

be able to survive successfully its growth. It was like a dropping of a spark in a tinder, which spread until eventually the whole mountain was afire. They had reached at a point at which it became necessary to the basis of their central government so might be representative not alone of Dublin but of all Ireland. (Cheers.) The Provisional Committee, of which the speaker was a member, had and acknowledged that fact. (Loud cheers.)

Certain proposals were made by the leader of the Irish nation and published in the Press on Wednesday morning. These proposals were rejected by the Provisional Committee on Wednesday night (Groans, and "Down with the Government.") They had now reached a situation in which a solution of the difficulty must be found. If no solution were not found, the prestige and authority of their political leader would be gravely injured. Proceeding, Mr. Kettle asked—

"Are you for Home Rule?" (Yes.) "Are you for a united Ireland?" (Yes.) "Are you for John Bull?" (Yes.) Then, said Mr. Kettle, if the country is behind you, the Provisional Committee cannot do anything. You cannot decide in twelve hours the work of thirty arduous and laborious years. The Arms Commission laid a veto on Irish citizenship. He for a moment thought that this was a movement for scattering arms haphazard over the country. He thought of it as a movement to train the use of weapons, and that all this military equipment would be in responsible hands if that were realised. The Provisional Committee must add to its body men well known for experience and judgment, and men to be relied upon, not to any reckless or vagrant body, and in the situation which existed Mr. Redmond had not only a right, but a definite duty from which he could not escape, to give his council to the nation and to the nation as to their future development. Continuing, Professor Kettle said he did not seek to exclude from executive office any member of the present Committee. Redmond's proposal was that twenty-five Nationalists throughout the country be added to the present Committee in order to speak the voice of the country in any moment of the coming crisis. The object of the movement was to create platforms; it was rifle ranges. (Cheers.)

The weapons of the movement were not adjectives but bullets. If any man seriously and sincerely desired to see Ireland a nation under arms, equipped to defend her liberties, then he (Mr. Kettle) could not understand the state of mind which would bind that man to anything other than the enthusiastic acceptance of Mr. Redmond's proposals. (Loud cheers.) Was the sword of the lunatics to be transformed into a knife to stab in the back of their leader? (Loud cries of "No, no.") He said that the policy of Mr. Redmond and the Irish Party was the only one that obtained national sanction. (Cheers.)

The *Times* says—The rise of the National Volunteers is opening the eyes of those who have hitherto persisted in regarding Home Rule as a party game. The issue has been transferred from the Council Chamber at Westminster to the Commons in Ireland. Who are the National Volunteers, and what are they out for? To all intents and purposes they are the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the United Irish League re-enrolled under another name, and they are out to insist that Ulster shall not be excluded and to compel every man to bend to the Dublin yoke. That is the only possible interpretation to be placed upon the statement of their Liberal friends in England that they have come into existence to perform functions which can no longer be entrusted to a recalcitrant army. No doubt there are other motives. Ulster men are on the defensive. The Nationalist movement is wholly aggressive. It has no other reason for its existence. They profess they are assured of Home Rule for themselves, but it is not enough; they want to compel Ulster to accept it, too.

boats or swine shipped after the making of the Order from Irish ports, other than Belfast, to be landed only for slaughter in the landing-places within 96 hours of landing. The Department, having consulted the Board of Agriculture, have contracted the area in the South-West of Ireland out of which the movement of animals was prohibited, with the object of having certain Southern ports opened. The Order took effect yesterday, inclusive, and, in effect, removes from the South-Western area:

"The whole of those parts of Counties Kilkenny, King's County and Queen's County, previously included therein; and those parts of County Tipperary lying east of the railway line from Clonmel to Thurles, east of the road from Thurles, via Killinane and Borrisoleigh, to Ballynamon Cross roads, and north of the road thence to Killaloe Bridge, via Silvermines and Ballina."

The movement of Irish animals into the Bristol Cattle Market has been prohibited. Cumberland Basin (Bristol) and Ramsden Dock Station (Barrow-in-Fariness) have been removed from the list of landing places for Irish animals.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS

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DEATH OF MRS. E. C. REARDON.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Cecilia Reardon, 9 Prospect Hill, Edward street, at the early age of 26 years, which sad event took place at Barrington's Hospital on Wednesday, after a long, tedious and painful illness, borne with great patience and fortitude, has caused deep regret to a wide circle of friends. The remains were removed to St. Michael's R.C. Church on Wednesday night, and from St. Michael's to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday for interment. The funeral, which was very large, testified to the great sympathy and respect for her husband and family in their bereavement. Rev. Fr. O'Connor, A.M., and Rev. Fr. Thornhill, C.C., officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were—Edward Reardon (husband), Thomas and Mrs. Lenihan (parents), Michael and Thomas (brothers), Helena, Agnes, Margaret, Lily, and Sarah (sisters), John Creagh, Mrs. Creagh (sister-in-law) and family, Francis Reardon (brother-in-law). The following were fully represented—The Amalgamated Society and Loco. Engineers Staff G.S. & W. Railway, and of Messrs Cleave Bros., the Staff of Messrs Stewart, Ltd., the Staff of Messrs John McBirney and Co., Ltd., Limerick Drapers' Assistants' Association, the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, R.I. Constabulary, the Police Pensioners' Society, St. Michael's Temperance Association, etc.

CHARGE OF COAL STEALING AT CLARE CASTLE.

Before Mr M.S. Honan, J.P., at the Ennis Courthouse on Friday, two young men named William Molony, and Michael Guinane, were brought up charged with stealing a quantity of coal the property of Messrs P & D McInerney, Ennis, and which was being discharged at Clare Castle quay.

Sergeant Brady having been examined, Mr Townsend, D.I., said he had not concluded his inquiries, and the case was adjourned to Wednesday, the defendants being allowed on bail, themselves in £20 each with two sureties of £10 each.

DUCKS AND THEIR EGGS.

Of all the kinds of fowls that the farmer raises, none gives him more cause for anxiety than ducks. If these are not let out very early in the winter quite a good way to ensure eggs is to leave a portion of "Clarendo" overnight, so

There are at present in the lunatic ward this Workhouse 20 males and 25 females. On visit to-day I found both sexes in a satisfactory condition, being clean, tidy, and well looked after. The Sisters of Mercy are in charge, there is also a paid attendant on each side. dormitories and day-room were found very good and also the bed and bedding. In the male dormitory the plaster is falling off the ceiling, this should be seen to.

I should like to see the old wooden bed placed by non-spring bedsteads, and hair mattresses supplied instead of straw ticks, as this would add much to the comfort of the inmates of the institution.

The diet appears to give satisfaction. T. J. CONSIDINE, Inspector of Lunatics

25th May, 1914.

Mr Ryan said the report was most creditable to the officers, and the Sisters of Mercy who were in charge.

On the motion of the Chairman, the report was referred to the Visiting Committee.

CONDOLENCE.

Mr Kelly read the following letter:— "Moore street, Kilrush, June 5th, 1914.

DEAR SIR—Will you please convey to members of your Council my sincere thanks for the vote of condolence passed to me and Miss on the death of my son. I also beg to thank and officials for your very kind references on every occasion.—Yours very sincerely,

F. Kelly, Esq.

Vandeleur street, Kilrush, June 4th, 1914.

DEAR MR KELLY—Kindly convey to members of your Board the thanks of me and myself for the resolution of sympathy passed by them on the death of my daughter.

I also beg to thank yourself for your expression of sympathy tendered us on every occasion.

I am, dear Mr Kelly, Yours faithfully,

JAMES McDONNAN

AMENDMENT OF THE OUTDOOR RELIEF ACT.

A resolution received from the Kilmac Union was adopted recording its strong opinion that the law denying outdoor relief to an aged and bodied widow with only one legitimate child should be amended so as to give discretionary powers to Boards on their representation to the Local Government Board that the case is urgent.

THE AUXILIARY ASYLUM AT TULLA.

The Chairman said in reference to the report of the Inspector of Lunatics, the proposed removal of the wards of the lunatics here would be a great item, and would it not be desirable to adopt pending the establishment of the new asylum at Tulla.

The Master said he mentioned that fact to the Guardians might post-poned repairs.

Mr Ryan—The place should be made comfortable for these poor inmates.

The Chairman's suggestion to refer the matter to the Visiting Committee was adopted.

ACCIDENT TO A CLERGYMAN.

While exercising his horse in a field near the Rev. Father Culhané, C.C., met with an accident. The horse got his leg into a ditch which was quite hard owing to the dry weather and stumbled, and in the effort to recover to his side, catching the rev. gentleman underneath, as a result of which he sustained injuries about the ankle. He was attended by Dr. Clery, Kilmallick, and subsequently by motor to St. John's Hospital, Limerick.

LIMERICK HARBOUR TIDE.

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