

ADMIRAL KERR PRESENTS THE BRITISH SIDE

President of Catholic Union
Writes to Cardinal
Mercier.

ASKS AID TO END
MURDER CAMPAIGN

German Plots Cited to Show
Vital Necessity of Keeping
Ireland in Empire.

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London, Dec. 14.—Admiral Lord Walker Kerr, C. C. B., president of the Catholic Union of Great Britain, has sent the following letter to Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, in answer to the cardinal's letter to the British bishops on the Sunday within the octave of All Saints. In common with all other Catholics in Great Britain, I join your eminence in deeply deploring the present position in Ireland, yet at the same time I cannot but feel that you may have been misinformed as to how that position has arisen and with whom the responsibility must lie.

"May I say in the first place that no question of religion is involved. The church in Ireland enjoys the fullest liberty there is no restriction on divine worship, the Catholic faith is freely taught to Catholic children in the public schools while the government offices and the learned professions are open to Catholic and non-Catholic alike. Moreover, in the measure now being passed through Parliament, the Catholic and Protestant parts of Ireland are to be given their own legislative bodies on precisely the same terms.

"In the beginning of 1916 the internal condition of Ireland was profoundly quiet. In the course of that year, however, a rebellion instigated by German machinations broke out in Dublin, and a great part of that city was for some days in the hands of domestic enemies at a time when the fate of the war was undecided, and your eminence's own country was bleeding under the yoke of a common foe. The rising was soon suppressed, and with the exception of certain leaders the utmost clemency was shown to the rebels; but from that time onwards efforts have been made to bring about an entire separation of Ireland from Great Britain. A second plot with German aid at the crisis of the war in the spring of 1918 was happily frustrated before it matured, but the rebellious movement went on unremittingly and has this year entered a campaign of murder against police, men, soldiers and other servants of the government.

204 Murdered in Year.

"During the last eleven months 153 gothons have been murdered, fifty officers and soldiers and two officials. They have been ambushed in lonely roads or shot in the back in crowded streets, and in some instances butchered in their beds. Many have been motivated by expanding bullets; one was killed from behind as he knelt at mass. The greater number last their lives simply because they were agents of the government without any suspicion of personal offences—(though it is irrelevant to the guilt of their murderers) many—probably a majority—were Catholics, like the three officers murdered in Dublin to whom a solemn requiem was lately given in Westminster Cathedral. It to meet with a violent death on account of the performance of duty constitutes martyrdom, these men have earned that title as surely as did so many of your eminence's countrymen during their recent tribulations.

"Your eminence will doubtless have heard little of these horrors, but will have heard much of charges of reprisals and outrages against innocent persons by soldiers and police. These charges are circulated throughout the world by an unrelenting propaganda, and included in them is every instance of persons killed when resisting or disobeying lawful authority, every death by accident during a tumult, and not a few cases, there is good reason to believe, of private vengeance and of murder by rebels themselves disguised in uniforms which they have stolen. At the same time I do not deny that there have been cases in which police-

men and soldiers, unprovoked by the slaughter of their comrades, have fallen into deplorable excesses, of which no distance is possible. Such offences gravely embarrass the government, bring discredit on the cause of law, and merit the reprobation of all Christian men.

Yours eminence should know, however, that forty-two policemen and officials had been murdered this year before the first case of retaliation for these outrages was even alleged, and justice will award the greater condemnation to the rebels alike against God and Caesar from whom the provocation and the example came. Let me add that no inquiry such as your eminence suggests is possible, as no witness from among the people can give testimony for the government unless at the peril of his life.

Peace Wounds Not Ignored.

"In writing that I do not ignore the wrongs of the past history of Ireland, but while history may explain it cannot excuse the crimes committed in Ireland in the name of liberty today. No present injustice has provoked them, no principle even of pagan morality could defend them, and they constitute a grievous stumbling-block to the religion which their perpetrators nominally profess. Scarcely less of a scandal than the crimes themselves is the difference with which public opinion in Ireland regards them and the unwillingness or inability of the better disposed to aid in their detection and punishment. And saddest of all, any less cardinal, in the fact that no concerted effort has been made by the spiritual leaders of Ireland to stamp out the murderous spirit which is a reproach to their people and their faith.

"Into the purely political aspects of the Irish question I have no wish to enter further than to say that no party in Great Britain has any other desire than that the Irish people should always take their place in the British empire with the full rights, privileges and status that the English, Scotch or Welsh possess. There is no oppression of nationality in Ireland any more than there is oppression of religion, and on neither ground can sympathy with the Irish revolutionary movement be justly claimed from a free Catholic people like the Belgians.

"I rejoice to note the gratitude and generosity with which your eminence acknowledges the part played by Great Britain in the liberation of your country, and I can assure, in truth and conscience, that our policy and sentiment toward Ireland are in no way inconsistent with the principles of freedom which the British people in common with your own through long years of bitter struggle so strenuously and painfully upheld.

"Believe me to remain, my lord cardinal, with great respect, your obedient servant.

"WALTER T. KERR,
"Admiral of the Fleet."

"P. S.—In writing as I have done I do not ignore certain words deprecating crime in the proclamation of the Irish bishops of October last. This document, however, cannot be regarded as a corporate effort to stamp out the murderous spirit which animates the Irish revolutionary movement."

Carried Money In Hollow Soles

Hollander Was Smuggling
German Notes Out of Country—Shoemaker Fined.

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Berlin, Jan. 14.—German currency may have depreciated in value, but not to the extent that federal authorities will permit a man to have his shoes half-soled with thousand mark notes especially if he is a Dutchman prone to speculation and planning to return to his home with the paper-bottomed shoes.

Many changes have been devised for taking German bank notes out of the country for speculative purposes in violation of the laws, and government agents are doing all in their power to break up this practice or reduce it to a minimum. Federal authorities were recently informed that a shoemaker in Berlin had been carrying out this practice for some time, and that he had purchased at the present low rate of exchange, expecting to sell them in Holland at a handsome profit.

Both men were arrested, but the Dutchman, released on bail, immediately disappeared. The cobbler was fined the thousand marks he had received for the work.

"JUST ONE BEATS IT."

New York, Jan. 14.—"What a bundle of contradictions a cat is," complains Mrs. Harry Ulysses Kibbes, president of the Bide-a-Wee Home, a shelter for stray animals in Fifth street. With this shelter full of felines of all descriptions, Mrs. Kibbes is mourning the loss of one particular cat. His name is Just One, and he is the office cat. Three years ago he walked into the home the day another cat which had been the office pet for a couple of years, died. He was immediately adopted. Just One disappeared on New Year's day and the staff of the cat refuge are still searching for him.

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Irish Lawyer Is Shot To Death

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Thought to Have Been
Cause of His Murder.

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Mr. McGrath was a strong supporter of the constitutional nationalists, but was inactive politically. He was president of the "out of work committee on donations."

Before he died he is quoted as having said: "I had to turn down a good many claims, and if I should die those people will be responsible."

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