

Our National Army

The Irish Volunteers

GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT

IMPORTANT MEETING IN LIMERICK

QUESTION OF ORGANISING THE COUNTY

SPEECHES BY ALDERMAN JOYCE, M.P. ;

MR. T. LONDON, M.P., AND OTHERS

A public meeting of delegates from all the branches of the Volunteer corps in the county and representatives of political and non-political organisations was held in the Town Hall, Limerick, on Saturday for the purpose of furthering the Irish Volunteer Movement in County Limerick. There was a very large attendance, including the Mayor (Alderman P O'Donovan), Alderman Joyce, M.P.; Messrs Thomas London, M.P.; W Phelan, J.P., County President A O H; D J Madden, County Secretary A O H; M P O'Shaughnessy, J.P.; W R Gubbins, J.P., Chairman Limerick County Council; John Coleman, J.P.; Michael Quinlan, J.P.; B C Collins, J.P.; E B Daly, J.P.; J J O'Mahony, Co C; M C Burke, B L; John Guerin, Secretary East Limerick Executive U I L; J J Quaid, Secretary County Council; M Fitzgerald, Assistant Secretary County Council; Michael Ryan, Secretary Irish Land and Labour Association; T S Lawler, etc.

In opening the proceedings, the Mayor, who was received with loud applause, said it gave him a very great pleasure to preside at that meeting. From the notice convening the meeting he took it that the objects were to place the volunteer movement on a more practical and businesslike basis than it was at present. He took it that that only applied to the divisions formed, or about to be formed, in the County of Limerick. Personally he could testify that their City Volunteer Corps was already on a sound and practical basis, and considering the short time it was started the members had attained excellent, in fact wonderful, efficiency (hear, hear). He was pleased to see amongst them that day their members of Parliament, including their esteemed and worthy member for the city and Mr. Thomas London, M.P. He took that opportunity of extending to them a hearty welcome amongst them (cheers), and to heartily congratulate them on the good work that they had been a party to quite recently (cheers). Speaking of their own member and knowing him as he did he could say that a better, abler, and a more conscientious man it would be almost impossible to find to represent their city in the British House of Commons (applause). With these few words he would call on the Secretary to read any correspondence.

Mr. D. J. Madden, who acted as Secretary, said he had no correspondence to read.

Alderman Joyce, M.P., then addressed the meet, and he was received with loud applause. He said that it gave him very great pleasure to be there that day in conjunction with his friend and colleague, Mr Thomas London. Looking around at the assembly he was struck by the fact that there was a new element in being. He remembered the various meetings held in that chamber for years of the Executives of the U. I. L., and the men who attended those meetings were the old veterans; but to-day he saw the young men, who were the coming men to fight for their land (hear, hear). Being away in another sphere of warfare for Ireland, he (Alderman Joyce) did not know much about what was done regarding the Volunteers in the county. The Irish Party's business was to carry out the instructions of the Irish Leaders who formed the fighting line of the Irish army in the House of Commons for the last 30 years. To those who belonged to other organisations outside of the U. I. L. he would say that fighting organisations were required in the

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Funeral of the Late Mr. John M'Knight

The funeral of the late Mr. John M'Knight, took place on Tuesday last from St. John's Cathedral, the remains being interred in Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. Deceased, who was aged 26 years, was son of the late Mr. John M'Knight, cooper, a former President of the Limerick Trades and Labour Council, and an ardent Nationalist. The deceased, who was a highly esteemed and respected member of St. John's Temperance Society and St. John's Brass and Band, had not been in the best of health for some time past, and his friends anticipated his restoration to health again, but the inevitable intervened, and he passed away peacefully at his residence, Lower Gerald Griffin street, being consoled in his last moments by the rites of Holy Church. The funeral cortege was very large, the St. John's Band, members of the Temperance Society, and members of his section of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family (wearing their ribbons and medals) attending to pay a last tribute of respect to a faithful comrade. The chief mourners were—Mrs B M'Knight (mother), Misses Alice and Ellie M'Knight (sisters), C M'Knight (brother), John Nealon and John Howlett (brothers-in-law), J Howlett, J Nealon, Wm Nealon and P Howlett nephews, P Reddan (cousin), etc.

G. A. A.

MATCHES IN THE MARKETS FIELD

Yesterday, in the presence of a small attendance of spectators, two hurling matches took place. The first contest was between Caherline and Kilmallock in a senior tie for County Championship, and after a good display the former emerged victors with a good margin to their credit. In junior hurling, Cloughaun defeated the County Board Selection after a very interesting game.

Surprise Competition

For curiosity a gentleman recently purchased some of the tea sold at 2s per lb from a number of the leading Limerick grocers and submitted his purchases to a well-known tea expert. As the result of a careful test the tea supplied by the old established firm of Bennis and Sons, 34, George-street, was placed first as being the best.

Malicious Injury Awards

At the Listowel Quarter Sessions, before Mr. Drungoole, K.C., a farmer named Evans, of Castlemaine, was allowed £39 compensation for injuries to his cattle, which were driven off a farm at Mountcoal, where they had been grazing for a short time. Stephen Pegum, Glin, was allowed £15 for injury to a stake weir at Beale; and Mary O'Sullivan, Atha, was allowed £2 for the malicious burning of shop fittings in her unoccupied licensed premises in Church-street, Listowel.

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TRIENNIAL ELECTIONS

County and District Council Results

ROXBOROUGH AND CASTLECONNELL DIVISION

SPEECH BY MR. A. MACKEY

The scrutiny of the votes recorded in the County and District Council elections began on Saturday morning. The votes cast in the County contests were counted in the County Courthouse, while those cast for the No. 1 Rural District were counted in the boardroom of the Limerick Workhouse. Elaborate preparations were made by the Returning Officer, Mr. E. J. Mitchell, who, with his Legal Assessor, Mr. J. J. Power, B.A. solicitor, Hospital, attended at the Courthouse. In the several rural districts the clerks of the various Unions acted in the capacity of Deputy-Returning Officer.

Great interest in the County contests, which numbered four, was centered in the result of the poll in the Castleconnell and Roxborough divisions. In the former, Mr. A. Mackey, Castleconnell, was opposing Mr. John B. Barrington, J.P., who was the outgoing Councillor. It was naturally expected that Mr. Mackey would be victorious but his vast majority over his opponent came as a surprise, to a good number of his supporters. An exciting contest was looked forward to in the Roxborough division where the sitting candidate, Mr. Michael Clancy, was opposed by Mr. James F. M'Donagh. An active canvass was prosecuted on both sides but Mr. Clancy eventually triumphed much to the delight of his supporters. The issue in the contest for the Croom division which lay between Mr. John Coleman, J.P., the outgoing member, and Mr. Patrick O'Grady, was an easy victory for the former—a win of 631 votes. A three-cornered contest took place in the Ballylanders division where the sitting member, Dr. Hennessy, did not seek re-election. The poll between Mr. Condon and Mr. Scanlan was very close, the former gaining the seat by 12 votes. Mr. Buckley, the other candidate, received 16 votes. Appended are the County Council results:—

Castleconnell—Anthony Mackey (new), 508; John B. Barrington (outgoing), 305. There were 25 spoiled papers.

Croom—John Coleman (outgoing), 674; Patrick O'Grady (new), 13. Eight papers were spoiled.

Ballylanders—Michael Condon (new), 458; John Scanlan (new), 446; John Buckley (new), 16. There were 40 spoiled votes.

Roxborough—Michael Clancy (outgoing), 532; James F M'Donagh (new), 394. Twelve papers were spoiled.

The first in each case was declared elected.

Subsequent to the declaration of the poll for the Castleconnell Division, the result being received with an enthusiastic outburst of cheering, the newly-elected candidate, Mr. Mackey, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the returning officer, Mr. Mitchell. He referred to the victory as a Home Rule one (hear, hear), and he was proud that the division which he was chosen to represent had reasserted itself and once more declared itself on the side of Ireland (cheers). He again thanked Mr. Mitchell and his capable staff for the admirable manner in which they conducted the contest (applause).

Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Mackey for his kind vote of thanks, and said it was a pleasing thing for him to know that his efforts had been appreciated. He hoped the next election they would have would be a Home Rule one (hear, hear).

Mr. Mackey and his supporters then left the room, and on reaching the street Mr. Mackey was prevailed upon to address the assemblage. He was the recipient of a hearty ovation on coming forward. He said his first duty was to thank the electors for the good work they had done at the polling booths (hear, hear). Their action had sounded the death knell of Union