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DIVERSE WEIGHTS AND DIVERSE MEASURES

seventh of March, Lloyd George by his impudent and cynical volte-face be solved by the British Parliament on Home Rule shocked the conscience or the bankruptcy of parliamentof the civilized world. And he was ary government will result." made to feel it. Less than two months later, he himself tells us, "if he appealed for settlement of the Irish question it was because he knew from facts driven into his mind every hour that in America, in Australia, in every part of the empire, addressed by many prominent men, whatever they may think of his it was regarded as the one essential to speedy victory."

" The one essential."

And yet we have Canadian newspapers professing an exclusive and superior brand of loyalty to the Empire doing all in their power to thwart this settlement by forcing said: the treason of North East Ulster on decent and self-respecting British subjects as the only basis on which settlement" may be achieved.

The hoary old lies and shams are marshalled again. "Ulster is irreconcilably opposed to Home Rule.' Ulster has recorded her verdict at the polls on this question and is now represented in Parliament by a majority in favor of Home Rule. "Lloyd George has offered Home Rule to those parts of Ireland which want it." Yes; and at the same time he shirked and evaded the pertinent the Home Rule territory. "County option" is now proposed. Robert Donald, editor of the Daily Chronicle, tells us that the Nationalists would reluctantly agree, doubtless be of long duration.

Ireland, who have never heard of the eloquent testimony. Russian revolution or of the world democratic solution. They are, however, prepared to accept county ward a preposterous proposal which Prime Minister.

Their terms are that while excluonly be carried by a majority of 55%. 1916, writes: This suggestion sustains the Orange theory, held as tenaciously as a religion, that one Orangeman is worth more than one Nationalist.

The pettiness of all this is amazing enough, but we must recognize in it the fine art of political legerdemain."

Yet that is the sort of "democracy" that our Canadian apologists for Imperial question. "Ulster" unblushingly advocate.

The majority in Tyrone and Fermanagh are in favor of Home Rule. The majority of Ulster are in favor history and experience of the Dominof Home Rule.

majority in Great Britain, the majority in the British Empire have city for leading in Imperial Federation would be sensibly damaged if friends and champions like The

Two hundred Congressmen of our new ally, the great democracy of the the Irish question. United States, have made this open profession of faith:

You are quoted as saying that the settlement of the Irish question is essential for the peace of the world and a speedy victory in the War.'

"May we, members of the American Congress, suggest that nothing will add more to the enthusiasm of America in this War than a settlement now of the Irish problem.

principles announced by President Wilson in his address to Congress asking it to declare War on autoties.'

The President, whose recent proments derive all their just rights And a microscopic bit of territory in

coercion. If they rebel they are diverse measures, both are abominable before God."

Ulsteria elevates this abomination into sacred political principle.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated a simple and self-evident truth when he de-In the Home Rule debate on the clared that the "Irish problem has reached a stage where either it must

> THE ROUND TABLE, IRELAND AND THE EMPIRE

A public meeting under Round Table auspices, in Toronto, was sincerely devoted to the Empire, amongst them the Prime Minister, Sir views on other matters. William Hearst, and the leader of the Opposition, Mr. N. W. Rowell. Discussing the Round Table program of Imperial Federation or the practical steps leading thereto that are immediately possible, Mr. Rowell

"The Irish question must be settled before they settle the question of Imperial relations. I think the statesmen of Great Britain must display sufficient statesmanship to solve the Irish problem before we would be justifi ed in putting our destiny into their hands.

In this outspoken, courageous and statesmanlike pronouncement the leader of the Opposition was stating nothing new or sensational. In fact he was simply joining in the myriadvoiced chorus from America, from Australia, from every part of the inquiry as to how he would delimit of the British Prime Minister that fenders, shall submit to the domin-Ireland, deprived of self-government, bars the way not only to the federation of the Empire but to the wholehearted prosecution of the War to a speedy and successful issue. This because they know that county number of the CATHOLIC RECORD option pleases neither Unionist nor gives some inkling of the tremend-Home Ruler, and can not, therefore, ous reality of the appeals to British statesmanship from all parts of the English - speaking world to which "But there are strange Orange Lloyd George has just borne such political troglodytes in the North of

Before these appeals and protests war, and they are opposed to this had swollen into the present unmistakable chorus many voices were option on terms and have put for. raised in the same sense. Here is one from the antipodes. J. Clerc being considered by the Sheridan, Commissioner for Revenue to the Union of South Africa, himsion from Home Rule can be carried self an ardent Imperial Federationist. by a bare majority, inclusion can in the Nineteenth Century for June

"So the position remains that the Irish question blocks the way to Imperial Federation and unless that waving political mountebanks to the question be wisely and permanently basest partisan purposes that they settled it will continue to block the way until at last, by causing everwidening embarrassments, it will force itself into cognizance as an itself to the formation of derivatives imperial question. Well, if ever the and necessitated some circumlocuproper that the Irish should have self-government if they want it, the ions will lead them to a speedy and The majority in Ireland, the certain affirmative; but their estimate of the Mother Country's capature warn The Globe, what does he emphatically declared themselves in believe that the Mother Country was in any degree herself responsible for the patient work of the Round

This, a year ago, from the other however uninformed its criticism side of the world is strangely like may be. The Right Hon. David Lloyd Mr. Rowell's statement at the Round Is it not about time that The News George, M. P., London, England: Table a few days ago. And yet it as well as The Globe received a warn-let the pupils do as they like. It is found an honored place in a strongly ing from the Round Table leaders? Imperialistic magazine which has in Otherwise, especially in view of the almost every number an article attention given to The Globe, it

British Empire will now settle this might lessen Canadian control of founded the movement.

problem in accordance with the the destiny of Canada. We do not agree with The Globe's views in the premises, nor do we assent to all it cracy for the world-wide safety of says in the article quoted. But we democracy and of small nationali- feel strongly that The Globe in its outspoken and reasoned opposition is doing a good thing, a necessary nouncements have been enthusiasti- thing for Canada, for the Empire, cally acclaimed, is emphatically in and the best thing possible for favor of Home Rule, for "govern- honest members of the Round Table movement. If the Round Table profrom the consent of the governed." posals are sound they will stand yet, in defiance of every criticism, they will court criticism : principle of democratic government, no better opportunity could offer for the prosecution of that educational Ulster is paralyzing the influence of campaign to which the Round Table one of the chief belligerents in the groups are devoting time and zeal and intelligence and study. The 'Coerce" Ulster! Never! Why Globe has given Professor Milner. should "Ulster" be "coerced"? If Professor Wrong, President Falconer the Orange "troglodytes" submit to space, prominent editorial page the laws enacted by the will of the space, for the Round Table side of overwhelming majority of the United | the question. The Round Table pro-Kingdom there will be no need of fesses, and we believe sincerely desires, that this educational camrebels. Why should there be one paign, this general study of a great law for Belfast and another for problem, should be kept free from Dublin? "Diverse weights and entangling alliances with the parties into which we are divided in domestic politics. President Falconer in restating this position warns-should we say threatens? - The Globe that its course may force the movement to abandon that position.

> The Daily News, on the other hand charges Mr. Rowell with "going very far indeed at the Round Table meeting in the use of a high Imperial issue for vote-catching purposes." Now, we do not think there is an intelligent Conservative, or an honest Imperialist of any sort who would not place N. W. Rowell amongst the forefront of Canadians

> professes great friendship for the Round Table, in an article purporting to defend the movement in general and President Falconer in particular concludes thus:

"It is insisted that Ulster shall capitulate. But Ulster has emptied itself of men for the Allied cause, while the rest of Ireland has not done nearly so well. The attitude of Nationalist Ireland is such that it has been impossible to apply con-scription to Ireland as to Great Britain. Liberal politicians in this country advocate the coercion of Ulster. They demand that while its manhood is away fighting for the Empire, it shall be forced against its will under the rule of that section of Ireland which has done much less for the common cause. The next thing these same politicians and newspapers will demand is that Empire that is driving into the mind Ontario, having exported its deation of Quebec, which has shirked its duty in the war, and kept its men at home for selfish reasons. If these journals and political leaders have their way that is just what will occur at the general election which it is now sought to force upon the country. In the absence of 400,000 Eng lish-speaking voters, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. French Canada and the alien enemy vote in the West may be able to dominate Ontario and the rest of English-speaking Canada."

> Though it may not be known generally, it is well known to Pre Falconer that the founders of the Round Table movement studiously avoided the terms, "Imperial," 'Imperialism," and even to a conwritings is as a rule substituted for themselves, but also to the undis-British Empire.

And the reason? Frankly because Imperialism had been so cheapened, ciency felt it advisable to adopt another term even though it did not lend "Imperial," "Imperialism" and "Imperialistic."

If President Falconer on behalf of the Round Table felt impelled to friends and champions like The News will do more to destroy

favoring the objects of the Round
Table meeting which Mr. Rowell was

Table meeting which Mr. Rowell was they look with no disfavor on the action of The News in coupling the several young children there. I saw The Globe, an article from which name of the Round Table with the we publish on another page, is recrudescence of that type of "We believe that all Americans strongly opposed to any change in "Imperialism" so distasteful, so will be deeply stirred and their enthusiastic effort enlisted if the our relations with the Empire that nauseating, to the gentlemen who Own Pet and Mother's Little Love

LORD ELGIN AND CHINESE MISSIONARIES

In connection with Father Fraser's Mission, the testimony of Lord Elgin my attention. as to the contrast between Catholic and Protestant missionaries in China is worthy of being called to the attention of readers of the RECORD. It appears in his "Letters and Journals" by Theodore Walrond, (2nd Edition, London, John Murray, 1873,) and is all the more valuable by reason of the prejudice it manifests against the Church on the part of an otherwise fair - minded and singularly gifted statesman. Lord Elgin was at the time engaged in his first diplomatic mission to China. "Shanghai.—Easter Sunday, (1858).

—I have been at Church. . . . In the afternoon I walked to the Roman Catholic Cathedral, which is about three miles from the Consulate. found a really handsome, or at any rate spacious building, well decorated. The priests were very civil. They count 80,000 converts in this province. It is impossible to help contrasting their proceedings with those of the Protestants. They come out here and spend the whole of their lives in evangelizing the heathen, never think of home, live on the same fare and dress in the cised. same attire as the natives. The Protestants (generally) hardly leave the ports where they have excellent louses, wives, families, go home whenever self or wife is unwell, etc. I passed an American missionary's house yesterday. It was a great square building, situated in a garden and at the entrance gate there was a modest barn like edifice large enough to hold about sitters, which on inquiry I found to be the Church. These people have excellent situations, salaries, so much for every child allowance for sickness, etc. They make hardly any converts, but then they console themselves by saying that the Roman Catholics who make all these sacrifices do it from a bad On May 3, the News, which motive, teach idolatry, etc. I cannot say, but I must admit that the priests whom I met today talked like very sensible men, and that the appearance of the young Chinamen seminarists) whom I saw was most satisfactory."

DISCIPLINE

In the New York Times Magazine is an interview with William Muldoon, "once a champion wrestler in the ring, but now a philosopher on a hill-top, where he shows men how to wrestle with their weaknesses and win." The veteran physical culturist has made many a man "sweat himself back to purity," self-discipline, self-control and sound health. In this interview he makes a national application of his philosophy, holding that compulsory military training alone can prevent national decadence due to lack of discipline. He thinks it a waste of time to talk of military casion referred to may well be long training in the schools because there remembered: "There is no place in is no authority back of the schools the world," he said, "where a speech

have their application and lesson for of Washington." Or the tribute of many of our readers apart altogether the British mission of which he is from the question of compulsory the honored head, in laying a wreath continued ceaselessly to this hour, British, and to have taken one thoumilitary service. Though he is speak. upon the tomb: "Dedicated by the and it constitutes the staple of the sand prisoners. ing of Americans, what he says applies British Mission to the immortal Methodist mission. Dollars by the equally to Canadians, with perhaps a memory of George Washington, bushel arrive from the United States man positions in the Carpathians north of the Suchitas Valley. The difference of degree in our favor.

"We have lost discipline and control of ourselves and our children. Indulgence is the rule, and the body has been allowed to become a beast. siderable extent, "Empire." The the dissolute sons of foolish million "I do not refer merely to "British Commonwealth" in their aires, who waste their fortunes and

ciplined sons of the poor who waste their opportunities and add to the country's ever-growing total of ineffiat all. It is general to the entire country. Lack of discipline is as paralicious in an east side tenement. Standing between the two great make an impression upon the Roman London, May 5.—Although the sentiment of the workmen's and soldiers. as in a household on Fifth Avenue.

"Now, this evil which I have just hinted at is something that even the let us hope and believe, is not far given if it were worth while. One at the meeting emphasized the con greatness of the United States can- away. Dominions have to participate in deciding whether it is right and deciding whether it is right. back to a state of purity.'

What follows points its own moral, and makes its own lesson clear to those whom we wish to reach in reproducing it:

"I know there are those who denounce unquestioning obedience as a relic of barbarism, and they find in it the cause of all the evils of militarism. But we have gone too far utterly mendacious heading, "Latin Methodists are so anxious to "preach the German Russian sector." the long-continuing failure to settle the Irish question."

Table than a hundred honest and the other way. The idea of individualism, which in most cases is the polite name for selfishness and disloyalty and various other ills, has carried us off our feet. It is thriving in the schools because it is the easy, lazy thing for the teacher to thriving in the homes because mak ing children behave is the hardest task ever set for parents.

I recently had occasion to visit good deal of them, but never once did I hear one of those children initiated would know without that no impression whatever. The 600 boasting and all our display, is to let was Dovey this and Dovey that and

till night. And those children were who have for years been making the Via Venti Settembre a serious this or to do that, and if there was a single case of obedience it escaped

There was a case of a respectable well to do household from which all trace of parental authority had been eliminated. There are many thousands of homes just like it. you imagine anything worse for the children in such thousands of homes and can you imagine anything worse for the nation which is depending on such recruits for its citizenship? There is nothing worse. It will be a fatal thing if allowed to go on indefinitely unless the country intervenes somewhere in the course of each man's life to show that man what authority really is.'

It may be that amongst the homes into which the RECORD goes there is none quite so bad as that pictured above; but there are many in which the incipient stages of the disease are easily detected.

"Honor thy father and thy mother " imposes obligations on the parents as well as on the children. As depositories of divine authority the fathers and mothers will have to render an account as to how that authority has been exer-

Read again the words of that vigorous old man of seventy-two whose business has brought him into contact with so many physical and moral wrecks; and remember the first step on that downward path is Prosperous it unquestionably is if due to the lack of discipline in the home.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

many years than the gathering at failure. Washington's Tomb of representatives of Great Britain, France and

MR. BALFOUR'S words on the oc-

rigid enough to meet the situation. for the cause of liberty would be But there are a few passages that better placed than here at the tomb poor! soldier, statesman, would have rejoiced to see the who are now appealed to by the prostack, which country of which he was by elytizing itinerants in South America. battalions, failed. birth a citizen, and the country Presents of money; employment A BRITISH TORPEDO boat destroyer which his genius called into exist. sought for those out of work; payence, fighting side by side to save ment handed to persons to merely mankind from subjection to a enter the edifice on the Via Venti Admiralty last night. The destroyer military despotism." What senti. Settembre during prayer; promises which was an old boat, struck a mine ment could have been better calcu- of subsidies made to parents on con- in the English Channel on Wednes lated to heal the sores of a century, dition that they send their children or to remove the last remaining for instruction - these are the This trouble is not a class affair vestige of irritation or misunder. methods by which it is sought to But one thing remains—the long. ual harvest" of the Rev. Doctor deferred justice to Ireland, and that, Tipple. Specific instances could be

> atives of the nations are thus cement- from the Methodist conventicle, force their views upon the temporary ing what should prove to be a solid "Have you turned Protestant?" Not and lasting union of hearts, other at all, Signore," was the reply. "They individuals are still busy, notwith- give me 25 centimes for coming, and standing the War and the existence of the common enemy, sowing the Rosary."
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> Petrograd, May 4. A virtual armistice exists along almost the entire Russian front to-day. Not a entire Russian front to-day. Not a common the Austroof the common enemy, sowing the Rosary." seeds of discord and distrust between the two Americas. Under the America calls to Northern sisters," the Gospel" in Rome, why do they the Toronto Globe publishes a report not go after the Socialists, the man soldiers are fraternizing, meet of proceedings at a meeting of the atheists, and the many others who ing unarmed in No Man's Land. executive of the General Mission never enter a church of any kind? Board of the Methodist Church in They never get recruits of that kind, Canada. From this heading the for the keen-minded Italian theorist unwary reader might suppose that penetrates the sham. He laughs at the people of South America were religious compromises, and looks it has been peopled. In knowledge famishing for spiritual food, and had upon Protestants half with pity, half we are "babes and sucklings," not issued a frantic appeal for assistance with amusement, shrugs his shoul. yet capable of understanding any to their northern neighbors. A ders, and indulges in a contemptuglance at the paragraph below, how- ous smile. And upon the subever, would reveal to him, (what the stantial people of Rome they make despite our frequent and furious formality) that the hungry "mis- churches of the city continue to be through love, into those paths which sionaries" of that denomination thronged with worshippers who will some day bring our undreamed

raised in protest from within.

WHAT METHODIST, or Baptist or Presbyterian so-called missions in Latin countries imply we know from the testimony of independent witnesses. The methods of Robert E. Speer are the methods of them all, north and south of the They may be read between the lines which was captured on Thursday of their "reports" to their employers at home. They are illustrated perhaps as well in the capital of Christendom as anywhere. The Superintendent of Methodist propagandism in Rome—the man with the tee-total name, (the Reverend B. M. door of the Vatican itself." A perusal of any one of these is very instructive, when contrasted with the than usual. This was due to the carrying-on of this Methodist "mis. in the trenches for a big offensive sion." Let a few illustrations from independent observers suffice. Dr. Tipple assures the American public hold yesterday in the captured prosperity be measured by expenditure, for money has been poured out Heavy fighting took place yesterday like water in Rome. But if, on the in the air. Six German machines other hand, it be measured by its No MORE significant event has influence upon the people of Rome, happened in the United States in it is, as it always must be, a ghastly

WHAT IS the actual status of Meth-America. But little more than a odism in Rome? It has in reality hundred years ago these same nations | no status at all. By virtue of lavish were locked in deadly strife for expenditure of money it has gathered supremacy in Europe, or for the pos- about it a little band which any two and a half miles. Six hundred session of a continent; now they are heathen cult might have gathered by joined hand in hand for the over- the same means. Aside from its own throw of an autocratic military salaried staff and the considerable power, whose continued existence as | floating population from the United such would constitute a menace to States, you could put all the Methodhuman liberty the world over. May ists in Rome into a submarine, said it not be that the simple ceremonies | the Superior of the Irish Christian over the mortal remains of the Brothers a short time ago. In the Champagne, in "Father of his Country," ushered in early years of the mission they opened south and southwest of Moronvil an era of lasting peace and amity be- schools to teach foreign languages, liers. tween nations long kept asunder by which it is essential that young imaginary rival interests, and mis- Romans who cater to the tourist understandings springing therefrom! traffic should know. For a while Britain, France and the United States | these schools prospered, but one of America united in the cause of fine morning saw two other schools hunger, but this may have been due human liberty—is not that a prospect opened near by, one for boys and the to the British fire, which cut off to thrill the heart and give birth to other for girls, and both conducted by trenches. the Irish Christian Brothers. They

THIS CAMPAIGN against the poor has inflicted heavy patriot, who to carry it on-from the same people Johanna," cried a Roman gentleman,

BUT, IT MAY well be asked, if the and Papa's Precious from morning from the United States and Canada never give the Methodist mission on children into light and knowledge.

repeatedly pleaded with not to do themselves a common nuisance in thought. And it is the same in South America, were running short Latin America, where, notwithstandof funds and were "touching up' ing the lavish display of money from their credulous brethren at home for the United States, the serious people more. Read with knowledge and of those countries remain unaffected understanding that is what the "call" thereby. A few stragglers with an means and it casts a curious re- end to serve enter the net, and they flection upon the Methodist con- form the lever for additional conscience that not a single voice is tributions from a too-credulous public at home.

ON THE BATTLE LINE

THE CANADIAN LINE at Fresnoy holds against the repeated efforts of the enemy to recover the positions The big guns are again busy search ing out the enemy's batteries in the rear. Until the Drocourt line is reached, about three miles west of Douai, the enemy has no regular trench system, says Stewart Lyon The German troops shelter from the shells in shallow trenches dug here and there, the main defences being Tipple, D. D.) - has furnished numer- the chain of villages, where the ous reports of his work "at the very cellars are converted into underground fortresses manned by machine guns. German casualties in Thursday's fighting were heavier bald truth as to the genesis and fact that the Germans were massed when they were caught in the storn of the British assault.

THE BRITISH STRENGTHENED their section of the Hindenburg line and fought their way eastward in the enemy's trenches, killing many Gerwere brought down and five others were damaged and forced to descend Two British machines failed to return.

NINE HUNDRED GERMAN prisoners vere taken by the British in Thurs day's operations. These included twenty-eight officers.

NORTHWEST OF RHEIMS the French have captured the first line of Ger prisoners were taken. The village of Craonne, on the edge of the Vauclere plateau, also was captured yesterday by the French in their drive on Laon, which is under gun fire. In addition to Craonne village the enemy was driven out of several points of support. Violent artillery engagements are reported from the region to the

THE GERMAN SOLDIERS bread ration has been cut down to a third of its former weight. Some of the prisoners when captured had eaten their emergency rations through supplies from the men in the

THE GERMAN REPORT On the had come to render Methodist pros- Western front states that the British elytism innocuous, and they suc- attacking force comprised sixteen to ceeded in doing so. Day by day attendance at the Methodist schools seventeen divisions. It admits the capture of Fresnoy and the seizure declined, until left practically with- at Bullecort, but alleges that the out pupils. Then they attacked the poor!

British objective failed. The report also says that British cavalry were The report massed in readiness southeast Arras. The Germans claim to have

> THE RUSSIANS ATTACKED the Ger-German official report says the

> was sunk, one officer and sixty-one men going down with the The announcement was made by the day last. -Globe, May 5.

THE RUSSIAN PUZZLE

Petrograd, Thursday, May 3, via council to-night apparently is against extreme measures, unless they are absolutely necessary, every speaker will serve as an illustration. "Hello! tention that the power in Russia Johanna." cried a Roman gentleman, rests in the hands of the representa-WHILE THE authorized represent- astonished to see his old nurse issue and that they are determined to entives of the workmen and soldiers, Government or immediately dispossess it and construct a Government of their own making.

shot has been fired on the Austro Russian front in more than a month. There has been no real activity on

At many places Russian and Ger-

We are children,-very young children, when one considers the antiquity of this planet and the brief time thing at all about the things which are real and everlastingly worth while. The most we can