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MUST "REVERSE THEIR IRISH POLICY "

organisation The cable under date June 5th tells us that John Dillon neither tion condemns nor applauds the recruiting appeal of Viscount French. And the basis of an impo the New York Times adds this ex. conscription for Ireland was sudden tract from an interview given by the tract from an interview given by the Irish leader to the Daily Telegraph : Commons. At the first rumour of

"The Government," Mr. Dillon is quoted as saying, "has certainly done act of extreme impolicy, and events ne sensible thing in abandoning the have since conspired to prove the correctness of that view attempt to enforce conscription in Ireland against the will of the people, which would have brought no of the possible to conscript a whole nation. strength to the allied cause and unwould have produced worldwide evils. Any prospects of the success of Lord French's appeal depend, in my judgment, entirely on the full help of a martial people. the extent to which the Government will reverse their Irish policy and the methods of recruiting practiced in Ireland since the outbreak of the decided to drop conscription.

That Dillon should be still unenthusiastic, even distrustful of the apparently moderate and conciliatory substitute for the humiliating of the War Irishmen freely, gener. recruiting in Ireland has been "car- history. of the War Irishmen freely, gener. ously, enthusiastically sprang to the

had become a burning flame. Sym pathy was turned into indiffere ndifference was fanned into hostility; and I am afraid hostility is changing into bitter hate. I see all

the part of wisdom and statesman. Government in the matter of the Sinn taken. It is not enough to say that Romano tonight confirms this, and dinal Logue, given such diagnosis of

conservative English opinion also, knows and condemns the wretched fidious British should have afterwards rewarded the man who ex-Irish policy which turned Irish ploded them by making him Lord Chief Justice of England." enthusiasm into sullen discontent Comment would be superfluous did and dangerous unrest.

we not remember that a lot of our The Evening Standard and St. readers have been born since the James Gazette, neither anti-Governtriumphant exposure of as nefarious ment nor pro-Irish, is honest enough attempt to destroy the reputation of and courageous enough to tell the Irish representatives as ever stained plain truth about Ireland to English the black record of Anglo-Irish relareaders, in these words : tions. "If our rulers had deliberately

threatened trouble.

"In many quarters it is assumed set out to foster the Sinn Fein move-ment they could not have succeeded that the Parnell charges were a better. First there was the well-British Government plot." intentioned Mr. Birrell, afraid to forestall a rebellion lest he should This convenient little straw man.

Saturday Night, proceeds to knock precipitate one. Then the Irish leaders were asked to agree to a out by recalling that Gladstone was then Prime Minister. Well, that is settlement, and, when they had agreed, were thrown over because one or two English politicians about as accurate and enlightening as most newspaper references to Irish history ancient, modern or contem-"Meanwhile the fires of rebellion poraneous.

had been carefully fed by a host of Yes, Gladstone was Prime Minister, minor follies. Recruiting was carand he was a declared advocate of Home Rule. That was precisely the any kind was made to appeal to Irish reason for the conspiracy which no sentiment, or to refrain from col-lision with Irish prejudices. Almost Irishman, no Englishman, no Canadian and no man outside a lunatic lished the cabled news that at the any official action was a new weapon handed over to the Sinn Fein conasylum ever "assumed to be a instigation or with the approval of spirators, while they were at the same time given freedom to elabor-British Government plot." It was a the Vatican the Papal Nuncio at plot against Ireland and against the Vienna had taken action against the ate their plots and complete their Government committed to the policy "Finally, just as the Irish Convenof giving Ireland self government.

tion was about to submit a Report which was generally anticipated as It was backed by an extremely powerful and influential section of ed settlement. the English press and appealed to deep-rooted national, racial and ly announced, and a measure to that religious prejudice and was calculated to fan suspicion and distrust into such a flame that the Gladstone policy would become an utter impossibility. The forged letter was possibility. The lorged local and not the cause or inspiration or foundation of the foul conspiracy. The Corriere d'Italia praises mr. Balfour's 'most just and temperate' reply in the House, and summarises It is true that Ireland is not playing her proper part in the War, and regret the fact for Ireland's sake as well as our own. But the only sound

and practical course is to remove the causes which have robbed us of But listen to this : "So far from being a British plot This was on May 18th, when, as i) was Irish in its origin. The ways been free to act in the announced elsewhere in the same article, the Government had already

was Irish of the Irish." Will the tupenny-hapenny Cana-Will the tupenny hapenny Cana-dian imperialists who sneer at John hate and envy but was of Christian part of the Holy See.

Dillon explain how it is that well-in formed and intelligent English pub-the Master was himself a disciple. the implacable Pressinism of power-ful anti-frish elements both in Eng. land and Ireland. In the beginning when they are cabled over here? If novement for independence, the novement for independence, the biorest for independence, the second secon

that "more substantial justification of Laibach, states that the PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE given."

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

The British Government has tre mendous responsibilities at the present moment. Not the least of these is the duty of dealing with the problem of Ireland. Political camouflage may deceive all of the people some of the time but it can not deceive all the people all the time. The conscience of the world will be outraged if the ideals of Prussian junkerism are maintained in Ireland by Prussian methods.

Nor will it help matters to reverse the ancient rule and hold every Irishman guilty until he proves his innocence. -----

A LIE AND ITS REFUTATION The fabled seven-league boots are a tame invention of the imagination compared with the very real rate at which a lie in our day of industrious news agencies and free presses outstrips its necessarily lagging refutation.

Not a paper in Canada, probably not a paper in the world, but pub-Prince Bishop of Laibach for favoring the Jugo-Slav movement towards ning a decoration upon the breast of a monk : "I have not the privilege the preparations of the enemy for independence. Not one in a thouof being a Capuchin." Straws often the battle of the Aisne and enabled sand will publish the refutation. do show how the wind blows. We subjoin the facts as given by

the Roman correspondent to the Universe, under date of May 2nd. Referring to the question asked in the House of Commons with reference to Cardinal Logue the correspondent continues :

The letter was evoked by the circum-stances. Tools can be bought. £605 heres Pigett's price with that of ecclesiastical dignitaries in different countries, who, as citizens of their own country, have al author of the forged letter . . . have thought most in conformity with As Irish of the Irish." So? Then the crucifixion of our until now of implicating the Holy See in these actions, or of finding in

of the War Irishmen Iresty, gener-ously, enthusiastically sprang to the nid of Great Britain, gladly hailing the new era when justice and cooperation were to replace age-long oppression and hostility. "But the enomies of Ireland would not have free service. Their agants here as I know, and as it was con-fassed to me, objected to Nationalists and Catholics enlisting in the army, as it removed the main argument against self government on which they relied. They wanted National-ists dragged as slaves and humiliated, research to which the Government will reverse their Irish policy and the methods of recruiting practiced in Ireland since the outbreak of the War."

guilty, stating that in any case the

prisoner at the bar was a dangerous

character and should have been

TWO OR THREE DILEMMAS

ment between the Italians and the

Southern Slavs over the delimitation of the Adriatic littoral, the Entente

Allies have informally sanctioned the

claims of the Czechs and Southern

Slavs to independent national life.

These claims will be one of the most

difficult problems of the peace settle-

ment. As the Czechs and Southern

Catholics, and as the German

be giving the Vatican also deep con-

Why should this question give the

Roman

Slavs in the Empire are

cern."-The Globe.

they claim for Ireland.

"Since the conclusion of an agree-

hanged long ago.

of the recent arrests ought to be has telegraphed to the Nuncio in Vienna, Mgr. Valfre di Bonzo, and has received from him the assertion ity ; and I am afraid hostility is changing into bitter hate. I see all this with grief." If there are reasons of state billon and Joseph Devlin stuitify Dillon or Joseph Devlin it would be Coronicle, "not less are there rea-sons of state for revealing sufficient evidence to justify the strong action is also false. The Osservatore defalcations is best, and there is index to be said for its wisdom and sagac-ity. The abnormal appetite for notoriety in some minds may be said to override the love of personal it. U-BOATS OFF THE U. S. COAST The most startling development of the week is the appearance of sub-marines off the Atlantic Coast where they have already sunk some sixteen ship to heed it; had that venerable and eminently same old patrich, Car-dinal Logue, given such diagnosis of With regard to the Pope and the of life itself, and this unhappy Vatican the temper of the press is of dency has to be reckoned with. The Nor is the greatest and most intel- that calm and judicial sort which proportion of the evil under considcharged with the responsibilities of Not William O'Brien alone but a ligent journal alone in its demand. animated an Irish jury in a murder eration which never comes to the The Daily News "also calls for case in the brave days of old. During surface can therefore be conjectured the trial the man who was supposed only. Returns from fidelity and to have been murdered was brought guarantee companies, however, furproof of Irish complicity in the into court alive and well. The jury nish some idea of its extent.

NOTES AND COMMENTS THE ONE ELEMENT conspicuously lacking in current discussions on the ONCE Vatican and the War is knowledge. "the situation is unchanged." shifting of the material and On the other hand, an element at the masses of enemy troops used in the same time particularly prominent is battle of Aisne to the scene of the next offensive may have begun alingrained animosity. See-sawing between the two produces results ready. There is comment regarding the failure of the enemy artillery to support the infantry adequately in that if they were not inimical to the well-being of the commonwealth recent local engagements on the Marne front. The artillery activity would be merely ridiculous.

generally has increased, but the Germans have confined their atten-tion chiefly to bombarding the rear IF A STRAW shows how the wind blows, the act of Mlle. Eve Lavalof the Allied positions. The guns liere, long a familiar figure in Paris-ian life and a favorite at the Theatre must take heavy toll of the enemy troops holding the line, who. until the past day or two, had not begun to dig themselves in and take cover. des Varieties, in retiring from the stage, selling the luxurious furnishings of her apartments, dividing her dresses and jewels among her friends and entering the Carmelite Order, that it will be directed against what may perhaps be taken as an indica-tion of the rejuvenated religions sector, in the Valley of the Oise. Activity there revives as it declines spirit at work in France since the dark cloud of War overspread the French counter-attack along the along the Marne and the Aisne. Th land. From the gaieties of the Oise without a moment's hesitation capital as well as from the tribula-tions of the trenches whispers of tion of value. The reason for the tions of the trenches whispers of vigorous reaction on this sector is this new birth comes. Even Clemthat the great Forest of Compiegne. enceau, with a long record of aggres- the largest and most dense in that sive anti-clericalism behind him is part of France, lies only a few miles south and west of the enemy's lines heard to exclaim, in the act of pinon the Oize. As the Forest of St

him to launch a surprise attack, so the greater Forests of L'Aigle and Compiegne, with the wooded lands east of Villers-Cotteret, would THE NEW YORK Journal of Commerce whose editorial columns dis-play intimate acquaintance with in-attack on Paris. In the Forest of ternational politics and sociological Compiegne the whole army of the problems, as well as expert knowledge f communication of the second density of the secon of commerce and finance, has a sug- are close set, climb upward to gestive article in a late issue on "The great height, Lust for Money." This it is scarce. growth, would permit of free passage underneath, while furnishing ly necessary to insist, has gradually above a screen that would not disbecome the outstanding feature of close its secrets to the aviator or his the age, particularly in this Western camera. World. Even the widespread un. run into the forest. It is because world. Even the wideepread un-settlement produced by this greatest of wars has not as yet materially affected the trend of civilization in this remeat. At the set attack of the this remeat. its place as the root of all evil.

Journal are instructive. The an-nouncement that during the first four months of the current year more than \$2,000,000 were embezzled by employees in the United States is an impressive reminder that man is not always the master of money, but that too often money is master of figures compiled, more than \$31,000-000 were pilfered from various cor-porations, transportation companies being the heaviest losers with \$15,-132,750. Banks and trust companies

ON THE BATTLE LINE initial equipment of the hospital.-AGAIN Berlin reports that

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THE IRISH HIERARCHY

We said last week that the action of the Irish Hierarchy in regard to the question of conscription was mis-understood. And certainly such a congeries of misapprehensions and confusions of thought as the press of England has exhibited during the past fortnight we have seldom come cross. It is not, fortunately, duty to pronounce upon a situation so full of difficulty for Catholics, on which they themselves will vary in opinion, or perhaps feel themselves unable to form any clear opinion at all. If the Irish Hierarchy have done wrong as Bishops it will be for Rome to say so ; if they have done wrong as WHERE, THEN, will the next stroke citizens it will be for secular Power to say so. Of course, it is in the competence of any person or persons who feel able and called upon to do so to form an opinion and to express it in a becoming way. But judgment is the prerogative of Rome in the spiritual aspect of the affair, and of the Sovereign Power in the temporal -and of no one else. All Catholics, of course, will accept

that principle. They will not expect Protestants to do so. But they have a right to expect that Protestants in pronouncing their judgments will at least have some regard to common Gobain, southwest of Laon, screened sense and to consistency. These are just what we have searched for, to small purpose, in the general stampede of the press during the past fortnight. Instead, we found a vast mount of vulgar abuse and a vast amount of rhetoric, em-broidered upon two simple texts-the antiquity of clerical interference in politics, and the iniquity of disobedience, or the countenancing of dis obedience, against the law land.

Now, we have no doubt that an in leaving little undertelligible case can be made out against the Irish bishops, just as it can be made out for them. But we say that to take either of these two Three main lines of railway nude propositions, or both-that the clergy must not interfere in politics and that the law of the land must be obeyed—and upon them alone to attack the Irish Hierarchy, is either affected the trend of civilization in lieve the next great attack of the this respect. Gold continues to hold its place as the root of all evil. footing in it. consciously dishonest or intellect ually contemptible. For what are these propositions? They are both They are both THEINTERVENTION of Japanin Siber. of them general rules, the former Some FIGURES published by the Journal are instructive. The an-nouncement that during the first

being the heaviest losers with \$15, 182,750. Banks and trust companies nore than \$755,000, and benefit societies \$7,524,700. As HEAVY As the sums are, they do not represent all the embezzlements of the year. Many banks and trust companies, as well as mercantile companies, as well as mercantile companies, as well as mercantile houses, as it is pointed out by the compilers of these figures, believe that the policy of silence concerning that the policy of silence concerning

NUNS GOING WITH U.S.

HOSPITAL CORPS

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the Irish disease, one might expect, presentation of the case is interest outside of Prussia, that those ing not to say entertaining. government would be grateful for host of Irishmen at home and abroad such vital information. But unfortun-ately Prussianism is not confined to Brussia. The demping truth quoted which makes a chapter of Anglo-recapitulate the evidence of 1916 as Prussia. The damning truth quoted which makes a chapter of Anglo above is from one of the most promin. Irish history under the caption of ent of Ulster Protestants, one who loves and understands Ireland and who loves England too. It may is not only interesting but delightfully advice of Irish leaders would be the gaiety of nations by quoting : scorned. It is taken from a letter written by George Russel (Æ) in the William O'Brien, an Ishmaelite whose Manchester Guardian, May 10th, hand is as frequently raised to smite vigorously protesting against conscription when it seemed that Fein to the forged letter published the British Government was deter-in the eighties by the authors of mined on that insane policy for Ire-'Parnellism and Crime.' In many land. Thank, God the wiser and saner as well as the more patriotic counsels of such as he have now pre- theory know very little abo vailed, and conscription is definitely celebrated case, for the British Govabandoned.

With the rotten politics involved W. E. Gladstone, a declared advocate Prime Minister the Right Honorable in the definite threat of conscription, of Home Rule. So far from being s the vague promise of Home Rule, the British plot it was Irish in its origin. The author of the forged letter in Sinn Fein imprisonments without trial, the appointment of Car-out trial, the appointment of Car-an's associate Compact in the appear that Parnell sympathized with the physison's associate, Campbell, etc., it is cal force movement that culminated not easy to have unlimited faith in in the Phoenix Park murders, was a the sanity, good will and sense of brilliant Dublin journalist named justice on the part of a Government justice on the part of a Government the Irish and clever enough to dewhere the bad old anti-Irish influ-ences have been able to exert such influence in the past. ceive almost anybody. Piggott was influence in the past. ceive almost anybody. Piggott was influence in the past. ceive almost anybody. Piggott was a ruse that came as a brilliant inspir-ences have been able to exert such influence in the past. ceive almost anybody. Piggott was a ruse that came as a brilliant inspir-to ceive almost anybody. ceive almost almost anybody. ceive almost anybody. ceive almost any

enlightened Irish Protestants, but plot it is very singular that the per- libelled innocents.

s to convince it of the reality of the conspiracy."

" Parnellism and Crime." 'Evidence much more specific

than mere proof of German and Saturday Night's reference to this German-American machinations is therefore carry weight where the entertaining; we must contribute to to be vindicated." needed if the Government's action is insists.

ernment at that time had for its

ment is concerned such evidence is clearly not forthcoming. \* \* \* "We note that the waspish egotist, If the evidence cannot be published the least that can be demanded is that it should be examined by comhis own countrymen as the British, likens the charges against the Sinn petent, impartial judges, in whose findings the public would have implicit confidence.' quarters it is assumed that the Par-nell charges were a British Govern-ment plot. Those who accept the

It suggests that the evidence be submitted to former Premier Asquith, Arthur Henderson, the Labor Party leader, and John Dillon or Joseph Devlin. "Confirmation by such a panel," The Daily News says, "would convince every section in Parliament and the country, and Parliament must insist upon some such investigation. \* \* \* To issue such evidence as is now pub To lished is not a compliment to the

intelligence of the public." Vatican any deeper concern than the The Daily Express which thinks fact that the French and Italians and the Government more than justified Belgians and many millions of Eng-

in arresting the Sinn Feiners, adds : lish speech on our side are Catholics, "Now they should be tried, and the while many of the Germans as well as

The Daily News

"As far as the present docu

influence in the past. A further ground for hope, how-ever, is that not enly educated and ever a british Government a ruse that came as a brilliant inspir-ation to Parnell's chief counsel, Sir Charles Russell. If the Parnell charges were a British Government bard of Ireland will bilieve them half of Ireland will believe them

nurse of the contingent, were assigned to the work by the special FROM ONE such company only the figures are staggering-we had alrequest of Dr. Joseph A. Danna. Danna has been appointed the director with the rank of major. He most said appalling. The Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York reports for the twelve months ending has been connected with the that is prohas been connected with the charity December, 1917, the following defalfessor of surgery at Lovola Univercations :

Banks and Trust Con olic service leral busine 357,530 09 2,335,383 06 with conditions in that country. big proportion of the doctors and nur s and tr unit speak Italian fluently, and it was probably for that reason that Secretary of War Baker specially authorized the sending of this base Total..... .\$\$0,943,299 21 This is from one city, and one company only. Does it not arouse hospital to Italy. This will be the first regular United States curious reflections upon the civiliza-Austrians belong almost wholly to the same Church, the question must age in which we live? And what pital unit to be sent to that country. to take over any work to which it is assigned, whether it be at the front about the sharp-practice, the quick turning of a corner, the getting the or in some interior part of the counbetter of a competitor, which not marely avades the imputation of dia whether the unit will work directly merely evades the imputation of dis under the ranking military officer in

honesty, but often masquerades Italy or under the questionable disguise of mander in chief.

A face that had a story to tell. How different are faces in this particular! Some of them speak not they are books in which not a line is written, save perhaps, a date .-Longfellow.

ency, is either disbonest controversy sheer panic stricken muddle headedness.

One expects muddle headedness from a Protestant. But to the Catholic mind the position is perfectly clear. Sound as may be the general rule as to clerical Six Sisters of Charity are prepar abstention from politics, its reason is simply one of expediency, grounded ing to go to Italy with the Loyola University unit of New Orleans, La. on the fact that ordinarily more fric-These nuns, one of whom is the chief tion is engendered than good is done. But to the Catholic, religion and politics (or economics, or literature, . or art) are not things separable into Dr. watertight compartments. They are He subject to the moral law, and moral questions may arise, whether it be in regard to a duty the Catholic owes to religion in a mixed matter of religion and politics, or in regard to a liberty sity. Dr. Danna, though a citizen of the United States, was born in Italy, and is therefore fully conversant he may claim as against an act of State. The clergy have the right to pronounce in either case, and particularly when their advice is sought es and enlisted personnel of the as trusted leaders. Indeed the right may often become a duty. To deny that right is sheer Protestantis claims for that department of conduct to which it is applied immunity from the moral law, of which the army hos clergy, and particularly the Bishops. are the authorised exponents. Again, we must beg our readers to observe the point. It is not whether the Irishi The Loyola unit is fully prepared Bishops are right or wrong. whether or not the Irish Bishops are the proper people to guide as their trusted leaders, the Irish populace in a matter which the latter declare to be one of right, and under the Italian comtherefore to involve a question of morals. We are not accustomed to

take our theology from the Times, but we must say that we think that that organ has for once cluding the commanding officer and quartermaster, 157 enlisted men and correctness. With the addition of 68 nurses. Mrs. John Dibert, of three words, required for complete New Orleans, contributed \$100,000, all the money necessary for the definition of principle:--"If a re-

good business ?"

This is a 500-bed base hospital. which may be increased to 1,000 beds at a later date. The unit com-prises 26 army medical officers, in-