

THE PREMIER AT LADYBANK.

Home Rule Bill

To Be Passed.

Question of Ulster

Government Attitude

The Conference Suggestions.

Mr Asquith addressed his constituents at Ladybank, on Saturday night. Beyond stating that Mr Lloyd George had the full and unanimous consent of the Cabinet for his proposals of Land Reform, the Prime Minister confined himself to one topic—namely, the Ulster attitude in relation to the Home Rule Bill. He contended there was a complete constitutional case for proceeding in the next session with the Irish Government Bill by the operation of the Parliament Act, and asked ought the action of statesmen in a matter which had reached that stage to be affected or deflected simply by the menace of possible resistance to the execution of the law. The doctrines preached within the last two years in the North of Ireland were a negation of the first principle of Parliamentary, and still more of Democratic, Government. If the Ulster minority was entitled to resist a Home Rule Act by force, what possible answer could be made to a like claim put forward by the mass of the Irish people if they should be frustrated in the prosecution of a perfectly constitutional demand, in which they had the support of the large majority of the elected representatives of Great Britain? They were not, and would not, be intimidated by the threat of force. He had more than once expressed the hope and belief that the new system of Government in Ireland would be brought into operation without any need for recourse to the armed forces of the Crown, but if a statute deliberately enacted by Parliament were to be met by organised and armed resistance it would clearly be not only the right, but the duty, of the Executive to assert the authority of the law by every appropriate and adequate measure. It was the Government's duty to take into account of and deal respectfully with the deep-seated and genuine sentiment of the minority in Ireland, though they might and did believe their apprehensions to be without foundation. Proposals for the exclusion of Ulster were put forward not as a means towards a solution, but with the most uncompromising declaration that their acceptance would not take away any of the hostility to the general principles of the bill. There were two reasons for a settlement by consent. In the first instance it was of supreme importance to the future of Ireland that her new system of Government should not start with the apparent triumph of one section and the humiliation of another. In the second, the ties which bound Irishmen together seemed to him to be more effective than the differences which kept them apart, and the Bill should be regarded by all parties as resting upon a solid foundation for the future development of Ireland without the risk of further Parliamentary or electoral vicissitudes. As to Lord Loreburn's proposals for a formal conference between party leaders, Mr Asquith said the suggestion did not appear to him to be practically helpful. A conference without an agreed basis would certainly be abortive, and probably leave matters worse than it found them. There was no need for the machinery of a conference. If there was a general disposition for an interchange of views and suggestions, free and without prejudice, to consider the question, he invited that, and both he and his colleagues were perfectly ready to take part in it. There was no scheme for the adjustment of the position of the minority in Ireland—subject to certain simple and governing considerations—which he was not desirous

FUNERAL OF MRS. QUAID. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT.

Ballykenny House.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Quaid, Ballykenny House, Ballynagar, took place on Wednesday last at 12 o'clock from St. Mary's R.C. Church, Rathkeale, for the family burial place at Clounagh. The cortege was one of the largest seen in West Limerick for many years, and was ample evidence of widespread respect to the memory of the deceased, and of sympathy with the members of her family in their bereavement.

The Clergy present were—Rev George Quain, P.P., Bulgaden; Rev Patrick Colman, C.C., Pallaskerry; Very Rev Canon O'Donnell, V.F., Rathkeale; Rev Father O'Dwyer, C.C., do; Rev. Father O'Leary, C.C., do; Rev John O'Shaughnessy, P.P., Clounagh; Rev Father Fitzgerald, C.C., do; Rev Wm O'Shea, C.C., Shanagolden; Rev Father Byrne, P.P., Dromcollogher; Rev Father Wall, C.C., do; Rev Father Neenan, Rev Wm Carroll, C.C., St. Muehlin's.

The chief mourners were—George, John, David and William Quaid (sons); Robert Quaid, Knockaderry; J. J. Quain, Manister; George Quain, Springfield; Bryan O'Donnell, J.P., Limerick; J. J. O'Donnell, do; Miss Liston, Cork; Mrs Patrick and Dr O'Grady, Port Elizabeth; J.P. Hannigan, J.P., L.G.B. Inspector, Altanura; D. O'L. Hannigan, J.P., Killohane Castle; E. Hannigan, Castleishon; M. Hannigan, Sandfield; S. Ambrose, Newcastle West; Mrs Wall, do; P. D. Grogan, Kiltanna; James Grogan, do; N. Liston, N.T., Knockaderry (relatives).

Amongst the general public were—Messrs W R Gubbins, J.P., Chairman Limerick Co. Council; M.P. O'Shaughnessy, J.P., M.C.O., Bruff; T. Lynch, M.C.C., Fanstown, John Coleman, J.P., M.C.C., Chairman Croom Diaruid Council; Michael Quinlan, J.P., M.C.C., Chairman Tipperary No. 2 District Council; J. O'Mahony, M.C.C., Rathkeale; J. Bourke, M.C.C., Duxtown; J. Fitzgibbon, J.P., M.C.C., Chairman Rathkeale District Council; E. Mitchell, C.P.S., Hospital; L. O'Donnell, B.C., Limerick; Michael Kelly, County Accountant; Walter Brazier, Co. Council Offices; J. P. Hartigan, do; John Portley, do; Frank O'Shea, do; Malachie Clarkson, do; O. D. Coll, do; Joseph J. Peacocke, City Surveyor; T. Geraghty, Limerick; R. T. Levery, do; W. McAulay, do; S. Tubridy, do; J. Guinane, do; Wm Peacocke, do; James O'Donovan, do; Dr C. McDonnell, City High Sheriff; Dr P. Irwin, Limerick District Asylum; P. J. O'Sullivan, County Splettor; J. McNamara, Shelbourne; P. Mulqueen, Rosbrien; J. Costelloe, Ferrybridge; T. Casey, Holyross; Dr Bouchier Hayes, Rathkeale; Dr C. J. Nolan, Shanagolden; P. Nolan, do; Dr M. Cussen, Pallaskerry; John Cahill, Secretary Race Committee; Richard Coll, Kilmallock; T. Halpin, Croom; P. Cahill, Cappagh; T. Hedderman, Fern Hill; R. Maum, Bolane; James McDonnell, M.C.C., Court Lodge; Daniel O'Connell, Grange; James Coleman, Ballyoulen; Joseph O'Malley, County Surveyor; Jas Liston M.C.C., Castlemahan; Thos Hurley, M.C.C., Chairman Newcastle West District Council; Denis O'Donovan, Limerick; N. Feheny, Askeaton; E. Cussen, do; M. Moran, do; W. Casey, do; John Hartnett, Lemonfield; D. Naughton, Ballysteen; Peter McCarthy, D.C., Kilpeacon; P. J. O'Shaughnessy, M.P.; Patrick O'Donovan, Lisgordan; M. O'Callaghan, D.C., Ballynoe; Stephen O'Flynn, Dromcollogher; Daniel O'Brien, Coolahoy, Dromcollogher; Jeremiah O'Brien, J.P., Kells; Martin J. Geary, Gorteen; Andrew Walsh, Dromcollogher; John Hilliard, Manager Manster and Leinster Bank, do; Denis O'Leary, Castleishon, do; John O'Leary, do; Patk. Walsh, do; Maurice Irwin, Mullinlilly, Dromcollogher; John Liston, Ballymoran, Dromcollogher; John Quaid, Clonlara, Dromcollogher; Edward Irwin, Feenagh; Michael Irwin, C.E., Ahadagh; Nicholas Liston, Clonlara; John O'Callaghan, Hardingville; T. H. Hannigan, M.D., Gardenfield; Thos Hannigan, do; John Molony, Dromcollogher; M. Barry, J.P., Lisiniska; E. Morony, J.P., Odelville; J. M. Bennett, J.P., Ballinamona; Dr Magner, Rathkeale; R. Cussen, Solr, Newcastle; M. O'Shaughnessy, J.P., do; R. Leonard, do; J. Nash, do; J. Donovan, do; M. Roche, C.P.S., do; Cecil Leahy, do; R. J. Murnane, J.P., do; J. Roche, do; M. O'Sullivan, do; R. Nash, do; T. Sheehy, Moividdy; Griffin, Newcastle; P. Gilburu, Kilmeevy; Joseph Cregan, Newcastle; M. H. Sheehy, Shanagolden.

These present from Clounagh, Knockaderry, Ballygarry, Rathkeale, and surrounding districts are too numerous to permit of publication.

At Killaloe Petty Sessions, before Messrs. W. J. Hardy, B.M.; T. Hogan, R. G. Parker, P. Rohan, H. Lefroy, B. Skehan, and E. Brown. District Inspector McClelland charged James Healy, Montpellier, with cruelly ill-treating a donkey whilst suffering from a sore. Mrs Archdall, the Rectory, Killaloe, in reply to Mr McClelland, said on the 23rd September she was passing through Killaloe, accompanied by the Rev. Canon Archdall, when she met the defendant with the animal outside Crotty's. On examining the animal she noticed a deep wound on its tail, which was bleeding. The skin was off the wound and the tail was rubbing against the front of the cart.

She asked defendant if the animal was his property and what did he mean by working it in such a condition, he replied that he would attend to the matter later on. She then asked the man for his name and address and he refused to give it. She reported the matter to a constable who was on duty, and brought him to where she saw the man, but on arrival he was gone. Constable Dixon said on the date in question Mrs Archdall reported the matter to him, and he found the defendant near the bridge. He had the donkey in some house at the time, and witness went up to where it was. On examination he found a deep cut in the tail about two inches long and two inches deep. Witness brought Mrs Archdall to the place, and she identified the donkey as the one she had seen in the early part of the day. Witness examined the cart and found traces of fresh blood on the front of the cart where the tail had been rubbing against it.

Mr Parker—Did the wound look like an old one that had been re-opened?

Witness—I think it was a fresh wound. The "britchin" on the animal was not properly adjusted and the tail was coming in contact with the cart.

Defendant—The animal was not out before that. The whole thing happened coming down the hill at Killaloe that day. The cart I had that day was not my own; it was one I borrowed, and was too small for the donkey. The traces were too short, and I brought the animal into Miss Keogh's yard, where I discovered it was out. When I was bringing the donkey down the hill at Killaloe the cart ran on top of it and cut its tail. I would not work the animal if I thought it was suffering, and that evening I left the cart in Killaloe and brought home the donkey and did not work it since, nor I won't work him until he is better. There was never anything wrong with the donkey before that.

Sergeant Casey said he received a letter from the Secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals asking him to keep a watch on the defendant. He did so, and found that the defendant had not worked the animal since.

Chairman (to defendant)—The magistrates are accepting more or less what you say, and on that account are taking a very lenient view of the case. We all know the unmerciful treatment that people are in the habit of inflicting on donkeys, and we know the donkey has very few friends. It was a very proper case to bring forward, and the public commend the action of people coming into court and proving such cases. The magistrates have decided to fine you 1s. and costs, and warn you to be more careful in future.

BRUFF PETTY SESSIONS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Before Mr. J. E. St. George, B.M., Mr. P. O'Brien, and Mr. P. H. Madden.

WOMEN LITIGANTS.

Sarah Dunne summoned Kate Donovan for an assault, and Kate Donovan had a similar summons against Sarah Dunne.

Kate Donovan was bound to the peace in her own and husband's bond of £5. Mr Binchy, solr., appeared for Mrs Dunne, and Mr Power, solr., for Mrs Donovan.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT.

The School Attendance Officer was granted six attending orders, and one conviction for non-compliance, two cases being adjourned.

LICENSING PROSECUTION.

District Inspector McEtee prosecuted Norah O'Taherty for permitting a man to be on her premises drunk.

The magistrates dismissed the case on the merits.

ASSAULT.

Michael Fitzgerald summoned David...