

The Irish Question.

The Evening Telegram

Dear Sir,—From recent advices we learn something of the work of the various movements which are now operating in England—the one "THE PEACE WITH IRELAND COUNCIL," the other "ALL BRITAIN FOR IRELAND MOVEMENT." These two associations are holding meetings in the largest and best men and women. They are telling the people of the terrible atrocities committed on the Irish people and the madness of the policy which is bringing their country into disrepute. The people have been aroused as we see from the reports of the numerous meetings that have been held; in fact so strong has the sentiment become in favor of peace with Ireland that the leaders of the Government policy are showing signs of uneasiness. Of course this is a greater sentiment is brought about by the better knowledge of the truth of the existing conditions of things in Ireland. The evidence in many cases is so strong that it shocks the finer sensibilities of the human heart. We will quote some of the testimony which is appearing. We will begin by submitting the statements from some well known English ladies. The first is Lady Sykes, widow of the late Conservative member for Central Hull. She has recently visited Ireland, and in a statement made on her return gave her impressions. "There is no real hatred of the British people in Ireland," she says, "but there is an absolute horror of British rule. . . . The methods now being employed . . . are neither Christian nor civilized." Lady Sykes also relates an incident which she investigated where a girl had her hair cut off by police for some petty breach of martial law regulations. The other two ladies, who have also toured Ireland and returned to condemn the existing regime, are Mrs. Shepard (a noted Suffragist leader, sister of Lord French) and Mrs. Philip Snowden, a prominent figure in Labour activities. Mrs. Shepard, referring to the wrecking of Mallow, says "The destruction . . . was carried out methodically, with the object of crushing the Irish spirit and Irish industries." Mrs. Snowden's verdict is even stronger. She writes "I have been to Russia and I have come back very antagonistic to Bolshevism. But no supporter of the British Government in its policy towards Ireland is entitled to criticize Bolshevism, because the British Government could give points to the Bolsheviks in the matter of cruelty and terrorism."

A more detailed and vivid account of Irish conditions is contained in a special article in the New York Times paper that has been frequently assailed in America as unduly pro-British. "Life in Ireland is suspended. If you are a householder your home may be broken into at any moment, ransacked and demolished with or without pretext. If you are a tradesman, farmer or a manufacturer, your life is never safe from raids, seizures or destruction. If you are a guest at a hotel, you are liable to be pulled out of bed any night at the point of a pistol, and your belongings searched. If you own a motor car, you cannot drive it more than 20 miles, and that only at certain hours and with a military permit. You cannot be out after 9 or 10 at night for any reason. Even doctors refuse to go on urgent sick-calls, with a permit, so that so many patients have the unpleasant habit of shooting first and investigating afterwards, and for any injury to person or property there is the authority to appeal to, since the aggressors, when not beyond the law, are themselves the law."

The arbitrary authority of the military has of late extended itself to the infliction of the death penalty for offences defined by a proclamation of Sir Neville Macready. It now develops that an eminent legal authority, in the person of Sir John Simon, formerly Attorney-General of England and now a member of the Privy Council bar, definitely challenges the legality of these executions. He cites the case of the Kerry farmer Cornelius Murphy, who was sentenced to death by court-martial and actually executed for the crime of having in his possession a loaded revolver. Sir John points out that the death penalty is legally applicable only to treason, murder, and one or two rare offences; that none of these is triable by court-martial, and that the offence of having in one's possession a loaded revolver is unknown to the statute law. He contends that the execution of Cornelius Murphy, in the absence of express statutory provision, is illegal and consequently involves all those responsible in the guilt of murder; since the military authority for executing a death sentence is based on a military proclamation of great legal and political importance.

Every such protest adds a little to the impetus of the great and promising movement for a reconciliation between the English and the Irish people, whose progress we have already noted. That it will speedily achieve its end must be the dearest hope of every man with a regard for the interests of humanity. Thanking you in anticipation for the courtesy of your notice.

Yours very truly,
S. D. I. L.
per Thomas Kelly, Secretary.
March 21, 1921.

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Regular	\$55.00, \$65.00, \$91.50, \$115.00
Now	\$36.66, \$43.33, \$61.00, \$76.66
COLORED SILKS.	
Regular	\$19.50, \$27.50, \$36.75, \$52.00
Now	\$13.00, \$18.33, \$24.00, \$34.66
BLACK SILK AND CREPE DE CHINE.	
Regular	\$21.00, \$46.00, \$55.00, \$91.50
Now	\$14.00, \$30.66, \$36.66, \$61.00

Coats for all Seasons

Every Coat in our extensive stock—and there are some beautiful ones—is offered at one-third off. Here's an opportunity that will surely tempt you. Advance style Coats of January's importation among the selection. Just see for yourself.

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Regular	\$56.75, \$66.50, \$80.50
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Regular	\$39.50, \$48.50, \$60.00, \$64.00
Now	\$26.33, \$32.33, \$40.00, \$42.66
SEALETTE.	
Regular	\$56.75, \$59.75, \$70.00, \$90.00
Now	\$37.83, \$39.76, \$46.66, \$60.00
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Regular	\$95.00, \$165.00
Now	\$63.33, \$110.00

Lovely Evening Gowns

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Trimmed Silver.	
Regular	\$81.00, \$91.50
Now	\$54.00, \$61.00
CREPE DE CHINE.	
Trimmed Tulle and Silver Lace.	
Reg. \$32.50. Now	\$21.66
COLORED SATINS.	
Reg.	\$32.50, \$39.75, \$45.00, \$66.75
Now	\$21.66, \$26.50, \$30.00, \$44.50

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Every Hat in our Showroom is offered at Half Price. They are Velvet and Satin models chiefly. In Black, Nigger, Taupe, Rose, Grey, etc. Large and small models. Every Hat Half Price.

Reg. \$4.90, \$7.00, \$8.75 to \$19.50
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One-Third Off

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Serge, Velour, Tricotine, Jersey Cloth, Tweed and Gabardine in Navy and all fashionable shades. Exclusive designs, perfect tailoring and first quality goods go to the making of every costume offered. No two alike.

VELOURS.	
Reg.	\$71.50, \$87.50, \$95.00, \$109.50
Now	\$47.66, \$58.34, \$63.32, \$73.00
NAVY SERGE.	
Reg.	\$45.00, \$65.00, \$82.50, \$110.50
Now	\$30.00, \$43.32, \$55.00, \$73.66
NAVY TRICOTINE.	
Reg.	\$65.00, \$85.00, \$145.00, \$180.00
Now	\$43.32, \$56.66, \$96.66, \$120.00
BLACK SERGE.	
Reg.	\$48.75, \$52.50, \$85.00, \$105.00
Now	\$32.50, \$35.00, \$56.66, \$70.00
SILVERTONES.	
Reg. \$48.75. Now	\$32.50
JERSEY CLOTH.	
Reg. \$58.75, \$79.25. Now \$39.16, \$52.84	

Dainty Blouses

Dainty Blouses and Over Blouses for house wear, or for wear under one of our smart costumes we are showing. Charming designed Blouses in Georgette, Crepe de Chine, Silk and Satin in Black, Navy and many fashionable shades. These are some of the prettiest Blouses we've ever had, and are bargains that will be quickly picked up.

CREPE DE CHINE.	
Reg.	\$6.85, \$10.75, \$12.90, \$19.50
Now	\$4.57, \$7.16, \$8.60, \$13.00
GEORGETTE.	
Reg.	\$12.75, \$15.75, \$24.75
Now	\$8.50, \$10.50, \$16.50
SILK.	
Reg.	\$9.75, \$12.50, \$19.50
Now	\$6.50, \$8.34, \$13.00

Dainty Dressing Gowns

Our stock of Dressing Gowns and Bath Robes is quite considerable. There are some lovely color-combinations in Navy, Saxe, Fawn, Grey, Rose and Pale Blue, in Velvet Cord and Blanket Cloths.

Reg. \$10.75, \$15.50, \$22.25 to \$31.00
Now \$7.16, \$10.34, \$14.83 to \$20.67

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Part of Crew En Route.

Story of Marjorie McGlashen's Loss. Scarcely a week goes by but the crew of one or more Newfoundland craft passes through here on their way to their homes in the ancient colony. The last to come here are three members of the ill-fated former Lunenburg schooner Marjorie McGlashen, owned by Hickman & Co. of St. John's, which was blown on the rocks of the entrance of the port of Malaga, Spain, on the 11th of February.

Unlike other shipwrecked mariners

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who returned via North Sydney, after suffering untold misery while in their fight for lives after the loss of their craft, the three members of the crew of the McGlashen were spared such a dreadful experience, although they are rather downcast on account of being disallowed wages since the moment their craft became a total loss. The Marjorie McGlashen sailed from St. John's on the 7th of December and was at Malaga awaiting orders. It being hard to find a market for the 4,000 quintals of fish on board. For fully a month the craft was anchored at the Spanish port, when she was caught in a storm that sprang up on the night of the 11th of February and was soon a hopeless mass on the shores of Malaga Bay. Fortunately for the crew of six and her skipper, they were able to make land without much trouble, although very little of their belongings was saved.

From Malaga the crew went to Gib-

raltar by train, where the cook, Tom Kennedy, signed on the Newfoundland schooner Florence Squires. Captain Evan Lodge, of Catalina, and first mate Kerby, of Green Bay, continued on to London, where they will join another homeward-bound craft. The other three survivors who came here are S. House, of Catalina; R. Peddie, of Trinity, and L. Coombs, of Fogo, Herald.

They arrived at St. John, N.B., Sunday night on the British steamer Clapham and reached here last night. They are now waiting the arrival of the steamer Kyle, which is expected here Friday. The Marjorie McGlashen was a three-masted vessel four years old. Both the vessel and cargo were covered by insurance.—North Sydney Herald.

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Fought With Sea Monster.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 12.—Florence Zeigfeld, Jr., and G. Leonard Repliege, battled for eight hours yesterday with a giant ray, or devil fish, that towed two boats forty miles from Palm Beach and 17 miles to sea, and then escaped when the cables broke, although its body bore four harpoons, eight rifle bullets, and fifteen wounds from lances.

London M.P.'s Want Liquor Restrictions Removed.

London, March 11.—A movement is afoot among a numerous group of members of parliament to urge the Government to remove the wartime

restrictions upon the sale of liquor. Probably some extension of the present hours of opening may be granted shortly, but it is certain the country will never go back to the pre-war hours. License-holders themselves are opposed to a return to the pre-war condition in this regard.

Fads and Fashions.

A knitted kimono dress is very smart and charming for the kiddie. Spring frocks show contrasting colors and combinations of material. Afternoon gowns have short or long sleeves of transparent fabrics. Narrow bands of jet trim a gown of black satin and black Chantilly lace. For coats and suits canna Hly and fery red woollens are particularly good. Panels, tunics and ruffles are much in evidence on spring frocks.

Sympathy From Lord Morris.

A gentleman in the city, who received a letter from Lord Morris by the incoming mail, gives us the following extract:—

"I was sorry to hear by cable of the death of M. A. Duffy. In his death I have lost one of my best friends. It seems to me I have known him since he was a baby in arms. His father, Andrew Duffy, a trusted employee of Goodfellow & Co. was one of my earliest friends in politics and was on my first election committee in '85, and up to his death was a close friend."

M. A. Duffy was a very dear personal friend and supporter of mine since he left school. He was of the type that you could feel, no matter where he was, was doing propaganda work for you and your cause. He took a deep and keen interest in public affairs, and for all the years since I have known him worked continuously and constantly for me and my associates, not alone during the days preceding the election but all the time. In all these years I saw a great deal of him. I had abundant opportunity of studying and forming an estimate of his fine personality, attractive characteristics and high attainments. If he believed in you and was a friend of yours you had a loyalty that could never be brought into question. Once he gave his word nothing could alter it. I had many proofs where he took great risks threatening to sever old friendships rather than take sides against me. There is no doubt about it that he possessed abilities of a very high order, and with a stronger constitution, and in a larger field with ampler means of embodying in substantial results his views and knowledge of business he would have attained to a high place in the commercial world. Thus it is that one after the other old friends pass away, all serving as a warning that we ourselves are nearing the end of the journey. "The good die first, and those whose hearts are dry as summer dust burn to the socket."

Theory of Disaster.

SCHR. BELLE OF BURGOE MAY HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED.

The discovery of a floating mine at Sambre Head at the mouth of Halifax harbor a few days ago recalls a distressing sea tragedy, in which a number of homes in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were saddened by loss of life. The fact that a well known North Sydney business man met with a very serious loss lends local interest to the story. William and Angus Glikie, two Sambre fishermen, last Thursday discovered a floating mine at Inner Sambre Ledges, which fact they immediately communicated to the naval authorities at Halifax with the result that Commander Shenton proceeded to Sambre and removed the explosive from the mine after which it was taken to the dock yard in Halifax, where it is now on exhibition.

The finding of this mine accounts for eight out of fourteen of these infernal machines that were laid by the German U-boats during the year 1918. The sad tragedy of the sea that this discovery recalls is the loss of the schooner Belle of Burgoe on the 6th of September, 1918, owned by James Dunne, of this town, and sailed by Captain John Field. A lot of Halifax, and a crew of six men, three of whom were natives of St. George's district, Newfoundland.

The Belle of Burgoe sailed from Halifax with a cargo of gasoline bound for St. John's, Nfld., on the evening of the 6th of September. After 12 o'clock midnight, a gale sprang up and the next morning it was reported that the Belle of Burgoe had gone down with all hands, only a small portion of the stern, upon which was plainly written the name of the vessel, being found.

Although it was known at the time to the naval authorities that the dreaded U-boats were in local waters, it was not generally known the cause of the loss of the Belle of Burgoe, which was attributed to the storm. The discovery of the mine, however, makes it clear that this staunch schr. was the prey of either a submarine or the victim of a floating mine, as the vessel would have been long past Sambre before the storm sprang up.

Another significant fact is that while the schooner was loaded with gasoline that not a vestige of the casks containing the gasoline was to be found, which leads to the theory that the vessel was captured by a submarine and after removing the much-coveted gasoline, that she was ruthlessly torpedoed or blown up by an inhuman enemy, and the crew heartlessly allowed to perish.

Mr. Dunne, before her sailing, had the vessel re-chartered from St. John's for overseas and was guaranteed a freight of \$7,000, paid in advance, which, besides the vessel represents a serious loss to him. It is a small loss, however, compared with the precious souls sent to eternity without a moment's warning.—North Sydney Herald.

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