate-payers of the King's County, most emphatically condemn th? arbitrary was never an empty or a niggard occupation of the courthouse of Cashad." Death has snatched him tlebar by the armed forces of Dublin from us, but he shall not be forgotwrites:—Mr. Charles Shindler, an Castle to obstruct and intimidate ten. A name radiant with golden the County Council of Mayo in the light has been added to the roll of discharge of such business as they might see fit to transact. We repute the glorious roll of illustrious bishtion.

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eace. There are never those terri- in the matters which the Council saints, and respledent with the lustre successors, martyrs, and confessors country, few names will be found more cherished than that of the deceased Archbishop. Long shall the name of Dr. Croke be held in veneration by the Irish Church, of which so bright an ornament, and long shall it be remembered in benediction by the people whom he loved so well, and for whom he so faithfully and perseveringly toiled.

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