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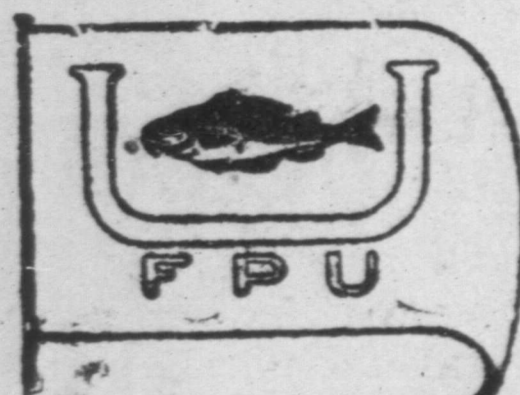
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OUR POINT OF VIEW.

GRAVE OUTLOOK.

TROUBLES and rumors of troubles continue to be reported in the messages dealing with the present situation in Ireland in the Island itself and indeed, throughout the United Kingdom and the British Empire there seems to be a fairly general opinion that the feelings of both Nationalists and Ulstermen have been keyed up to a tension bordering on the breaking point.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of the Covenanters to remain quiescent until the House of Lords have dealt with the Home Rule Bill and the measure in amendment thereof, but that they expect little or no change in the situation as a result of the deliberations of the Peers is evident from Carson's declaration, at a convention at Larne, Ireland, on Saturday, that he could see no promise of peace in the near future.

This is particularly a time of grave peril in Ireland. Yesterday was the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, an event celebrated by Orangemen the world over. According to the cables, the members of the Association in Ulster are to have a big demonstration today and there is expected to be an attendance of one hundred thousand people.

To the onlooker it seems almost an impossibility that a clash between adherents of the rival parties can be avoided. Both sides are well armed and well supplied with ammunition. Both are determined to go to the last extreme in fighting for their particular principles. Both have been wrought up to the highest pitch of nervous excitement by the course of events in connection with the Home Rule measure and by the heated declarations of their leaders.

It would take a very little thing indeed, to set fire to the situation and lead to a general explosion of popular hatred that could only culminate in terrible bloodshed.

The population of the areas where trouble is most likely to arise, is a mixed one, made up of adherents of both sides. And when men's passions are fully aroused a word—a look,

even—is often sufficient to lead to the committing of deeds which may have dire results.

The vital question now is: Are the Nationalists now controlling, or are they being controlled; are the Ulstermen bossing or are they being bossed? In other words, is the volunteer movement subservient to the leaders on both sides or has it grown too big for either Redmond or Carson?

If the armed forces raised by both sides are out of hand and uncontrollable, then God help Ireland!

We will wait with the gravest anxiety for further news from the troubled area, hoping for the best, but fearing the worst.

May our hopes be fulfilled and our fears proved altogether groundless!

MATTER OF HEALTH.

WE are certainly a very strange people who live and move and have our being in this town of St. John's.

The more one considers our strange mixture of taking precautions against certain evils, and of promoting those evils at the same time, the more one is inclined to wonder.

We are erratic and unstable and variable as the weather which alternately smiles and frowns, carresses and blusters.

But the action of the weather, its changes and attitudes may be forecasted with some degree of certainty.

What the authorities who rule our town will do under certain circumstances, cannot be guessed, unless one is to hazard the forecast, that they will do something contradictory.

We talk of parks and sanatoriums, we invite lectures on health matters, at the same time that we invite and encourage disease, and in the most stupid and perverse way go about destroying the health of the people.

We talk of sprinkling and laying of dust, the ordinary wear and tear of the streets, and at the same time pay men to dig up foul, disease-laden mud and silt from open gullies along the streets.

The stuff is scooped up from the sewers and heaped on the street. The heaps are allowed to lie in the sun for hours, often for a whole day, to spread in the air whatever harmful germs they may contain.

It does not seem rational to build parks and hospitals where prevention and cure may be achieved, while at the same time at our very doors we do our best to encourage and spread infection.

RELIGION VS. COMMONSENSE

A CABLED message from Rochester, N.H., U.S.A., tells the sad story of the killing of six persons on a railway track by a freight train.

The fatality took place under strange circumstances. The victims were members of a party who were returning from a Sunday school picnic. As they drove along homeward they sang hymns and in this congenial occupation they approached a railway track, drove on to it without making sure there was no train in the neighborhood and were run over and killed. The message says that they sang so lustily that their voices drowned the noise of the oncoming train.

Unfortunately, we are too often apt to show little more balance in our religious affairs than the ill-fated party in the wagon. Our preoccupation with good precludes our keeping our feet on this old sphere and exercising the common sense which the Creator has provided us.

The victims of the terrible railway accident referred to above were so much occupied in religious exercises that they virtually committed suicide.

We very often take much the same line, get carried away with religious sentiment and put ourselves out of action as effective performers of good works.

Some cry "Sabbath Day Observance," and carried away with their feelings sometimes take measures to secure the hallowing of the Day of Rest in such fashion that the unregenerate are provoked to acts on that Day of which they would otherwise never have thought. The very manner in which the religious get down to work often provokes resentment in the minds of those who are to be reformed by act of law.

Love your brother and do him good, say the constitutions of numerous associations. There are any number of declarations on public platforms and at church services; there are parades with flaming banners, brass bands and public applause, but when the shouting and the tumult dies away and the censors get down to work again at their everyday occupations they show that the principles cheered for have very little place in that portion of their personality from whence flow the actions of life.

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