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### Ireland Gives World Lesson

Convention to Settle Troubles An Idea to be Later Widely Adopted

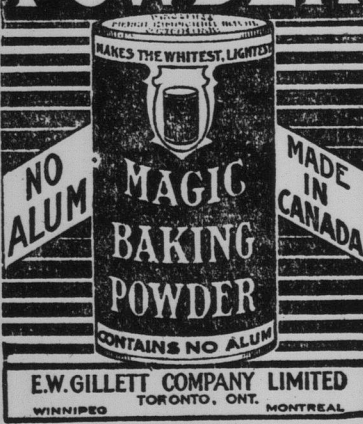
Coercion, convention and chaos are the alternatives in Ireland today, says Sinead Leslie, writing in The New York Evening Sun on "The Irish Convention." They are stages which every country engaged in this war has to face. Millardism is coercion, whether applied at home or to another. Chaos is the fate of Russia, whose shapeless Duma does not compare with the well-defined convention in Dublin. Before the coming of the next era the whole world must go into convention. On a small scale Ireland is giving the world a lesson in the art of making peace.

As to the fairness of the convention, it is popularly representative, though not elective. It is more democratic in fact than in theory, which under the circumstances is more likely to produce a democratic result than a fiat referendum to the people. In the latter case there would be danger of no result at all.

It is to be noticed that the machine politicians have been largely machined out. In view of revolutionists, embryonic in Ulster, and full fledged in the Sinn Féin, Redmond has agreed to nominate the absurdly small number of five delegates out of a hundred. The Unionists have been induced by an additional five to their party five to play the role of Curtius and leap into the chasm for the general good. But they are pretty certain to land on their feet in a Home Rule Ireland. Under modern conditions an industrial district like Belfast need never fear parts devoted to agriculture. Belfast can be an iron menace to Dublin, but Dublin can only threaten Belfast portentially.

As to the clerical contingents, it will

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do Catholic and Protestant Bishops all the good in the world to sit together. Should they disagree at all, a stout Presbyterian has been provided as a lightning conductor.

The x or doubtful quantity which will swing the convention is contained in the fifteen members of the crown. They will prove the uncertainties, the dubitations, the free lances, and probably the deciding factor. They will adjust both the preliminary solvent and the final cement in the right proportions. Representatives of churches, chambers of commerce, parties and local councils are restricted to their own interests.

The recent delivery of the prisoners from prison is a wise stroke essential to the success of the convention, in which we must recognize the smooth-

ing hand of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who if he were not wanted now in Washington would make as good a president of the convention as any mentioned.

#### Guarantee of Success

The crisis in the time, as well as the variety of opinion rallying to the convention, insures its successful result. England is radically converted to Home Rule on the best grounds, the practical. Northcliffe's conversion is not a sentimental one, but based on the big imperial and world interests involved. "On such a basis there is some hope for a solid bargain. It is better it should be so. England stands to lose more than Ireland does by a failure in the convention. The Irish prefer Northcliffe's frank volteface to waxy radicalism in England."

Scintillation has too long taken the place of reason and argument in Ireland. The Sinn Féin and Ulster parties are more sentimental than practical, as is proven by their insistence on rebellion in the last resort. The Irish impetuosity is a cloak of sentimentality, which, owing to their insubstantial nature, can find no clearing house. What is needed is a reduction of all rival needs and debts and claims to the practical. This the convention is eminently fitted to do.

On the whole it is desirable that outside comment and interposition should refrain from disturbing their labors.

Its success will lie in the power of its members in exacting moderation among themselves and firmness toward England. They must be able to say "this far and no further" to one and then drive a strong bargain from moderate ground with the other. In Irish politics there is one rule—be bronze or be broken! When the Celt breaks into blind hysterics the English politician can get the better of him, but for a permanent agreement he would prefer the rules of the Celt. He did not understand O'Connell's gossamer, but he understood emancipation was a good exchange for rebellion. He did not understand Parnell, but he was glad to strike the Kilmainham treaty. Parnell became a cold butcher for all lines. Home Rule meant a practical expedient. The Irish slaughtered him in a fit of sentiment. Redmond made his bargain, but unfortunately the goods were not delivered. Ireland rose against her leader again.

#### AN AVIATION CLUB IS FORMED

Will Provide Comforts for and Attend to Welfare of Flying Men

Convalescent Home Will be Arranged For—Duties and Privileges of Membership—Gift of Aerodrome

The last few weeks have seen the inauguration of a new war activity on the part of aviation, which promises speedily to become a very valuable auxiliary to the air service in Canada. This originated with a few ladies, all relatives of officers in the Royal Naval Air Service or the Royal Flying Corps, whose idea was that there was a distinct need of some organization that would provide comforts for, and attend to the welfare of, the many hundreds of cadets and men of the Royal Flying Corps, or who will be stationed at various barracks, schools of instruction, and aerodromes, that already are, or will be established in Canada, with headquarters of the Royal Flying Corps at Toronto. The organization is called the Canadian Aviation Aid Club, or "C. A. A. C.," as it is already known among its members.

At one of the inaugural meetings last month, Col. W. Hamilton Merritt emphasized the need of a club such as this. He laid stress on the fact that the Royal Flying Corps, being an imperial army unit, has not the advantages of a grant either from the dominion government or from the city, as most Canadian units have, and that it is therefore necessary that anything (apart from their pay) to be done for the comfort and welfare of the cadets and men in Canada shall be undertaken by some such organization as this, or by individual enterprise.

The C. A. A. C., having organized itself, will now apply itself—in view of a generous gift by Mr. Robins of the use of a large tract of land in North Toronto for the establishment of an aerodrome—to the speedy acquisition of a suitable building, to be used as a combined convalescent home and aviation club house.

Already the C. A. A. C. has been active in other directions. It has provided many comforts for the Givens street barracks and the aerodrome at Camp Borden. The funds have been obtained from members' fees and contributions, private subscriptions, the proceeds of a concert and the proceeds of an afternoon bridge and evening dance.

Any woman interested in the aims and objects of the C. A. A. C. is eligible for membership, on her name being approved by the executive committee.

The membership fee is \$1 a year, and the payment of another dollar secures the badge of membership. Every member is expected to donate at least one pair of socks each month. It is hoped to establish branches of the club in Montreal, Hamilton, Merritt is honorary vice-president. Mrs. E. H. Duggan, of 336 Huron street, Toronto, is president; Mrs. T. G. Pepler, of 331 Huron street, is vice-president, and Mrs. Stuart Strath is secretary-treasurer. The executive consists of the president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. W. Ince, Mrs. W. B. McLean, Mrs. Stewart Strath, and Miss Catherine Merritt. The general committee consists of Mesdames T. D. Delamere, Weir Anderson, Frank Hodgins, A. M. Stewart, Fred Leach, Spratt, and Grace.



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### The Suicide Of Holland

(Toronto Globe.)

Holland is now so prosperous that many of her people are fighting for food. The cause of this rather anomalous condition lies in the fact that Holland is no longer Dutch, that the instruments of nationhood no longer respond to the will of the masses. So Germanized has grown their government, so infested the Kaiser's spies, and so completely have their merchants succumbed to the lure of Teuton gold that the people find themselves unable to obtain the necessities of life, and serious rioting, together with general strikes, in Amsterdam has resulted.

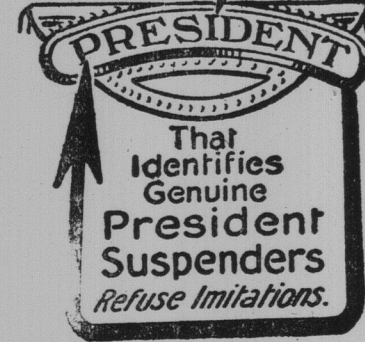
The first outward manifestation that something was radically wrong came last week when enraged women and children stormed potato-laden barges in the inner harbor of Amsterdam and seized large quantities of this foodstuff. There emerged from this and similar episodes the revelation that Dutch merchants are making such a harvest of gold from selling potatoes, along with other foodstuffs, to the Germans that the people of Holland have been in some cases reduced to almost starvation conditions.

The potato riots have let the cat out of the bag, and the British authorities have been quick to seize upon this occasion to make the Dutch position clear. The British Legation at The Hague issued a statement in which it was said that there was no obligation on the part of Holland to ship potatoes to Great Britain so long as none are sent to Germany. The statement adds that the existing contract between Britain and Holland only stipulates that exportations to Germany must be preceded by the exportation of a certain quantity to Britain.

"It will thus be seen," the statement concludes, "that the remedy for any deficiency in Holland rests entirely with the Dutch parties interested. The whole trouble has arisen from the anxiety of the Dutch to supply Germany with potatoes."

Through contiguity, espionage and

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and German gold Holland has now been placed in a position quite similar to that of Greece up to the deposition of Constantine. In both countries the resources of the people, contrary to their favorable to the Central Powers. Their governments ceased to be their protectors, and instead worked hard for the strengthening of the Teuton position, which was equivalent to their own undoing. The Dutch people are surely, if not strongly, pro-Ally in sentiment, but as a correspondent says, "the attitude of the Dutch government is another matter." Will the Entente Allies exert pressure upon that government as they did upon Constantine and his entourage? The aid Holland is rendering Germany in an economic way is just as important as the help given to the Teutons by Greece in a military way. It hinders the Entente Allies' triumph just as effectively by helping to feed Germany as the Greek king did by maintaining a menace in the rear of Sarraïl's armies.

The Burden First Weary Willie (studying war news)—"I wish the Russians would begin again." Second Weary Willie—Why? First Weary Willie—"Cos we've done all the work at present—Case's Saturday Journal.



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