

A BOYCOTTED VESSEL

Among the recent outrageous and absurd proceedings of the Irish agitators and faction-leaders, Home Rulers or Land Leaguers as they might be, in the neighbourhood of Cork, was their attempt to forbid the unloading there of a smack called the Wave, which had entered the river with a cargo of timber and some joinery work, intended for use in the erection of a Home for students attending the Queen's College at Cork. On her arrival some weeks ago the trades of Cork protested against the importation of manufactured goods. One of the reasons assigned for objecting to her discharge was that the cargo was sent over by Mr. Bence Jones, who has become unpopular in the South of Ireland from his opposition to the Land League. Dr. Webster, who was getting up the fund for the students' residence, had received a subscription from Mr. Bence Jones on condition of taking these goods. From her first arrival in Cork, at Parliament Bridge, the vessel was under the protection of the police. She was then moved opposite Buckingham Police Station for more security, and subsequently towards the Custom House, at Albert Quay. She lay some days under the protection of the police. Then she was moored at Union Quay, opposite one of the police stations, and the discharge of the cargo was commenced. The men engaged at the work were employés of Mr. Bence Jones, and came from Lisselane. The timber was conveyed on two carts drawn by horses conducted by drivers from the country. As the loads were made the men engaged in the work accompanied the carts along the way to the College on the Western-road, protected by an escort of police on foot and mounted. Numerous crowds of idlers congregated on the quays on both sides of the river, and when the carts moved towards their destination, followed with shouts and loud threats, and even threw stones from the bridge. On two or three days of last week, military ambulance waggons were employed in removing the cargo discharged from the Wave. The presence of a cavalry escort was also deemed necessary. It was found that the road leading to Dr. Webster's school was cut up in two places. This obliged the ambulance waggons to make a detour of nearly half a mile up a steep and narrow passage. The damage to the road was repaired, and no further interruption occurred. Large crowds assembled at each side of the river, and the persons engaged in the operation, as well as the police and military, were groaned and jeered at. It was thought necessary to increase the escort, and fifty riflemen, under Colonel Percival, were dispatched from the barracks. Under the protection of this strong force the work was carried on vigorously, but three or four days would elapse before the vessel could be discharged.

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