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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

MGR. Persico, the Papal Commissioner, dedicated on Sunday a chapel at Wicklow. In the course of his remarks he said that since he had been in Ireland he had been inspired with admiration for the people in whose breasts he believed patriotism and reverence for the Catholic faith were deeply rooted. The Pope, he said, loved Ireland, and for that reason had sent a commissioner to inquire into the condition of her people.

The Roman journals rejoice greatly over the splendid reception accorded by the English people to Mgr. Ruffa Scilla, which, they say, is unprecedented in England for two centuries.

Archbishop Walsh is endeavouring to induce the Government to suspend further evictions in Ireland until the Land Bill has been passed by Parliament. He suggests that a conference on the subject be held by the leaders of the various parties.

At the meeting of the National League to-day Lord Mayor Sullivan, who presided, said that the whole League was prepared to stand its ground, defy the Coercion Act, and take the consequences. Mr. Crilly declared that the means to nullify the Coercion Act were ample, and that the Nationalists would treat the Act with supreme contempt.

The Crimes Bill passed its third reading in the House of Lords on Monday. On Tuesday, the House of Commons went formally in a body to the House of Lords, when the Royal assent was given to the Irish Crimes Act Amendment bill, and it was thus made the law of the realm.

Mr. Parnell and many of his colleagues were entertained on Wednesday at a banquet in London by the National Liberal Club. The health of the Queen was proposed by Mr. Dillwyn, and the guests all rose decorously and drank the toast. Mr. Parnell eulogised Mr. Gladstone for having put his shoulder to the wheel, and said that before many months the ex-Premier would carry his policy and be recognized as the only great man in British politics.

The speeches at the Carlton Club meeting on Wednesday show that there is much friction between the Government and the Unionists. A crisis was narrowly averted. A recurrence of the trouble is possible, there being a strong feeling among the Tory rank and file that the Government have conceded too much to the Unionists. If the Government had been firm the Unionists would not have dared to risk their own existence by trying to force a dissolution of Parliament.

Amongst the many memorials to be presented to the Pope on his jubilee celebration next December will be a volume of congratulatory addresses from the scholars of the Christian Brothers' schools all over the world. This jubilee offering will comprise nearly a million children's signatures, and the addresses in the different volumes will represent almost every language of the globe, including strange Indian and Chinese dialects and hieroglyphics from the Polynesian Isles.

The political situation in England is much as follows; The Government have postponed the committee stage of the Land Bill for several days. Meanwhile they are seriously considering their position. The Unionists are standing firm. There are already 130 amendments to the bill, one of which is Mr. Morley's proposal that tenants whose judicial rents date from January, 1886, should be allowed revision. There is no chance of this being carried, though it is probable the Government will defeat it by a reduced majority. It is rumoured the Ministers have internal troubles over the bill, but Lord Salisbury is believed to be standing to his guns. He favours dropping the bill altogether rather than make concessions which will reduce it practically to a leasehold—enfranchisement—bill. As for Lord Churchill, he cannot join the Cabinet at present, though the Cabinet be reconstructed, for the simple reason that he has practically taken a new departure with regard to Irishmen, which is totally at variance with the Parnellism and crime business. Lord Randolph Churchill made a deliberate and open invitation to the Irish members to lend their services to the Government for the improvement of the Land Bill, an attitude hopelessly incompatible with the Tory declaration that the Irish members are companions of assassins. The Government have identified themselves with the *Times* and must take the consequences. Sir George Trevelyan has declared in favour of a large safe measure of self-government for Ireland, such as can be satisfactorily arranged by consultation within the Liberal party and with the representatives from Ireland.