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KINDLY EXPLAIN.

A cable message in this morning's News under date of March 25, reads: "There was a clash here between Carsonites and Nationalist crowds."

On this page of this issue of The Daily Mail is a cable message from the same place and bearing the same date line but it reads: "There was a clash here between Orange and Irish Nationalists."

The wording of the message received from the Postal Telegraphs is as given by us and we understand The Daily News uses the same cable service.

If the message used by The Daily News came from the Postal Telegraphs office how and why was the alteration made?

Would the different rendering of the message have anything to do with that editorial of this morning's News headed "The Crisis"?

Reading the editorial in connection with the cable message we get the following remarkable pronouncement: "The tactics adopted by his (Mr. Asquith's) enemies (Orange Irishmen) are of such a nature as to force loyal citizens of all views to rally to his support."

From which we are further forced to presume that the editor of The Daily News is supporter of Home Rule despite Ulster's protests.

Where's the sense of cloaking sentiment in virbrage?

Ulster protestants—Ulster Orange-men, if you will—oppose Home Rule as applied to their own province and they are backed up by Orange sentiment the world over.

There's nothing to be ashamed faced about in that—An Orangeman has a perfect right to declare for or against any particular form of government.

And in the case of the protests of the Ulster Orange men against the application of Irish Home Rule to their own province there is nothing at all to justify the implication that Orangemen are disloyal to the Throne.

But how is it that the cable referring to the riots as used by The Daily News differs so particularly from the version published by us to-day?

PUBLIC SERVANTS.

This paper takes the position that paid officials of the Government are servants of the people.

As such they are responsible to the people for the fulfillment of certain obligations and any voter has a right, absolute and indisputable to criticise their public actions favorably or otherwise.

Any public official who is too thick-skinned to stand fair criticism of his record as a public servant should step out of the limelight.

It is in this spirit we are dealing with Dr. Rendell and Dr. Keegan.

Whatever their opinions of their own personal dignity and value to the country, they must submit to public criticism of their acts. We, on our part, are disposed to do full justice to both and if they set up good arguments in favor of the lines of action they pursue, we have confidence enough in the intelligence of our people to believe that they will receive public approbation.

If they cannot absolutely justify themselves then the penalty is public condemnation.

But there is absolutely nothing to be gained by any public official garbing himself in unapproachable dignity and mounting his "high horse."

He who does this is merely "riding for a fall."

OUR POSITION.

We publish herewith a letter written by Dr. Rendell in reply to Dr. Keegan.

Dr. Rendell appears to have taken a somewhat peculiar stand on this question, if we read the right meaning into his latest letter.

Because The Daily Mail published the letters of Dr. Keegan and of "Equal Rights" in its editorial columns, Dr. Rendell proceeds to draw therefrom the inference that we endorse all these correspondents have written.

But what inference does Dr. Rendell draw from the fact that his former communication and this more recent letter are given equal prominence in The Daily Mail?

Meanwhile we submit Dr. Rendell's letter herewith.

Sir,—“Equal Rights” wrote a letter on Hospital matters which you endorsed, it is therefore a fair inference that you considered the writer in a position to state the case from Dr. Keegan's standpoint, an inference which is strengthened by Dr. Keegan's acceptance of “Equal Rights” championship. In this letter “Equal Rights” endeavored to make use of my position to strengthen his stand, I started out to prove that in so doing he was both illogical and incorrect, no attempt has been made to reply to my arguments.

Dr. Keegan has no justification for slating I am interested in him or his affairs, a perusal of my letter will show a studied avoidance of both, beyond what was necessary to refute personal references to myself by “Equal Rights” and in that I submit I was entirely successful.

With reference to your leading article upon my Tuberculosis Report, I can only regret the view you take as it is calculated to convey an erroneous impression to the public and therefore handicap the work. I must at present content myself with saying that our plan of campaign was submitted to and fully approved of by some of the most eminent living authorities upon tuberculosis on both sides of the Atlantic.

Yours truly,
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A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

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