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MORLEY AND IRELAND.

To one Englishman at least the adoption of the peace pact between England and Ireland will bring intense satisfaction. This is Lord Morley.

During the last years that have elapsed since the introduction of Gladstone's first Home Rule Bill, amid all the ups and downs, the conservatism and bitterness that were apparent inseparable from any consideration of the Irish question, John Morley has never ceased to think and to work toward the same end and to work from the same end.

Under the conditions which developed, the election of Arthur Griffith to succeed De Valera was the only logical course to adopt. The latter's retirement is probably highly displeasing to the more aggressive section of the Irish people.

Reared in grimy Blackburn, the son of a hard-worked surgeon, his temperament, naturally sunny and unflinching, led him to early revolt against the unadorned milk of the independent world on which he was nurtured as a child.

THE PRINCE IN INDIA.
The remarkable displays of loyalty and enthusiasm which have marked the various stages of the visit of the Prince of Wales to India, shine with the brilliancy of an event through the dark clouds of unrest and discontent which menace the social order and well-being of a large part of that vast dependency.

It seems that the Drury Government is also considering the imposition of a one cent tax on gasoline in Ontario, not as a means of increasing the ordinary revenues, but to create a fund that will provide interest on Good Road bond issues.

Ottawa Journal: Reading occasional British newspaper comment upon Canada, one is helped in understanding the progress of the Prince through the streets of Bombay, Poona, and other large towns, can have failed to realize that the great masses of the Indian population are no less attached than they have been in the past to their King-Empress and to the members of His Majesty's family.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier

LEADS AND LETTERS OF SIR WILFRID LAURIER. By Oscar Douglas Skelton, 2 Vols. Illustrated with photographs. Toronto: G. B. Gandy, Oxford University Press.

The story of the life of a man who played such a prominent part in Canadian affairs for so many years, should, if properly told, be one of more than usual interest; not only as a personal reminiscence of the subject of it, but also for the reason that it must necessarily be a very large extent a political history of the country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in many respects so remarkable a man, that it is no easy matter to write his life in a way that would do adequate justice to the subject. To be sure, there are, rarely, if ever, surpassed by any other statesman, and in which his personal charm was one of the most outstanding factors.

In the small space at our disposal, it is impossible to deal fully with this excellent work as we would like to do. Every chapter is full of interest, and some of amusement also. As an instance of the latter, we quote from that on Schools and Scandal, which gives some idea of the difficulties which beset the leader of a government when he has to deal with important matters on which the public opinion is divided.

The sequel was the patronage system. If workers and subscribers would not work and pay for loyalty or principle or class or community interests, they must be rewarded by direct individual gain. Seats in the Commons, judgeships, senatorships, knighthoods, honors or titles, or the like, were to be bought from firms on the patronage list.

Mr. Blair's announcement, following the Pugsley banquet and the newspaper purchases, created a national sensation. It was obvious that an audacious and aggressive movement was on foot. Both Liberals and Conservatives waited for the next development.

WHAT OTHERS SAY
An indefatigable Reorganizer. (Galt Reporter).
Bob Rogers is still organizing the Conservative party and it's all right, as it keeps him occupied.

A Full House. (Cleveland Plain-Dealer).
As guests at the wedding of the Princess Mary will be the Kings of Spain, Belgium, Norway, Italy and Denmark. In fact, about all the kings that are left in the deck.

Mr. De Valera.
Mr. De Valera has been more easy to detest than Paroli. After two weeks of a boring battle with the Danes in the silence and the noise of sheer mediocrity, he has dropped his flag. Let us hope it bodes good for Ireland.

was to debate the government by the purchase of important letters from independent newspapers, by a second campaign against members of the Cabinet, by buying of Liberal candidates in Quebec, and by inducing Blair to take the stump against his former chief.

Well Completed.
A U. S. Senator is reported to have a plan to free the Philippines. Whatever its merits, he is at least engaged in better business than poking his nose into the affairs of the British Empire, like some of his fellows.

Well Said.
(London Free Press).
"What security has the United States for the billions of dollars loaned Great Britain?" asks an anonymous correspondent of a St. Louis newspaper.

Here are precious gems of thought that were quarried long ago. Some in vellum bound, and wrought with letters and lines of gold; Here are curious rows of "calf," Here are parchment, an "ever," Here are countless "mos" of chaff, And a parchment folio, Like leaves that are cracked with cold, All peppered and brown and sear.

THE LAUGH LINE
"Look, my boy, is that mysterious something which seems always to follow the man who combines good judgment with industry."—Detroit Free Press.

A Sensitive Soul.
"Did you have much success with 'Better English' in Chicago?" "No," said the editor of the Chicagoer. "Our millionaire is a self-made man and he seemed to take it as a personal affront."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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back to the electors of Clara, what the erstwhile constituents of "Wilfrid" Redmond will do to him, remains to be seen; but in any event, he is not a personality to be feared.

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Benny's
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CIVILIANS LEAD IN AFFAIRS OF CHINESE GOVT
Co-operation, However, Is Expected from Militarists—Premier Reluctantly Grants Interview.
Jan. 11.—The civilian element will dominate the politics of the new Chinese cabinet, but co-operation is expected from the militarists, Premier Liang Shih Yi told the correspondents in an interview. Premier Liang positively denied Canton reports that he was negotiating a loan from Japan, or that he contemplated such a loan. "Full power to deal with Shantung as they see fit is vested with the Chinese delegates at Washington, there has been no change in Peking's policy regarding Shantung, because of the change in the ministry. There is no truth in the report that Peking is bargaining with Shantung to obtain money from Japan." Premier Liang received the correspondents as though it were a bitter pill which he must swallow, and evidently was relieved when the interview was concluded. Questions about the renunciation of China and her future internal policies were answered with generalities which are not worth quoting. The efforts of some of China's anti-American sentiment in China through press, blaming Secretary Hughes for deserting China, has thus far met with little response. When the news reached Shantung of anti-American demonstrations in Shansi the vernacular press cautioned the people against believing such reports. The Shanghai Journal of Commerce says editorially that there is no use blaming America for China's defeat at Washington. China herself is to blame through her inability to establish a strong government. Fear is expressed that anti-American demonstrations may create a Chinese-American breach, yet such movements cannot be recognized as anti-American. The Journal calls attention to the fact that no local vernacular paper reported the Chinese anti-American demonstration, and reports appearing only in the foreign press. The people's delegates,