

Sinn Fein Contentions

Answered by Unionists

Who Represent Ulster

THE world has stood astounded by the friendly stand taken by Mr. de Valera towards German victory. The Sinn Fein party, in short, is perfectly content, to win a republic in Ireland through the triumph of culture, without the smallest regard to what would happen to Belgium, to Serbia, to Roumania, or any other small nation, through Irish treachery to the Allies, and without political acumen enough to discern what would happen to the Irish republic with Kultur dominant from Antwerp to Vladivostok, and from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf.

The Ulster Unionist Council has recently replied to a few of Mr. de Valera's assertions that he makes at every opportunity regarding the situation in Ireland. Now it is the contention of Mr. de Valera and the Sinn Fein party that, in the phrase of a famous ballad, "the shamrock is by law forbid to grow on Irish ground." But then Mr. de Valera is a political Rip Van Winkle, and shares with Father McMahon the innocent impression that these little eccentricities are wrought by statute. As a matter of fact, as the Unionist Council points out, two-thirds of the entire soil of Ireland has passed into the hands of peasant proprietors, so that at least two-thirds is still open to the growth of the shamrock, a fact which that desperately energetic agriculturist, the Irish peasant, is not unmindful of. Now the purchase money for this land revolution was supplied by what Lord Rosebery calls the "predominant partner" and Mr. de Valera, "the brutal Saxon," and supplied upon terms of the utmost liberality. No doubt Mr. de Valera could draw a moral from this for Mr. de Valera, when it comes to finance, is about as practical as Mr. Micawber, only it is to be doubted if he ever would have that penny on the credit side which meant freedom from care to Wilkins of that ilk. An example of what might be achieved by an Irish exchequer, presided over by Mr. de Valera, may be seen in his declaration that the present income of Ireland is sufficient to support itself unaided, and to maintain an army and a navy. The only thing that Mr. de Valera omits to point out is that this calculation is based on the income of Ireland during the present war, on a basis of taxation that would successfully bankrupt the country, if anyone were foolish enough to attempt to maintain it as a normal condition.

As it is, the great mass of Ireland's income comes from Ulster, and this explains why it is that the south is so virtuously determined that the Home Rule bill shall include Ulster. Well, the reasons are very simple, and they may be stated in terms sterling. Ulster pays in customs and revenue rather more than twice as much as the whole of the rest of Ireland. Belfast itself is the third port in the whole United Kingdom, and does one-eighth of the entire coast trade of the United Kingdom. Ulster owns three and a half times more shipping than all the rest of Ireland combined. It produces forty-eight per cent. of Irish oats, forty-one per cent. of Irish potatoes, fifty-three per cent. of Irish fruit, sixty-nine per cent. of Irish fax, and this might go on indefinitely. Therefore, when Mr. de Valera talks of the down-trodden and overtaxed Irish peasant, he is perhaps wise in omitting to mention that the bulk of the taxation is borne by Ulster, and that part of Ulster, in particular, which is adamant in its adherence to the union. And then again, Ulster has another excellent reason for not being ambitious of entering the Home Rule parliament, and it is this, that Ulster does not particularly wish to pay the poor rates for the rest of Ireland, and that for the all-sufficient reason that the rate of pauperism in Belfast is \$2 per 10,000, in Dublin \$70 per 10,000, and, as the line inclines further south, \$24 per 10,000 in Cork and Waterford. But perhaps the most delightful example of overtaxed Ireland may be found in the fact that in Belfast, which is the stronghold of Unionism and Protestantism, the Roman Catholic Nationalists contribute \$18,000 a year in rates and receive \$53,789 in salaries. Is it any wonder then that Mr. de Valera should himself have announced, at Ballinaderreen, only a year ago, that "Ulster must be coerced if she stands in the way," and a little later, at Coochill, that if she persisted in being a British garrison, she would have to be kicked out. It is not surprising, then, that when the Ulster Council is told that the Orange bodies are intolerant, and that they have nothing to fear from the tolerant brothers of the south, they do not take the trouble to argue so much as to quote figures. The Roman Catholic population of Ulster is 590,134 and it has 112 representatives on County Councils. The Protestant population is 886,363 and it has 123 representatives, which means that the percentage of Roman Catholic representatives is greater than that of Protestants, though the balance of population is heavily on the side of the Protestants. Now turn to Connaught: there are 228 County Councilors in Connaught, not one of whom is a Unionist. In Munster there are 228 County Councilors, only one of whom is a Unionist. Whilst in Leitrim out of 335 County Councilors, 314 are Unionists, drawn from one peculiar quarter where Unionists predominate. Is it any particular wonder, then, that the Ulsterites regard an Irish republic, presided over by a gentleman of Mr. de Valera's political foresight and financial acumen, as a trifle hazardous, as, indeed, something which might very easily mature into a glorified Donnybrook?

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