

United States. Nay, I trow not but that they are glad to go into the gaol for a short time for the honor it confers, the sympathy it excites, and money it commands. For a people who are accustomed to plead for Peter's pence for the poor exile in the gorgeous palace of St. Peter, will neither lack eloquence nor boldness to plead the cause of their leaders in Kilmainham gaol.

When Parnell and Dillon first visited the States they did so on the wave of famine sympathy. They converted the sorrow and enthusiasm arising out of the famine to the vile purpose of a political organization, whose chief aim was their own luxury, but whose effect was to unsettle their own country. Committees formed for famine purposes were afterwards in many cases converted into Land League Societies. Parnell and Dillon knew very well that they could not tap the American till with a political key alone; hence they invented the famine key. So, more than a year ago, from my pulpit in Brooklyn, N.Y., I said on this point to my people:

"You will understand that in this agitation the famine is a secondary consideration. Mr. Parnell and Dillon did not really come to this country to raise money for the famished ones. At the Madison Square meeting in New York, Mr. Parnell acknowledges this point. He said: 'Our object in visiting this country as originally formed has been considerably modified by the pressure of circumstances. Originally we proposed only to address you on behalf of our political organization.' Now, what does this political organization propose? Ah, that is a secret, which the honorable gentleman has invariably refused to answer when asked. My own idea is that it is a sister to the Fenian one. Fenianism is nearly dead; it has bled the people all it could; hence it was necessary to organize a new. It was soon learned by this Irish delegation that that object alone would not tap the American till. The people of this country are ready with charity for the needy, but not to buy arms for the purpose of fighting England. Jesuitism had foreseen this difficulty, and so they have unequally yoked together the Protestant Parnell and the Catholic Dillon. What a team! This team; however, can draw on the public doubly. Had the delegation been a Catholic one, it would have been a failure. Beat the Jesuits if you can. Imagine Protestants contributing to establish Catholicism and overthrow their own faith! English-Americans aiding armed revolution against the land of their birth! Believers in the Monroe doctrine stretching their arms across the sea to mix in the quarrels of a friendly nation!