

means. Lloyd George agreed with Wilson and Clemenceau that the historic unity of the Bohemian state must be recognized, despite the large section colonized by the German conqueror. The Germans of Bohemia are three times more numerous than the Unionists of Ireland, and like the latter they have held for centuries a political, commercial, social and religious ascendancy. Yet this ascendancy party in Bohemia must now bow to the forces of democracy and nationality.

GENERAL SMUT'S PROPHECY

I will conclude this comparison with the words of the greatest Dominion statesman in the British Empire, one of the really constructive forces at the Peace Conference, Lt.-General Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of South Africa:

"Our statesmen in Paris dealt with racial problems resembling that of Ireland, and in every way as difficult as the Irish problem, and they may not shrink from applying to Ireland the same medicine they applied to Bohemia and many other parts of Europe. Unless it is settled on the great principles which form the basis of the Empire, this Empire must cease to exist."

SUPPORT IRELAND'S JUST DEMAND

I appeal to all who care for the British Empire, to all who support democracy and hate ascendancy, to all who cherish patriotism and love liberty, to support the just, national demand of undivided Ireland for a government of her own choice.

For it is imperative that the present cruel martial law in Ireland, with the unlawful reprisals it provokes, should forthwith cease. It is imperative, not merely for the sake of Ireland, not merely for the sake of England, not merely for the sake of the British Empire, but also for the sake of the whole League of civilized Nations. For

"No flags are fair, if Freedom's flag be furled."

The whole of the human brotherhood suffers from a wrong done to any member. Christianity is not practised when brother hates or harms brother. May the saint who was chosen by God to be the greatest benefactor of the Irish race, our own glorious apostle St. Patrick, obtain of God, by his powerful intercession, peace and justice for the land he converted to Christ.