

Ireland; the Irish and the English.

(By T. Henry Smith.)

I have heard and read various reports and ideas concerning the Irish question since I landed in this country. So much is wrong, so much is right, that I think perhaps the Irish here would appreciate my humble view or opinion, as an Englishman, of the average disposition toward Ireland and the Irish.

In the first place I have some excellent friends who are sons of Erin, and who have some rare old tales to tell of the great chums, and personally, I look upon an Irishman as a person in the first instance.

Now there is a great shindy going on in Ireland, but let me at once say to the English public, read of such sympathy and sorrow both for the soldiers and the Irish community. Do not know any man in the street who would deny Ireland Home Rule, but our government haggle and naggle about it year after year. The fact is my countrymen say, "Let them have Home Rule, let them scrap Ulster, let them do as they please, let them have a go at it. Why not?" That is the simple truth—I am very sorry to find some Irishmen misled by the press so far as to be hostile to Englishmen. That is altogether a false state of affairs and unjust to both sides.

The bogey of Ireland intriguing with an enemy of England? Not Ireland (or Great Britain) is quite able to look after herself as history shows. Let us suppose Ireland did intrigue. What then? Hasn't France done so in the past? Did she wipe the door with England? Not much! Besides if Ireland had Home Rule and ruled together for commercial success, she would naturally trade most with Great Britain and learn to know the Englishman as he really is—that is, as the man whose word can finally be taken as a guarantee in the world of business—and in that he stands pre-eminent always. Who will say this?

I have heard such remarks as this: "The Irish are too fond of drink to succeed." "They (the South folk) are not likely to become efficient in the industrial world." "The non-industrial districts out of proportion," etc., etc. Well, let them have their drink, and don't pay for it; (sub rosa; spare

me from a dry country)—let them run farms or factories, let them tax as they please. To repeat, let them fight it out and then come to an agreement among themselves. That is how we English really feel disposed to the Irish, and did the Irish appeal to the fair play spot in the Englishman and stop the shooting harp, I think all would be well. We English are comfortable and would like to see the Irish better off in this world's goods; of course we should. Some Irishmen, however, have caused trouble for their own countrymen. When I was in a Belfast shipping office just before the war it was remarked to me (I was transacting business with the firm), "Yes! see those ladies going out, Mr. Smith. Well they've just booked their passages and are clearing out, have sold their property and are taking the cash out of our country." Well, Ireland could spare such renegades surely. Yet, what mischief there was in that Irishman's remark and to me, on my first visit to Ireland! But I did not appreciate him. I am a typical Englishman (at least I have often been told so in Europe), and I love sport and adventure. So does the Irishman and it is that spirit which leads the more impulsive to the ambushade business, etc. Who, however, can look on the shooting affairs without a wish to end such a stupid and unnecessary (sic) wickedness? I do not excuse either side. Death ends but is no argument.

There is one saying I could wish to die out and that is, "The Irishman is the best fighter we have." Is that the reason we hired him to fight? If so let us all forget it; (Irishmen included) it would be for the best. Let us rather say "The Irish are an impulsive, courageous race." If the South of Ireland is poor, I presume the South cannot avoid such circumstances without help of a practical nature. If Ulster is rich then compel her to help. Man-made law can punish an idler in any country, if the law of nature does not anticipate.

Now! I fear some public men make a noise for notoriety only and some writers in the press create confusion worse confounded. The plain fact is, the English are angry over the shooting carry-on, but, ill will toward the Irish (apart from a little harmless race-rivalry)? Nonsense! It does not exist with the average Englishman, and never has.

In my travels I have met many notable Englishmen and have also mixed with the workers. I therefore write from a wide experience. Anyhow here's to good luck, peace, and better times for Ireland and the Irish. May I soon taste a drop of the "crathur" and drink their health. Them's my sentiments and my countrymen's generally.

T. A. & B. S. Resolutions

CONGRATULATES BISHOP-ELECT RENOUF.

At a special meeting of the St. John's T. A. & B. Society, held on the 5th inst., the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the Rev. Henry T. Renouf, Rector of St. Patrick's Parish this city, with which parish a large number of the society are associated, has been appointed Bishop of St. George's, and is to be consecrated as such on Wednesday next.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this society tenders its congratulations to the Rev. gentleman on his elevation to the Episcopacy, and wishes him many long and fruitful years in that exalted position.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the society's records and forwarded to the Bishop-elect also to the daily papers for publication.

WM. J. ELLIS, President.
GEO. J. COUGHLIN, Secty.

Eskimos Are Eager for Winter.

Captain Mack, of the Hudson Bay Company, who recently returned from the Sunny North, having spent his summer in Baffin's Land and Chesterfield Inlet, and in other fashionable resorts on the Arctic Ocean, told The Star to-day that the residents of that neighborhood do not regard the coming winter with the concern felt by the city dweller of the temperate zone. Seal and walrus promise to be abundant, and while those who enjoy the doubtful advantages of civilization are straining every nerve to ensure an adequate supply of fuel, an achievement requiring not only a deep pocket, but even a high degree of finesse, the cheerful inmates of the igloo are looking forward with eager anticipation to the banquet of seals, blood and blubber, in the commodious snow-house, heated by the ubiquitous blubber lamp. It is here that they happily will be found this approaching winter, where the little Eskimo children play tag around the Pole, impaled by Dr. Cook with such astonishing ease as a monument to hardihood and enterprise; rather than among a people who are embarking upon a winter of discontent, with their faces already lengthened by the prohibition of a harmless and necessary commodity.

The good ship Nascopie, on which Captain Mack was carrying provisions to the posts of the Hudson Bay Company, left for the North on July 23, and after an uneventful voyage arrived at Lake Harbor, in Baffin's Land,

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where the Pelican was already safe in port. There had been some ice in Hudson Strait, which the Nascopie had negotiated without harm, but the Pelican, which had not been so fortunate, had been rammed by an iceberg, and had lost some blades of her propeller. She had run into heavy ice and was jammed tight in the pack, when the iceberg, moving with the undercurrent faster than the pack, came lumbering down on her and did the damage. Later on, when the Pelican left Baffin's Land, she knocked off another blade, and ultimately arrived in St. John's Newfoundland, with only half a blade left. She was lifted in St. John's in dry dock.

Everything was all right at the Hudson Bay posts, said Captain Mack, and the party returned with a good average supply of furs. The natives believe that the coming winter will be an exceptionally good season.

The Nascopie had carried one distinguished messenger, Ootewak, an Eskimo who had taken another man's life, and had been arraigned for murder. A party of Royal Canadian Mounted Police had charge of the prisoner and took him ashore at Chesterfield Inlet, which has apparently been chosen as the venue of the trial. It is understood that the judge will proceed to this fine old assize town to sit upon the case.

The Inspector and four others of the R.C.M.P., who were on board, relieved a similar number of luckless fellows who were leaving that salubrious locality. On the way home the Nascopie carried three Catholic priests from Chesterfield Inlet and the Church of England minister from Baffin's Land, the Rev. Fleming.

"Nothing of any moment occurred throughout the whole trip," said Captain Mack.—Montreal Daily Star, Nov. 25.

Against the Best Irish Sentiment.

(New York Times.)

Mr. DeValera has never been highly successful in winning American support for Irish independence, and his apology for the Dublin assassins is a frightful blunder in tactics. He justifies the murder of English soldiers who are "as enemy spies" in Ireland, "rightly deserving death." To Americans this is revolting. So it is to right-thinking Irishmen.

Can it be that Mr. DeValera has never read the solemn denunciation of such killings uttered by Cardinal Logue and other members of the Catholic hierarchy in Ireland? Only a few days ago the Archbishop of Tuam wrote to a London paper: "I have always denounced the shooting of 'police or of other servants of the Crown as murder (outside recognized cases of self-defence). The Irish people have no sympathy with 'crimes of this kind.' And the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, in a recent plea for a peaceful settle-



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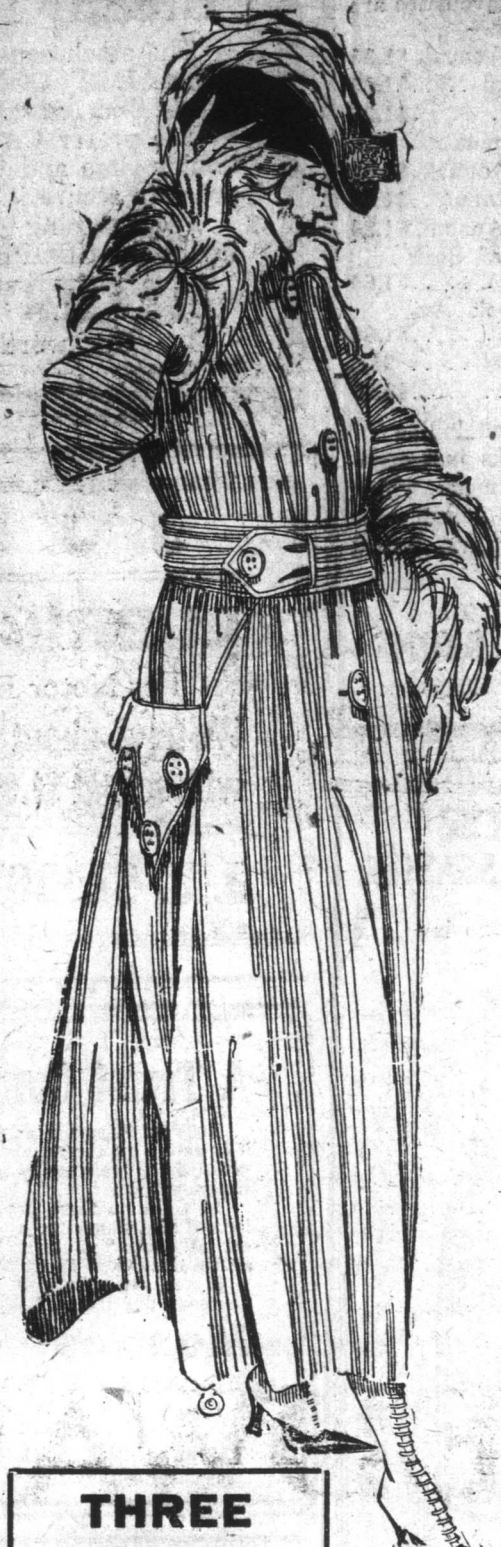
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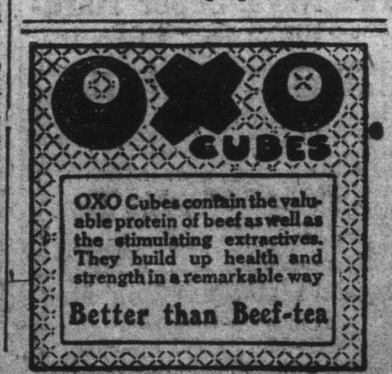
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ment with Ireland, on the most generous lines compatible with the essential defenses of the empire," thus expressed himself:

There is actively at work in Ireland a secret oath-bound association using as its weapon assassination; an association therefore, to which no Catholic who is obedient to the Church can possibly belong. I am assured that the real and legitimate Sinn Fein disclaims all connection with this association, and deplores and disavows all its aims and deeds. But Sinn Fein, while so it is claimed—efficiently and effectually administering justice it has superseded the ordinary courts, is at present apparently unable to control the murder gang.

It is possible that Mr. DeValera is

not in touch with these authorities of the Catholic Church. But in his rash defense of assassination, which he links up with the desires and determination of the Irish people, he really is



guilty of an aspersion on their character. Even Lloyd George thinks better of the Irish than Mr. DeValera appears to. The British Prime Minister asserted in his Guildhall speech: "Irishmen have no real sympathy with this murder. Not a bit! They are heartily sick of the business, and 'I know it.' Let Mr. DeValera attack the English and arraign English reprisals as bitterly as he pleases, but let him not condone foul and barbarous crimes." At least, let him not think to ingratiate himself with Americans by doing it.

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