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A Defence of England's Attitude

Government a free gift of £500,000 a day, the Admiralty published a brie year for the expenses of establish- communication: "During the period between p.m. ment." And now under the pretext that she has paid too many taxes in April 20th, and p.m. April 21st, an the past, she is to be exonerated from attempt to land arms (20,000 rifles in ire and, all share in the National Debt, in- captured in Russia) and ammunition cluding the debt of the Great War, in Ireland was made by a vessel unwhich has, however, protected Ire- der the guise of a neutral merchant

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Editor Evening Telegram

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Dear Sir .- So many mis-statements land as well as the rest of the Empire. ship, but in reality a German auxand so much false information have "Here we have finance marvellously iliary, in conjunction with a German simplified; the Bolsheviks have made submarine. The auxiliary sank and appeared in the papers of late, that I a number of prisoners were made, feel compelled to write this refuta- disciples!" With the exception of a brief Mr. Lindsay Crawford says, "The amongst them was Sir Roger Case article by Rev. Dr. Jones and a little fight is neither racial nor religious in ment."

more lengthy one by Rev. T. B. its origin," and then goes on to quote That same evening there were oth Darby, no attempt has been made to history. But Crawford's deductions, er surprises; "the German cruiser deny the many inaccuracies that like those of Miss Hughes, won't bear came out, the east coast of England was bombarded, an armed rebellion have appeared in print or spoken on analyzing.

the platform. Miss Hughes speaking As in 1641 and 1798 so in 1916 the in Dublin, the General Post Office in the Methodist College Hall on cry is "England's difficulty is Ire- seized by rioters, etc." We can all Oct. 5th, drawing a parallel between land's opportunity." "A' dangerous remember these events as they were Ireland and some of the other small phrase, and fallacious precept. All described in the newspapers. The nations, said :- "Ireland though as Irish modern history can be dated coincidences' were conclusive; the 'large as some and with a revenue back to that; everything else can be, "Germans have been at work, and the much larger, was governed against traced to it, a series of links in the Irish too. Ireland has given herself her wishes, her development was neg- chain of circumstances." Yet Craw- away." This rebellion in Dublin lected and her education grant per ford has the effrontery to say that lasted till Saturday, 29th. "The sum "the fight is neither racial nor re- total of the adventure was 124 solcapita reduced to the minimum." Let us first take the subject of de- ligious in its origin." And in spite diers killed, 400 wounded, 216 civil-

velopment. In 1882 in order to get of Mr. Crawford's assertion to the lans killed, 514 wounded. The finest unfortunate men without resources contrary, statistics show that "Ul- streets in Dublin were destroyed and and will be ready for occupation in a out of difficulties, an Act of Areas was ster has contrived to grow prosper- the damage amounted to £4,000,000. passed, which made the Irish tenants ous, more prosperous than the whole The losses of the Sinn Feiners could the houses will admit that they are a free gift of one year's rent up to the of the rest of Ireland put together-" never be estimated."

sum of £30. Finally from 1887. on- and that too under the same politi- Then, according to the ancient forwards, the insolvent tenant could re- cal, fiscal, and customs regime which mula, Ireland's martyrdom began. main on his holding for six months her unproductive fellow-countrymen. The prisoners were taken before and the "packing-case" effect which after the decree of eviction, with the abuse at every turn.

Nowadays the oppression of Ire- howled the Irish. Good Gracious! option of selling or buying his holding during the interval. The land- land by England is a myth, and a they are not set up to award good lords received no compensation for feeble one at that. "Ireland is in conduct prizes. All the signatories of eye. They are as comfortable inside distress out of habit." To substantiate the proclamation were shot. Altoall these encroachments upon common law. By the Land Acts of 1885, this assertion, what evidence can be gether there were fifteen executions; known as the Ashbourne Acts, the better than John Redmond, speaking sixty-nine others condemned to death, Exchequer advanced to the tenants in 1915 in his town of Waterford to including Countess Markievicz, were has a well appointed bath room, with £5,000,000 to acquire the land of Irishmen from Australia, Speaking reprieved by General Maxwell, who all modern conveniences. A large those landlords who were anxious to of his visit to Australia, he said: had plenary powers of life and death. measure of credit is due to Mr. Badsell; the purchaser to repay the "Only thirty-three or thirty-four The Irish called this a butchery. It State in forty-nine yearly instalments. years have passed since then,, but is the same old cry of all riotings and with characteristic thoroughness and The subsidy, doubled in 1888, was ex- what a revolution has occurred in all rebellions; preventive measures hausted in 1891, but had given 25,000 the interval! To day the people, are odiouc repressions and retaliation former tenants possession of their broadly speaking, own the soil; to- are criminal!

holdings. In 1891 Mr. Balfour, real- day the laborers live in decent habita- The rebellion of 1916? Pshaw!-a izing the good results of the Ash- tions; to-day there is absolute free- small matter when all was said and bourne Act, conceived a vaster ap- dom in the local government and the done; was it not almost justified by plication; he obtained from Parlia- local taxation of the country; to-day the horrors of its suppression? You ment a credit of £30,000,000. The we have the widest Parliament in the will often find these a posteriori arnumber of evictions fell from 5,200 in municipal franchise; to-day we know guments in Irish polemic. This 1881 to 670 in 1895. Any other coun- that evicted tenants who are the how the history of this martyred try but Ireland would have been prowounded soldiers of the land war, race is written; one could laugh a fuse in its thanks. It only made the have been restored to homes as good it if one did not know that in twenty Irish more greedy and more threatas those from which they had been years' time earnest men will take ening; in spite of receiving their due, originally driven. We know that the these fables, so colemnly stated, as they made more exacting demands. congested districts, the scenes of true facts.

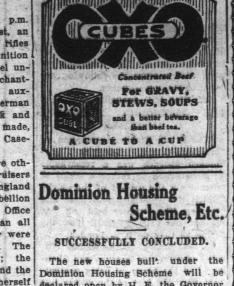
As all landlords did not despoil themsome of the most awful horrors of But when peace takes place selves at the same moment, and as the old famine days, have been Ireland, it won't be Ireland that we they had to wait for opportunities to transformed, that the farms have have to thank, in spite of the fact purchase, some counties and some been enlarged, decent dwellings, have that "she tried to stab us in the been provided, and a new spirit of back."-John Redmond's words.

tenants got satisfaction quicker than the others. And the latter became hope and independence is to-day jealous and got tired of waiting. In amongst the people. We know that the 1896 there appeared the most recent towns' legislation has been passed of the agrarian leagues, the "United facilitating the housing of the work Irish League"; soon every self-re- ing classes. So far as the town tenspecting patriot belonged to it. It ants are concerned we have this condemanded two things-the suppres- solation, that we have passed for sion of pasture lands, and com- Ireland an Act whereby they are pulsory purchase - the radical ex- protected against arbitrary eviction, propriation of property of recalciand are given compensation not only trant landlords. "Force the land- for disturbance from their homes, lords to sell us their land." but for the good will of the business It had recourse to all the violent they had created-a piece of legislamethods of earlier leagues, boycot- tion far in advance of anything ob- Movie Actress. All ting, refusal to pay rent, and so on. tained for the town tenants of Eng- framing. The landlords, weary of these con- land. I may add far in advance of

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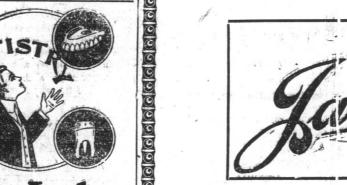


declared open by H. E. the Governor and Lady Harris on Thursday next at 3 o'clock. We learn from Hon. John Anderson, who inaugurated and carried through the scheme, that the houses are now practically finished, few weeks. Anyone who has seen models which other builders might copy to advantage. The designs of Architect McCarter are attractive

is so common in St. John's gives way "Bloody courts, to a gabled, not-too-uniform row of houses which are a pleasure to the as they are good-looking outside Each house, which contains five rooms, spacious halls, cupboards, etc. cock, the well-known foreman, who, speed, carried through the work of speed, carried through the work of building so satisfactorily. After the ceremony the houses will be open for public inspection.

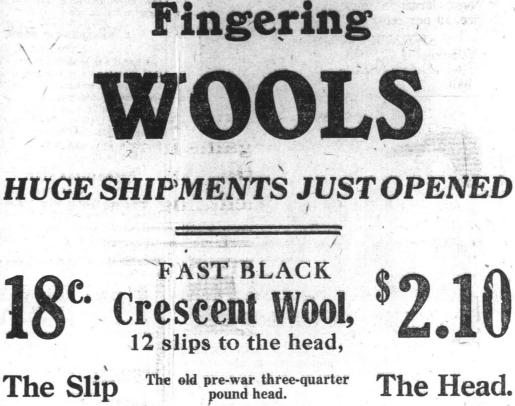


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tinual fights, summoned the leaders of any legislation obtained for the town the League to confer with them, tenant of any other country. promised them that they would be "We know that we have at last only too glad to sell if they were only won educational freedom in univerbetter compensated, and they agreed sity education for most of the youth Returning to to submit to the Government proof Ireland, and we know that in posals emanating from both parties; primary and standard /education the the result of this was the last great thirty-four years that have passed agrarian law, the Wyndham Land Act, have witnessed an enormous advance or Irish Land Purchase Act of 1903. in efficiency and in the means pro-This heroic measure opened an enorvided for bringing efficiency about. mous credit, first of all estimated at To-day we have a system of old age total of £100,000,000 and later at pensions in Ireland whereby every £180,000,000, raised by annual loans old man or woman over seventy is of £5,000,000 on London. The landsaved from the workhouse. free to lords who sold and tenants who spend their last days in comparative bought could debate their price freely comfort. We have a system of naand have it ratified by three Estates tional industrial insurance which Commissioners. Of about 650,000 ocprovides for the health of the people, cupiers, 74,000 had already become and makes it impossible for the poor. owners under Acts passed before hard-working man or woman, when 1903. It is calculated that 240,000 sickness comes to the door, to be others will profit by Wyndham's Act. carried away to the workhouse hos-Does that look as if Ireland's developpital, and makes it certain that they ment is being neglected? If the de- will receive decent Christian treatvelopment shows signs of neglect, let ment during their illness." Poor Ireland! Cruel Albion!

the Irish work more and complain, and riot and destroy less. On April 25th, 1916, Easter Tues-

Regarding Education, Miss Hughes statement is an unmitigated falsehood. England's total appropriation for education was around £26,000,-000; that words out at about \$2.80 per head of the United Kingdom. Yet "California Syrup of Figs" Ireland received over \$3.00 per head, thus she does not receive the minimum but the maximum, and \$3.00 is more than Newfoundland receives from her Government. Ireland has 2 Universities, 3 Colleges, and between 8000 and 9000 schools. If, then, her people are illiterate, shame to her, for doesn't Mr. Crawford point out that she is a wealthy nation? Then what is Miss Hughes complain ing about? Miss Hughes also asserts that "Last current year Ireland's revenues, according to British statistics, amounted to \$186,000,000. Out of this Ireland was given back \$62,-000,000 for civil purposes. The balance \$124,000,000 there was no accounting for." There she is wrong again for "under the Union, which the Irish are so anxious to abolish, Ire-

land costs the Imperial Treasury Accept "California" Syrup of Fiigs more than she brings in; the annual deficit is about £2,000,000 and inonly-look for the name California on the package. then you are sure looks well. creasing every year as a result of your child is having the best, and

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