

# THE IRISH EVICTION WAR.

## ARDNACRUSHA TENANTS STOUTLY RESIST THE POLICE.

LIMERICK, Sept. 27.—Military and police were present to-day at the eviction of Michael Lane and family from their holding on Col. Meadow's estate at Ardnacrusha. The Lanes made a stubborn resistance, and during the struggle Mrs. Lane with a poker split open the skull of Inspector Riley, who was directing the work of eviction. Mrs. Lane, her husband, and brother were arrested. When the police threatened his place Lane dared them to come on. When they advanced he fought them with a club. His brother-in-law assisted him to resist the police. They were finally overcome, their arms were held, and they were beaten into a condition of non-resistance with the butts of guns.

CORK, Sept. 27.—At the hearing in the Mitchellstown inquest to-day Sergt. Brennan stated that he had charge of the police who went to the assistance of the party escorting the Government reporter toward the speakers' platform. The reporter's helmet was pierced with stones, witness said, and witness himself was struck with stones and mauled with sticks. When he retreated to the barracks he thought the building would be leveled over the heads of the police by the crowd, and he fired in the direction of the crowd and where a body was found. He aimed to kill. At this groans were uttered by the spectators in the court room. The Coroner was asked to clear the room, but he refused to do so. Since the beginning of the inquest the Coroner and Mr. Harrington have each received several letters threatening revenge upon them for their manner of conducting the case.

A number of the rails on the railway between Cork and Youghal, which the police must traverse in order to reach the Ponsonby estate from Cork for the purpose of aiding in the evictions there were torn up last night. The telegraph wires were also cut. Capt. Plunkett has arrived at Youghal to superintend the evictions, but no troops have got there yet.

DUBLIN, Sept. 27.—Lord Mayor Sullivan has written asking to be admitted to membership in the Mitchellstown branch of the National League. He congratulates the people of Mitchellstown on their conduct in resisting the operations of the Crimes act.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Irish National League in this city to-day many Englishmen were enrolled as members. Lord Mayor Sullivan, who presided at the meeting, declared that the Government's attempt to suppress the League was a dismal failure. All the affairs of the organization, he said, were in a prosperous condition. Lord Mayor Sullivan congratulated the League upon the fact that every proclaimed branch continued to hold meetings as usual, although some had been interfered with. The movement was stronger than ever in consequence of the Government's petty persecution. He did not know what action would be taken against the officers of the suppressed branches, but he was certain all would do their duty.

The eviction campaign on the Ponsonby estate opens to-morrow. Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Labouchère, and other members of Parliament will be present to witness the evictions.

The proposed evictions on the Ponsonby estate have been abandoned, the landlord having conceded the tenants' demand for the benefits of the Land act.

At a meeting of priests in Kilrush to-day resolutions were adopted condemning the proclaiming of the League and pledging those present to support the people in defeating the iniquitous designs of the Government.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Intense irritation is manifested in Conservative and dissident circles over the alleged laxity of the Irish Executive in failing to follow up the proclamations against branches of the League. A number of Unionist members of the House of Commons sent representations to Mr. Balfour that he should not permit Mr. O'Brien to continue his incendiary speeches. Mr. Balfour has referred to the Crown Counsel the question whether or not procedure under the Summary Jurisdiction act can prevent a convicted person repeating an offense during a provisional release on bail. If the opinion of the counsel allows the Government the slightest footing the arrest of Mr. O'Brien will follow, and an attempt will be made to imprison him until the appeal from the sentence pronounced at Mitchellstown has been settled at the Cork Sessions on Oct. 31.

The Unionists are also urging the prosecution of English members of Parliament who have been present at proclaimed meetings, it being alleged that such members are liable under the Riot act to the charge of felony, and may be compelled to forfeit their seats in Parliament for attending unlawful assemblies. These threats do not deter the members in question, several of whom have promised to speak at meetings of suppressed branches of the League on Sunday next.

The Irish landlords' executive have hit upon a new method to check operations under the plan of campaign. They are attaching the banking deposits and company shares of non-paying tenants. In the Dublin courts to-day the Judges granted writs of attachment against the shares of three tenants in public companies.