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PEACE IN IRELAND

To the friends of Ireland, and especially to those many millions of the Greater Ireland beyond the seas. the last year of fratricidal strife has been distressing, heartbreaking. It strained the ties of affection, which always bound the sea divided Gael with the motherland; they never faltered in their loyal support of every phase of the age-long struggle to achieve the political freedom of the land of their fathers. But that conception of political freedom which was supposed to justify wanton destruction of life and property, which avowed the deliberate intent to create chaos in Ireland for the express purpose of forcing an Irish Government chosen by the Irish people to acknowledge its impotence to govern, did much to alienate the sympathy of the world and try the patience-not to put it too strongly - of the millions in many countries who had always cherished their Irish ancestry, and who through generations contributed in many essential ways to the triumphant conclusion of Ireland's long fight for freedom. For-pace De Valera and the extremists-Ireland's centuries-old struggle has been crowned by victory as complete as that of the Allies in the late World War. It is true that Ireland, in defiance of economics, of history and of reason, is divided into two sections necessarily interdependent, but politically independent of each other. But this is now an Irish question, a question exclusively for Ireland to settle. Had the Irish Free State Government been allowed to function normally, to Act and the Black and Tans. establish firmly the reign of law and order, there is little doubt portance is not whether Ireland of the world. shall be a Republic or a self-govern- It is only against this historic ing Dominion, but to achieve background, so dispassionately outnational unity of Ireland. Ireland | lined by Professor Henry, that we with the six Counties-or even, four Counties-outside, would not tion.

heavier and more galling than oath of allegiance prevents their International Court. no legal existence. Legal existence licans. of such Protestant Irishmen as and pressing importance is not United States. claimed it. . .

with Papist and whenever that towards union. happens, good-by to the English interests in Ireland forever."

miracle of history that they did hers with complete separation. not degenerate into degraded and contented loyalists. But whether the fate of the victims of Protestant ascendancy was better or worse than that of those who so prostituted their religion as to permit it to be "pressed into service against humanity"is an open question.

At any rate we have here the genesis and development of the Ulster question. England followed her Irish policy as long and as ruthlessly as she dared until the last black chapter of the Partition

The Anglo-Irish Treaty was the inauguration of a new era. It that the Ulster problem would marks the decisive and final victory on ten dollars a day; and even at have been speedily solved. The out- of the Irish in the longest and most that piled up enormous fortunes standing question of national im- momentous struggle in the history for patriotic profiteers.

may view with understanding and after the Boundary Commission, the sympathy Ireland's present posi-

be Ireland, one and indivisible, as Two considerations emerge. That God and nature, sound economics there should be Irishmen who are will again be found to vie with the and sane politics intended it to be. dissatisfied, impatient, resentful of recruiting sergeant and the war-'The Irish nation,' writes Pro- any settlement short of complete propagandists in urging the patrifessor Henry of Queen's University, separation from England is the otic duty of going to war or sup-Belfast, "cannot be said to have at most natural thing in the world. porting and sustaining all war any period abandoned its claim to None but blind fool can fail to see independence. Of the meaning of that. That these disappointed that claim there was no question Irishmen should resort to arms we be submitted to the "arbitrament from the Conquest to the fall of believe was a huge mistake, a of war." The powerful influence Limerick. The whole of that period stubborn adherence to wrongis occupied by the long struggle be- headed methods for the attainment tween the English and the Irish of a natural and perfectly legiti- to promote this primitive method peoples for the effective possession mate object. But, as Michael of settling disputes. Whenever a of the island. On neither side was Gollins often urged in extenuation, more Christian or more rational there any misapprehension of the it must be remembered that Ire- method is advocated in peace it meaning and object of the contest. land had just undergone a radical meets with vague commendation The English Government, whether revolution. And, like all revolu- and assent. When practical means it employed naked force, intrigue tions in the history of the world, it are urged to prevent war there is or legal fiction, aimed (and was was bound to be followed by a at once division. When war looms understood to aim) at the moral, period of unsettlement, turmoil up 'pacifist' becomes a term of scornmaterial and political subjugation and comparative chaos. The Irish ful reproach. Not all wars are of the Irish: the Irish, whether had just won the greatest of great unjust, we are sapiently told; some they fought in the field or intrigued victories, having sustained her are inevitable. National honor, in the cabinets of Europe, whether heroic resistence against over national duty, patriotism, my allied with France or Spain or the whelming odds until the Court of country right or wrong, down English royalists, had but one object, world-opinion and world-conscience with the pro-Germans or the pro- It can constitutionally interfere years was lying, and seemed to be of the same paper, where we are the assertion of their national inde- gave judgment, definite and French or the pro-anything that is pendence. It was a struggle not decisive, in her favor. It is not pro-war. So will run the merely between two nations but intelligible that having just gamut of war-propaganda in the between two civilizations. England emerged victorious from that des- future as in the past, and could never count on the fidelity to perate contest, some might think any "sentiment against war" her ideals and policy of the second that similar means might attain created by the Churches, peacegeneration of her own settlers. complete separation. However, that lovers, or what you please, will History cannot produce another in- is now happily an incident of go down before it. stance of a struggle so long and so history. The ballot has been The World Court, so dear to times evaded, the constitutional saw that I was not moved to disgust sects, as their daily acts and utter tions establishes a branch in each . . With the fall substituted for the bullet, and President Harding, may fulfil the power to pass an act to forbid such on seeing the condition of her little ances make clear. And since Modern- ward in Paris and in each minimum of Erange. The control of Limerick England might have republicans will make their con- hopes of its sponsors; but there is regarded her task as accomplished. tribution to Irish political develop- nothing in human nature, politics

before, seemed to offer a perpetual through Parliament. There are Harding, addressing the soldier sick to pay interest, when they thought will be safe with you, I know.' guarantee of slavery, misery and royalist deputies in the French at the Army General Hospital in it just to do so. This is still degradation. Ireland was hence- Parliament, republicans in the Denver the other day, has indicated another instance of legislative interforth to be administered as a kind Spanish and Italian Parliaments, a much more effectual means of ference with the making of congift, and telling her that she would era." This is undoubtedly true,

such a person as a Catholic Irish- And these latter are much more the inhabitants of the country had existing order than are Irish repub-

the Republic vs. Dominion, but "Once it was in effective posses- National Unity.

sion of England the period of its | And this brings us to the second competed with that of England was with the rest of Ireland? With with that of England was for prosperity and progress that will essential." bidden. To ensure at once that follow, there is not a doubt in the military resistance might not be world that Ulster will come in. renewed and that commercial sub- Geography, nationality, economics, jugation might be endured the and business reasons will impe the Protestant Archbishop Boul- impelling reason for keeping alive ter) of filling the great places with religious animosity is removed. natives of England' and secondly British policy no longer demands it; of perpetuating the animosity quite on the contrary, it is now in between Protestants and Catholics. the British interest that the results 'two nations' out of one and render appear. They have disappeared in the task of government and exploit- the South where Protestants loyally ation easier in consequence. The support the new Dominion status. remarkable power of absorbing Indeed it may be recalled that Sir a strong sentiment against war, if foreign settlers shown by the Irish Edward Carson at one time scorned Nation since the Conquest was the suggestion of partition as involvthus to be nullified and religion ing base desertion of their brethren pressed into service against human- in the South by the Protestant conceived that Archbishop Boulter now religious considerations, so far could write 'The worst of this is as they may enter into the question. So that versal acceptance and support. And helpless and friendless. He is in my promise of receiving and education was clouded at this it is now, in time of peace, not when danger of being stranded in hostile ing him, I hurried away towards with which it is reacting against the ity. So clearly was this policy stronghold of the North. So that could write 'The worst of this is as they may enter into the question, war clouds darken the horizon, that and foreign countries, where even our residence. At the door I that it tends to unite Protestant may impel Northern Protestants this reasonable and just distribution the language does not lend itself encountered the Bishop who was Catholics, friends of France, to have

In that happy day when Protestant and Catholic Irishmen will work Devilish? Yes, but not a whit together for the good of their exaggerated or highly colored: common country, we believe that regard to war. The Protestant Professor of Belfast aspirations after that shadowy and University whom we have quoted, very much idealized republic will merely sketches in broad outline the vanish in the realization that as a policy of galling oppression under self-governing Dominion Ireland has which the Catholic Irishlived forgen- every opportunity, cultural, comeration after generation. It is the mercial, industrial, that would be

A REAL PREVENTIVE OF WAR

The veterans and various bodies of workmen have been urging that if human life is drafted during a war everything else needful should be drafted. Wealth and Capital are wealth grew wealthier, capital profited enormously; and the ten cents a day while the workers in munition factories, thousands of miles behind the

Many are now urging the Churches to create a specific Christian sentiment against all war; and there is some response on the part of the Churches.

work. And this in countries on both sides of the question that is to of prospective profiteers will always, under the guise of patriotism, seek

Englishmen living in Ireland and national question of immediate another war on the part of the fit. The sense of justice of the regenerated by Baptism, and with-

"But," Mr. Harding said, ad-

profits above human life why should it. And even then the law will, in him to Our Blessed Lord, who not "every dollar and every other certain cases, forbid him to keep would, I hoped, welcome him in essential" be drafted as well as the the contract he deliberately made. Paradise, make him guardian of our which there is found the most It was hoped in this way to form of that devilish policy should disfighting?

a very effective method of creating of such legislative interferences. The reasonableness and the efficacy proposal should secure for it unibecomes the general public senti-

INTERFERENCE WITH FREE CONTRACTS BY THE OBSERVER

dian laws of shipping an illustration | tion in a good measure at least. of necessary and just interference the Constitution is a written one life; yet, during the last war, Conadian constitutions are not fairer way of doing things. written and are subject to change by statute law; for instance Magna heroes" got one dollar and Charta has been modified in many ways, though its main principles are still in force.

Parliament has enacted in the case of seamen that they shall have no power to make a contract which will deprive them of, for instance, the benefit of certain rules which to make contracts because he is rights which those acts give him.

freedom of contract by which a man little son; see, he is dying!' may agree on any terms he pleases monly called the "Truck Acts" payments is beyond question.

chains were forged for it which, is idle and foolish to say that the that it will do more than the Hague increasing oppression and frauds of her arms and offered him to me, and the Bible, and assumes that of convict settlement. The law, in Socialists everywhere, and at preventing war, or at least reductive tracts. A set of greedy men were have to wait till evening, until I the mistfortune being that the the words of a famous judgment, least one Communist member of ing the war evil to its irreducible in that business—of loaning money could effect the transportation of system called Protestantism has by He is reported as having made personal effects, and they were greatly comforted, and finding ity thrown away the only weapon man; that is to say two-thirds of radical in their aims to subvert the this momentous pronouncement: not inappropriately called "Loan her in such good disposition, which can successfully cope with He promised that he would "con- sharks." The judges were given I spoke to her of Our Lord, and the evil thus lamented. secrate" himself, his every influ- power to tear up such contracts of the reward which God would give was the privilege of Protestant But, as we said before, the great ence and endeavor, to prevent and to settle the case as they saw to the good and to little children

public approved such laws. dressing a group who assembled to the law of the land does a contract little son since she was giving him welcome him and Mrs. Harding to necessarily bind because the parties as a gift to the Institute. The good commercial subjugation began. consideration. Will Northeast the hospital, "I want to tell you, if have signed it. If it did, the woman said 'yes' so cordially and Every kind of manufacture which Ulster enter into political union ever there is another war, we will stronger and more cunning could so spontaneously that my heart was ever there is another war, we will stronger and more cunning could so spontaneously that my heart was diocese of Paris, member of the land and I murmured a line of Canon suppressed, every branch of com- stable government, security for life have anything to do with it, we will to be noted that while the court will fervent 'Deo gratias!' She her- Law at the Ecole des Chartes, merce which threatened rivalry and property, with the inevitable draft every dollar and every other always set aside a contract for fraud self ran to the boat and brought me practiced and proven in certain a dish for the water which I drew Association and of various other Now if all could be fully con- ways, the cases to which we have from the river, and there, on the associations all intended to promote the education and development of vinced that they would be drafted just referred go further than the sands, under the clear vault of the to do their allotted war work pre ordinary case. These are cases in heaven, I baptised the little sufferer, France at the National Conference cisely as the soldier and for similar which the party who is to be pro- giving him the name of Aloysius. policy was adopted first (to quote them to do so. And the great fixed remuneration, war enthusiasm tected knew perfectly what he was "I took him in my arms, little fixed remuneration, war enthusiasm would receive an effectual damper.

And unless we rate property and even, it may be, eager, to agree to waters of Help Parties.

Work. The following article was written especially for angel as he was through the saving even, it may be, eager, to agree to waters of Help Parties. And unless we rate property and even, it may be, eager, to agree to waters of Holy Baptism, and offered tection of the public or of a large over and protect as many boys as and the new tendency toward volun-President Harding has indicated class of the public. That is the aim would be gathered there and

Take for instance the first case we not of preventing war altogether. have mentioned: The sailor has tions. And at the same time he is

with other men. Under the Consti- hardly be permitted to judge for at sunset! tution of the United States such himself just when his engagements interferences are not feasible; for bind him, but that any and every

NOTES AND COMMENTS

related by a Salesian, Father God for all eternity. Charles Braga, in the current issue of the Don Bosco Messenger. We flood and tearing up plants and young men and young girls, cannot do better than give it in his shrubs in its cours, its turbulent guestions treated in these guestions treated in these guestions treated in these guestions. are made for their protection own words. Describing a journey yellow waters rushed towards the against fraud. Usually a man may to and from Ho si, where an little grave and very soon the coffin education of children and, in sit down and sign an agreement orphanage has been erected under containing my little treasure was general way, the virtues whi that will deprive him of the benefit the auspices of these sons of Don carried out upon the ocean." of any law. He may, for instance, Bosco, he says: "After I had gone agree that he will do without a some distance, in the neighborhood rights are given to him which he is woman with hair all loose and regarding the work of distributing law in conjugal life. expressly forbidden by those same blown about by the wind who was the 300,000 copies of the Bible The central organization in Paris acts to agree to give up. That is a distinct interference with the freedistinct interference with the free-dom of contract. This is important more closely and was able to make dom of contract. This is important more closely and was able to make them, as cited in one of the daily three reviews, one for parents, one and it is a peculiarity that is found out that under the mat on which papers: "At one of the Fall for young men and one for young also in Workmen's Compensation she was squatting there was some- Fairs in Ontario a little chap girls. It also sends out Acts. A man loses under those thing concealed, and the thought wanted a Testament. He had no number of tracts, pamphlets and acts a certain part of his freedom struck me that the woman was money, as he had spent all on chewstruck me that the woman was money, as he had spent all on chew-weeping over the dead body of her ing gum. After looking at the religious organization, the French forbidden to sign away certain little infant. In order to make Testament for some time with family defends its social interests sure I descended the bank and wistful eyes, evidently sizing up by means of Family Associations. In the United States there is approached the little group. As the case, he said, 'Mister, will you kinds, one composed exclusively trouble about legislation and soon as the sorrowing mother was labor time laws. Sometimes laws aware of my presence, instead of 'I could not refuse him a Testahours of labor are declared to be she lifted up a corner of the mat porteur." unconstitutional and invalid because ting and said to me between her they diminish the constitutional sobs: 'O good stranger, save my

money lenders to pass an act enab- saying: 'Take him, carry him to it is new, whereas the fact is there any forged for any nation trying to achieve their aims However, we think that President ling the courts to set aside contracts your house, to your Institute. He is no objection which Modernism

> out more ado I asked her if she was Neither by the moral law nor by willing that I should baptize her CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE SOCIETY

educated.

"I consoled the mother and gave been from time immemorial the her a little money so that she and the justice of the President's object of fraud and injustice. He might buy the necessary medicine family is still a very living thing, wanders in far lands where he is for little Aloysius, and renewing and to be assured of this it is versal acceptance and support. And helpless and friendless. He is in my promise of receiving and educatof war burdens should be accepted, to his uses. He is far at times just returning from his long and a sketch of this important and supported, and propagated until it from the courts of his country, and fatiguing journey, and afterwards from the restraining influences of when I told him of my recent ment and settled conviction with his home and friends, and is sub- adventure, we both rejoiced in the jected to many and various tempta- Lord for the gift He had given us. Individualism. "Towards evening I returned to

a most important factor in the Ho-si to find my newly-made Chrisprosperity of a great industry. He tian. I saw the mother and asked is therefore a subject for special her about the child. With a tired spiritual life and economic life. protection and in modern times he gesture, her eyes swollen with There is in the English and Cana- has received that special protective weeping, she pointed to a mound of freshly-dug earth at the foot of the The workman also is entitled to giant-tree and said in broken reason its activity is manifested in a by law with the contracts of men all reasonable protection. He can accents: 'He is there! He died two-fold movement, the one purely

"I PID not look towards the tomb sort of unfair conditions shall be but rather towards the heavens in tions function in perfect harmony and forbids the making of laws that imposed on him under the freedom which the stars were beginning to and give each other support when would interfere with the freedom of contract is not to be thought of in shine, and where thought I, little of contract, which is constitution- these days when so many preced- Aloysius was one more flower trans- in the Christian Marriage Association to the contract of the contract surely less important than human ally sacred. But the British and ents already exist for a better and planted from the earth and blooming now in the celestial gardens. And I thought of the poor little orphans of our mission who were now playing around the bronze spiritual An EPISODE illustrative of mission- statue of our Venerable Father, but Christian Marriage Association has ary work in China, of more than who would one day be with him in sections in each diocese and branches ordinary interest and edification is | Heaven there to sing the praises of |

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power of a Canadian legislature. cold ground itself, a child of four comment in the adjoining column with the freedom of contract as one mass of sores: eyes, ears and piously assured that "a large greatest future is undoubtedly that" much as it sees fit to do. There is another example in the acts com- the little body was writing in con- to believe in the final authority of families. The president of this much as it sees fit to do. There is lips were covered with blood, and element in the Church have ceased which strives to organize preventive, vulsions. Tenderly I lifted him the Bible," this condition being work is M. Francois Marsal, Deputy, which are designed to prevent from the ground, placed him on the employers from arbitrarily paying mat, felt his pulse and very soon "Modernism." But Modernism has organized the Federation of off their workmen in goods instead of in cash. Though they are sometime to live. The mother, when she preponderating influence in all the family Association of the preponderating influence in all the family Association of th son, and that he on hearing an ism, as we are further told, "repre- ity of France. The central Sec-A few years ago Parliament was unaccustomed voice opened his eyes sents the naturalistic as opposed to retariat is composed of various The Irish nation was prostrate, and ment by constitutional means. It or history that justifies the faith obliged in consequence of the and asked for a drink, took him in the supernatural view of Christianity Housing; 3, Preventive Works; 4,

makes to the Bible which has not been made repeatedly since the "I REPLIED, thanking her for the second century of the Christian on the security of salaries and of her little one. The woman was the rejection of legitimate author-

NOTABLE MOVEMENT IN FRANCE

FOR THE PROTECTION OF FAMILY LIFE

founder of the Christian Marriage Social Work. The following

By Abba Jean Viollet

France is, perhaps, of all the countries of the world the one in striking opposition between the traditional conception of the family tary restriction called Malthusisnism."

If statistics alone are considered, ome people may imagine that the French family is about to disappear. causes of dissolution.

It may be of interest to American absolutely specific movement which shows what must be done h modern family to defend its interests against the excesses

TWO-FOLD FIELD OF ACTION

The French family is defending But it does not wish to confuse the field reserved to the Church with that which is more particularly the concern of civil society, and for this religious and the other strictly social. The first is based on the parish and the other on family

necessary. This association is presided over by Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, and by his auxiliary, Mgr. Chaptal. Its field of action in every parish.

The parochial sections attend a "Two days after, the river rose in organize study circles for parents, in these study circles include the development of sentiment and family love, the prepare for marriage and family

The sections of the Christian But when war breaks out it is safe to predict that the Churches him the right to receive. But in hung the crystal waters of the has just been issued contains the law gives of a large tree whose branches overhain the Churches him the right to receive. But in the Merchant Shipping Acts certain river, I noticed on the bank a usual quota of childish tales example of purity before marriage and the observance of the moral

These Associations are of two

which are designed to shorten the being frightened and running away, ment after that,' adds the Col- unable to establish works of preparation and prevention, on account of their age and the number of This is interesting and inspiring, State for the help they need. They no doubt, to those who like that have already obtained some imporsort of thing. But this whole tant legislative reforms especially with his employer. There is no such limitation on the law making dirty covering, and indeed on the such limitation on the law making dirty covering, and indeed on the comment in the adjoining column taxes, the price of railroad tickets,

etc.
But the movement which has the Associations 93 rue du