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"A GOOD TIME"

Of all the phrases which have come into general use in the last few years none has such a universal currency or is so often heard as "having a good time." The wish that "a good time" may be enjoyed speeds all who go on their way, especially if they are young, and "Did you have a good time?" is the enquiry that welcomes all who return. It is used by the multitude as the touchstone and test of life. The question we propose to ask here is whether this craving for a good time, as the aim is usually understood, deserves the place it has gained in the thoughts of the general

Probably the expression "to have a good time" had a religious origin. Certainly a generation or more ago it was the form of speech by which exhilarating religious experience was denoted in evangelical circles. The present use is a strange divergence from the spiritual meaning of the phrase. Then it indicated that there had been an exaltation of spirit under the influence of divine truth. Religion had swayed the heart with vital force. Now, no doubt, different minds interpret the phrase in different ways, according to their conceptions of what is most desirable and enjoyable; but to the immense majority it means a surrender to the spirit of festive geniality, as they have pictured it to themselves, a throwing off of routine restraints, a chase of momentary pleasure, often an abandonment to frivolity, and nearly always a plunge into the spending of money on the sort of things that most people are supposed to wish to have.

This tendency was stimulated naturally by the War. The most vigorous part of the manhood of the country was taken from its homes to the camps and the trenches to undergo experiences that no one had imagined as possible. Then there came intervals of leave when every one felt that the rigours of War must be balanced as far as possible by brightness and relaxation while 'the boys" were home again. We could not do too much to make them feel our joy at their presence. They deserved the most cheerful change that could be devised, and pleasures that would live in memory when their hardships were resumed.

the army in the field the lavish spending of the nation's capital circulated widely the money that would had more money under their control of the dawn. than ever they had before. They eaw within reach opportunities for enjoyment which they had vainly coveted. Besides the long-continued War was depressing, and needed a counter-balance that would seem to lift a little of the weight that was on our hearts. Finally, when the strain was over and something like reaction followed, what could be better than giving way to joyousness, as far as possible, and having "a good time?" That is the quite natural way by which the present mood has been reached. Now, however, the thought occurs, as one watches the mental attitude of at least many young people, whether there is not a danger that seeking a good time may be made a far more important and permanent object than it has any right

Before going further we must disclaim all narrow grudging of relaxation, joy, and holiday pleasures. Life has a right to joy as one of its most natural states, and there are no healthy, vigorous life. People who made, in the popular mind, of the ment.

most trivial forms of pleasure, and WEEKLY IRISH REVEIW that they are taken as final aims of endeavor, with the inevitable effect | IRELAND SEEN THROUGH IRISH that character is left shallow and the great realities of existence are shirked.

That there is a tendency to live

moment's enjoyment, to "have a good time" here and now, whatever may happen afterwards, and not to may happen afterwards, and not to Government gasp. It was probably plan the future on a firm foundation, the most startling demonstration or to consider seriously what are the ever staged by Labor. Apart from pleasures best worth having, will the fact that it arrested world wide not be denied by anyone who has had opportunities of observing the British Government treats the closely numbers of young people political prisoners in its own private expressing spontaneously their real patriotism, power, and effectiveness expressing spontaneously their real of Irish labor gives a new source aims and wishes. With light-hearted thoughtlessness they gambol hearted thoughtlessness they gambol pleasures like children who feel there is nothing in the world worth doing except play, and neglect the thoughts, aims, and habits that would ground their lives on substantial satisfactions that will bear the wear and tear of time. In short the general bias is towards spending on the moment's indulgence rather than storing for future wiser and deeper enjoyments. Vast numbers of people are bent on frisking about as they see other people frisk, and thus persuade themselves that they are really having a good time," and really they are doing nothing of the kind, but are only gathering the froth from the cup of life. The final test of life is in the home, the true centre of happiness. In fatherhood, motherhood, the new growth of life in children and their wise training, the essential problems of the world's progress and happiness are found. How is the home of the future affected by the headlong rush to

In relation to marriage the "good time" idea works out badly from that, by Irish people it was not every point of view. Unmarried men regarded as in the least wonderful, and women whose aim is to enjoy themselves before they assume the responsibilities of family life adopt habits which are too expensive to be retained after marriage, and become too much a matter of course to be given up, and the result is that they look upon settling down to domesticity as something not alto- at daybreak at the back of the jail gether desirable, and that anyway cannot be afforded. In the slang of the day their incomes "will not run to it." The "good time" of hurling execrations toward their these mistaken people is selfish and victim, the Irish knelt behind the anti-social. They are shirking a jail reciting (both in English and duty that they owe alike to their own manhood and womanhood, and only the powers which govern Engto their country. They are content land and vainly try to govern Ireland Also among those who stayed to live for the superficial delights could but read the lesson taught by of the moment, and wilfully shut their eyes to the fact that they are doing nothing to win or to deserve happiness in the years to come, body—and a soul can never be killed. pay for pleasure. Millions of people that will not bear the reseate hues

have a good time at once?

On the other hand there are the time" they are allowing themselves. Without reasonable thought or prepthe swiftly sought pleasures they must have, and in consequence the courts are strewn with the wrecks of momentous decision in life has been treated as a mere indulgence, and pain and misery are the natural results.

of youth to a "good time" is that it is essentially inconsistent with a sober and practical apprenticeship to life as it must inevitably be. the chief preoccupation of youth it robs later years in two ways. First, more pernicious ideas than that the serious work by which men and outraged, is the humiliatingly mortigoodness is associated with gloom or women must live, and next it duty with dulness. Merriment and exhausts the capacity for enjoyment even frivolity have their places in which in the coming years would be a relief and relaxation from the stress of productive labor. Youth cannot play have only a half-formed has not done anything to deserve manhood or womanhood, or by that it should have everything at themselves neglect have lost one of humanity's once. Nor has it reached the stage better parts. If we seem to be in experience and judgment that critical of the prevailing mood it is can give a wise decision as to what not that we grudge happiness, but the things are that afford the most suspect that far too much is being unalloyed and permanent enjoy-

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LABOR'S STARTLING DEMONSTRATION The unanimity with which was from hand to mouth for the obeyed the one-day strike order of the Irish Labor parties-a unanimity unparalleled in Strike history made Dublin Castle and the British attention, and centered it on the inhumanity and brutality with which when they are together and are Belgium, this demonstration of the governed by it. It is now realised that at any crisis in Ireland the governmental machinery can be paralysed—and the Government itself bound hand and foot. new terror, and to Ireland a new

REVEALED THE SOUL OF IRELAND Probably no other country in the jail, (which held the hunger strikers) great hum was heard in the heart of even hardened business men of tors. In that vast street-kneeling and poor, high and low, intellectual and illiterate, poet and coal-heaver, lawyer, doctor, and street-sweepers. Some chanted their prayers in English, but (as Dublin has become almost the Gaelic heart of Gaelic Ireland) the Gaelic heart of Gaelic Ireland, most of the musical Dablin voices were raised in Gaelic prayer. To harrying the National Executive of the Labor Party to compel performemphasized the extraordinary gulf which separates the soul of the soul of Britain

which desires to subdue it.

ANOTHER REVEALING CONTRAST One is reminded, too, of the singular scene on the morning of Roger Casement's hanging - when a large body of London Irish took position walls, and, (as told by the London newspapers that day), while a vast English mob in front of the jail were, at the hour of the hanging, saved much wanton wos. nation is far, far more spiritual than material; it is soul far more than

"THE ULSTER BASCALS USED US AND THEN SOLD US OUT"

The Unionists (Anglo Irish) of the young couples who rush into hasty South have got badly embittered marriages as a part of the "good against their northern brethren. who have now concluded to throw them to the Irish wolves. Since Sir Edward and the Ulster Orange aration they include marriage among men had for years made profitable use of their scattered Southern brethren, and mainly based their fight upon the piteous plea that the southern Unionists would, under precipitate matrimony. The most Irish rule, be devoured by the Papists -and since now Sir Edward and his Ulster henchmen bargain for the best that the North-East can get out of it, leaving the Southerners to the tender mercies of the Pope and the The broad impression made on thoughtful minds by the eager claim | ings and fierce fist-shakings proceedtoward the north of the Boyne. the shaping of a wise plan for the then sold us out!" cry their poor long years that must follow and southern tools. That they joined the northern Orangemen in crying out against their Irish Nationalist neighbors who have never been Pleasure is not the main business known to do them a wrong-and that of life at any age, and if it is made now, when abandoned by the knaves, they must shamefully try to crawl back into the good graces of the good and loyal National neighbors whom it prevents a satisfactory training for they have (under Carson's guidance) fying part of it.

PUNCH POKES FUN AT ULSTER "LOYALTY"

These poor Southern Unionists were actually led to believe that Belfast and the Orangemen who call "Ulster" were actually concerned for their welfare, and not for the welfare of "Ulster." Now they are beginning to know "Ulster." Even London Punch has turned upon the Northern "unco canny bodies Here is Punch's latest stab at over whose woes poor Punch used to weep tons of ink :

loyal.'

Sir Thomas Grattan Esmonde, who she was for years Redmondite member of | the Irish public. Parliament for Wexford, and who is a descendant of Henry Grattan, the great orator of the Independent Irish Parliament of the eighteenth century, delivered a Sinn Fein lecture before the Oxford Union. Young very large gathering of intellectual stir, too, in Protestant Episcopal people, who were much impressed by circles, and was the leading figure in the Castle that he would not otherthe fine and well-reasoned discourse an extraodinary spisode which occur-which he delivered to them. It is red in April, 1918, just before the the fine and well-reasoned discourse good to note that some of his boldest statements were, by these intellectual occasion has revealed to Britain a English, received with rounds of English, received with rounds of the Bishop of Tuam for President, applause—evidencing that there is had been founded for the purpose of some little sanity developing in the original Junkerland, England.

THE ENGLISH LABOR PARTY

world could present such moving and impressive spectacle as that in England is in some measure and in Dablin when thousands of men, ing the development of sanity there; to be sure, like every other body to be sure, like every other body tics, the Labor organization reciting the Rosary in a chorus fesses a great deal more idealism than that mounted and swelled till its it practises. It has spouted more it practises. It has spouted more the Guild, proposed a counter resoluabout self determination for Ireland the city—moving to awe and emotion than it is willing to support when it even hardened business men of comes to the point. The Irish voters Tuam, who was in the chair, such able conduct. religion alien to that of the supplica- in English cities are trying to pin the Labor Party to their professions. crowd, mingled indiscriminately rich and poor, high and low, intellectual is making great effort to carry, chell, invited to take his place, did so in those cities, the Irish vote-which vote is in about twenty leading English cities in England oftentimes the deciding factor between rival an Irishman.

Last week an Irish deputation from Stockport waited on the National Executive of the British Labor Party requesting that Party to demand from the English Government the withdrawal of the British Army of Occupation from Ireland, under threat of "down tools" if their request was not complied with. Also this Stockport Irish delegation asked whether in case the Irish in Britain helped to put a Labor Government in office that Govrecognize ernment would Irish Republic. The Labor Executive gave an evasive and unsatisfying As a result it is conject. ured that in the election now taking place there the Irish of Stockport may, by their local organization, be ordered to cast their votes against the Labor candidate. It is the general opinion that while a very significant portion of the individual members of the English Labor Party are in favor of recognizing the Irish Republic. the official party, though to say so, desire to have England hold her grip upon Ireland. Irish Self Determination Club which is springing up amongst the Irish in almost every city in England and Scotland, mean make things warm for the official organization between now and the next election.

ARTHUR GRIFFITH AND ENGLISH

LABOR Since writing the foregoing I read the report that 1,500 of the Irish laborers in Stockport have pledged themselves not to support any candidate for the English Parliament who will not insist on the withdrawal of the British Army of Occupation from Ireland, and also the release of the Irish political prisoners. It is significant that the Paddington Branch of the National Union of Railway workers communicated to Arthur Griffith, the vice-President of Sinn Fein, that they were in favor of down tools" if the British army is not withdrawn from Ireland. Arthur Griffith, in his reply points out to them: "That army composed in the main of British trades unionists and the sons of British trades unionists. In the past 12 months it has been used in more than 20,000 nocturnal raids on private houses, basides suppressing fairs, markets, lectures, concerts and public meetings. I do not believe that it is the desire of the average member of this occupying army to act criminally, but under existing British regime in Ireland its young members break into the houses of civilians and destroy and loot private property. The Irish people feel that the continued inaction of the English people lends support to those who use their army for such purposes."

A PATRIOTIC IRISH WOMAN Miss Susan Mitchell, the Irish poetess, a woman of much brilliancy, is assistant to the post (George Russell) in running the Irish Homestead organ of the Irish Farmers' Co-operative Society. Mrs. Alice Stopford Green, widow

Loyal? Nay, 'Ulster,' you, for very to Green the Historian of the English three weeks, due to expire on March shame,
Should cede your long monopoly of inent part in organizing women's there was another raid, and in the that name,
Loyal to whom—to what? To at several meetings. Recently, her power, to pelf,

power, to pelf,

cpposition to conscription, and spoke atternoon a turn, while the several meetings. Recently, her relatives were deluged with letters they insisted on searching the woman's room, and the effect on her To place, to privilege—in a word to self.

To place, to privilege—in a word to self. They who assume, absorb, control, persons who were under the impresdeved an extension of parole till the enjoy all,

Must find it vastly pleasant to be of the death of Susan J. Mitchell On referred to her. This was a cousin there was a method in this crazy bearing the same name, but "Æ's" sub editor had the privilege of learn-Young Grattan Esmonde, a son of ing in this unusual way how much

Certain humorous pieces of here in a little volume called "Aids to the Immortality of Certain Persons' have achieved immense popularity. They are delightful skits on George Moore and some other Irish literary torch, celebrities. But those upon Moore door. Conscription threat and the arrests. encouraging the use of the Irish Miss Nellie O'Brien, grand-daughter of Smith O'Brien, is one of the lead- | evidence. of 1916, some members managed to pass a resolution expressing loyalty insurgents. In 1918, one of the recessfully carried it. The Bishop thereupon left the chair and thereupon

SEUMAS MACMANUS. Of Donegal.

MILITARY RULE IN IRELAND

'DAMN YOU, OPEN, OR WE'LL SMASH IT IN"

(By Erskine Childers, in The Daily News In a recent article in the Daily News, I said that, if permitted space, would give chapter and verse for the grave charges I made against the military and police in Ireland. The Editor now invites me to write a short series of articles describing actual experience of military rule in Ireland," and I comply.

I wish, by way of preface, to say three things. First, I emphasize this-that the regime, some of whose incidents I describe constitutes an organized war upon opinion which, though intensified by degrees was in steady and pitiless operation for two and a half years before it began early in 1919 to provoke violent reprisals from among this tortured ple against the agents of the Executive.

Secondly, I make no personal charges. It would be difficult in any case, because secrecy is the soul of the whole regime, and the soldiers and police who burst into dwellings and offices refuse their names, show no warrants, and adopt in every respect the mentality and procedure war. But that is not the point. What I want is to awake responsibility in you, to remind you that the Castle- every crumbling brick of it yours: its aims, agents, and methods yours. I want to show you whither you must inexorably descend when you set out to eradicate a national sentiment by armed force.

Thirdly, I can only lift a corner of the veil. The sum of suffering gallantly and for the most part silently borne by Irish people during the last four years passes computation. Raids upon private houses, for instance, which are a minor feature in the regime, number over 20,000 in

the last two years alone. I hagin with some examples where hardship to women and children is the chief feature. All are recent Dublin cases, and all have been the subject of scrupulously careful in-

vestigation. Mrs. Maurice Collins was within five weeks of her confinement when her bouse, at 65 Parnell Street, was raided at 3.30 a. m. on January 31 last. The usual thunder knocks were followed by a demand in vile language for entry. Mr. Collins ran down in time to save his door, and was arrested on the spot. In the ensuing search the officer insisted on examining the bedroom of Mrs. Collins, who had jumped out of bed in a state of nervous terror. He Her husband was carried off achet section - and eleven days later was deported suddenly to Eng-

was allowed home on parole for rendered important services.

On the 10th at 1 a. m., as though persecution, a fourth raid fell on the house, and once more the officer gained entry to the sick room in is beloved and appreciated by spite of vehement protests for the 4,000 belong to the Oriental Orthodox Irish public.

Spite of vehement protests for the woman's nerves were now utterly Church. The cave in which our unstrung. As a concession he Lord was born is still entered alone, leaving the fixed bayonets cutside. But this was the herds watch their flocks. climax: there were pitiful screams at every movement—the flash of his torch, the opening of a wardrobe door. . . Women of England,

On a statement by the doctor to wise guarantee the woman's life, Mr. Colling was allowed to stay till March 25, and then went back to the The Protestant Church Guild, with English jail. Neither she nor he know or are intended to know when they will meet again or why he is language in the Church services, he will have no trial because the Government admit there is no

Take now the case of Mr. and Mrs. Sean MacCavilte, 54 Marguerite Road, Glasnevin. This is an ordinary to the Crown and condemning the humane raid, as raids go, and I wish I had space to quote in full the leased insurgents, Mr. Geo. Irwin, a woman's account of it to show the staunch Protestant and member of point of view of an average sufferer among thousands, the restrained tion, rescinding this, and in spite of simple language, and the anxiety to

Her baby was six days old (the and other children being two, four, and devoted to activities in Washington. five years of age) when on March 13 last the raid came with all its terrifywith great dignity. She said: "I ing incidents, the pandemonium at admit I'm not as good a Bishop as the door, the inrush of bayonets, the even the foothills of Jericho for the Bishop of Tuam, but I'm as good sudden arrest of her husband, and the entry of her own room after vain of man.

> Mr. MacCavilte was placed under guard in the hall-note this pointthroughout the whole search, but his wife beginning to cry aloud, her Canterbury of the Church of Eng. brother was permitted to go to her. land, and sister of the late Rt. For twenty minutes an officer Mgr. Robert Hugh Benson, searched her room, while a police-man stood at the foot of the bed so many works as a Catholic author. ex officer I marvel how men can be gotto do it at all). Nothing incriminat. of the Bishop of Plymouth pacifist school.

His crimes are (1) a passion for the revival of the Irish language; (2) his great grandaughter of Sir Walter cillor on the Corporation; and note this that for both these crimesmembership of the Gaelic League and public adherence to Sinn Fein lic families into mourning, as her -he might, if the Castle pleased. have been condemned by court martial to a fixed term of jail. It suits their propaganda and policy better their propaganda and policy better to put him away indefinitely under or. Her son, General Walter Max-usel Scott, who holds the D. S. O. "suspicion" utterly without foundation.

friends whose names I give only the husband is a marked man for no earthly reason save that he is a respectable worker for the Rapubli. can cause, whose integrity, mindedness, and charm of character it would be hard to equal.

His young wife, alone in the house with three little children, aroused by knocking on a night in March last, ran down in her nightdress, asked permission to dress, and

In they rushed, sweeping her aside, bayonets at the charge. agonizing time followed. One An One soldier was drunk and used foul language. In spite of passionate suppliations to be allowed to go to children, she was kept apart under guard while their searched, and the search throughout was conducted with a roughness and insolence worthy of veritable Huns. Night Refage, in the city.

ARE THANKED BY COUNCIL

INGERSOLL GRATEFUL TO PASTOR, HIS WIFE AND CATHOLIC

Ingersoll, April 20 .- The appreciation of the Council of the splendid services rendered by Rev. Donald age, was educated at Eton and and Mrs. MacIntyre and Rev. Father Oxford, was an officer in the Welsh Gnam during the outbreak of infla-enza in the winter was embodied to the Ministry of Labor and last in a resolution unanimously passed by the Council tonight. Special Press Bureau at the Peace Confer-reference was made to the efforts ence. He is the author of several of Mr. and Mrs. MacIntyre. Mr. volumes of verse, and a painter, was sorry, he said, but it was his MacIntyre is pastor of the Baptist several of his pictures having been Church, and as soon as the "flu" exhibited at the Paris Salon. His to jail under 14B—the lettre de situation became serious he became father Lord Tredegar, is a General a very active leader in organizing in the British Army, relief workers for both town and country. He was ably assisted by the East End of London, and his At the news she collapsed, was Mrs. MacIntyre, who left her home. Mrs. MacIntyre, who left her home mother is the daughter and went into the country as a nurse Scottish Earl of Southesk. the prematurely confined, and became and went into the country as a nurse Scottish Earl of Southesk. He now for some time. Father Gnam of the gives up his splendid inheritance with fled by the authorities, her husband Church of the Sacred Heart also to serve God in poverty in a monas-

CATHOLIC NOTES

Datroit, April 2.-Every street car operating within Detroit came to a halt at 2 o'clock this afternoon and remained standing one minute. This was in keep ing with the "Don't Buy, Don't Sell -12 to 3 - Good Friday "movement in honor of Our Saviour.

Bethlehem of Judea where Jesus was born is today a city of about 10,000, 6,000 of who mare Catholic and a large part of the remaining still there still overlooks fields where shep-

London, March 19 .- Auglicans are going ahead very fast, indeed. Before their church has adopted auricular confession generally they are asking for the introduction of women confessors. The excuse that women do not like confessing to men only shows what an unspiritual view a sacrament. However, it is generally agreed that were such an innovation introduced into the sect, as confessionels with women confessors, the confessionals, like tables in restaurants and carriages in railway trains reserved for "ladies only,"

Washington, April 11.-Jerusalem's first daily newspaper in the English language has made its appearance. It is called the Jersualem News and bears the slogan, "Jerusalem News is Good News." Copies have reached Washington. American enterprise is behind the venture, W. D. McCracken. with temporary offices at the Syrian Orphanage, being the editor and nanager, and a considerable portion of the foreign news columns being A late February issue tells of a great blizzard sweeping the country, the first time within the memory

A notable conversion to the Catholic faith just reported from England is that of Miss Benson, danghter of a former Protestant Archbishop of land, and sister of the late Rt. Rev. famous novelist who has written "trying to hide his face." But the search here and in the nursery was considerately made, and the officer "seemed to dislike his job" (as an St. Mary's Brewood, Staffs. The ceremony took place by permission ing was found, and there was no charge against Mr. MacCavilte, who is well known as a Sinn Feiner of the at Beer, which is near Seaton. - The

London, March 19 .-- A Catholic Scott has just passed away. The death of this lady, the Hon. Mrs. Maxwell Scott, plunges many Cathohusband, the Hon. Joseph Constabla Maxwell, was uncle of the Duchess of Norfolk, and her half sisters are and C. M. G. succeeds his mother The next case is that of personal as owner of the historic Abbotsford. Mrs. Maxwell Scott was the daughter of Sir Walter Scott's granddaughter, who was in her turn daughter of his daughter, so the female line is unbroken from the great broad. poet-novelist direct. Solemn Requiem Mass was sung at the Bromton Oratory.

London, March 19 .- Congratulawas tions are being extended to Alderman J. S. Gilbert, who has been appointed chairman of the London County Council, an important poet got for answer, "Damn you, open, in the municipal government of or we'll smash it in."

London. Alderman Gilbert, who is a nephew of the late Monsignor Gilbert and a Catholic layman of the greatest devotion to the cause, has been for some time chairman of the Education Committee of the Council, where he has randered yeoman service to the cause of Catholic education. He is also identified with the work founded by his uncls, the Providence Row man of sound judgment and possesses a notable personality.

The Honorable Evan Morgan, son and heir of the Welsh peer, Lord Tredegar, who was received into the Church recently and has been stay. ing at Colorada Springs, has returned England to inform his parents of his determination to become a monk. He is twenty-six years of year was attached to the Foreign of 40,000 acres of valuable land in tery.-Catholic Columbian