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IN ALL THINGS CHARITY

Students of international law may go on quoting statutes from Justinian to Maine, but what are meant by the just rights of nationalities " the ordinary layman will never discover. Are our statesmen of various camps agreed upon first principles of public morality such as are likely to command general assent ? There is little indication of fundamental agreement in their party manifestos. Let us hope that what Tennyson styled

"the common sense of most," in spired by a conviction that the world crisis demands measureless sacrifice, will triumph over pride and selfish greed when the anticipated League of Nations takes such matters in hand.

We do not find in Kipling's works in Hall Caine's romances, or even in Robert Louis Stevenson's tales and essays a mood of neutrality in their estimates of national character. Indeed some of the greatest writers - Dr. Johnston, Kingsley, Carlyle Swinburne, to go no further-had fine old crusted prejudices that colored their views concerning the religion and morals and ideals of the nations around. Who could have foreseen that this outbreak of repressed forces would fling such diverse people into each other's arms under the compulsion of interests held in common for the time being ? It were folly to pretend that the bulk a Christian conscience can refuse to of Sir Walter Scott's readers shed their native likes and dislikes be. cause they appreciate the romantic element which invests the various have made my choice, and here characters with a potent charm. As stand. for Ireland and her chronic troubles it is only necessary to refer to the lamentable history of England's confused dealings with the warm-hearted and unfortunate race who inhabit its to the testimony even of her enemies most inhospitable provinces in explanation of a state of feeling which only an influence more subtle than nationality can ever transform into contentment. However opinions may differ, the phrase " union of hearts." derided as though it involved a transderided as though it involved a trans-parent absurdity, still embodies the them the noblest virtures of Chrisonly ideal that promises hopeful conditions for the future of that distressful country.

ul country. Let us curb our disposition to exalt our own class and type, remembering that in these larger affairs also the law of charity should prevail. Which breed can afford to despise another ? Has not each its own use and function ? The foes of such glorious monuments to faith today may, as aforetime, be the of this wonderful city, dedicated to neighbours of tomorrow. Why Ireland's patron Saint and erected poison the springs of nationality with by the sacriftees of his faithful sons calculated scorn ? After all, human and daughters ? What is true of nature is not radically different in America's greatest city is equally its elemental traits. Rulers have a true of thousands and thousands of day of reckoning in front of them. humbler fanes in humbler communi We may, one supposes, still retain a natural distinctiveness in costume. mental habit, and general outlook. while genially regarding special peculiarities which are attributable to historical and climatic influences. The State has much to learn and teach in this respect. The gay and irresponsible Irishman, the hardfisted Scot, the wily Welshman, and the pig-headed John Bull have too long strutted behind the footlights. Not from Shakespeare or Molière or Schiller have such grotesque caricatures come; rather are they the offspring of popular ignor ance and prejudice. Even Charles Lamb's "Imperfect Sympathies" helong to a loose habit of over estimating the near and familiar. Surely the essence of nationality must consist in a worthy pride in ancestral achievement, a love of the qualities which make a people truly great, self-esteem borne upward on wings of laudable desire, not in material force, provocative and demoralising. Some day, perhaps nearer than our faithless hearts allow, new and fresher meanings will shine forth from the old familiar words, the everlasting doors will open, the power and the glory, the victory and the into court? God forbid! majesty will crown worthier lives

unchangeable, have been so completely and entirely transformed that close themselves, moulding humanalmost nothing remains of them to remind us of what once stood as ity to a nobler pattern, which shall be the harbinger of a destiny more firm as Gibraltar. glorious than the visions of prophets and saints have foretold. denly

CARDINAL O'CONNELL'S APPEAL

THE WAR JUSTIFIED ONLY BY UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES

THIS WAY ONLY LIE JUSTICE AND PRACE

One of the greatest and most en thusiastic mass meetings ever wit-nessed in New York City was held in the interests of Irish freedom at Madison Square Garden. Over 25, 000 persons convened to give ex pression of their love for Erin and at the same time to welcome Boston's illustrious Prelate, who was the principal speaker in this monster

When His Eminence rose, the great building echoed and reechoed with the mighty outburst of enthus-iastic applause. For several minutes he was unable to proceed.

ADDRESS OF CARDINAL

In finally yielding to the repeated urgent invitations of your Committee to be present here at this significant meeting tonight, I have listened to the voice of duty alone.

As the case was presented to became clear to my mind that to stay away would be tantamount to the evasion of a grave obligation to my faith, my country and my race. When the voice of that sacred trinity of motives calls no man with rise and follow it no matter what the cost or the sacrifice.

I had to choose between convenience, conventionality and duty. I

The Irish people through all the painful vicissitudes of their history have been faithful, as no other people in all the world, to the Christian faith. The most Christian coun-try in all the world today, according is Ireland. FAITH OF CHILDREN OF ERIN

When her children, fleeing from

an intolerable condition of servitude under a foreign domination hateful to the proud spirit of all freeman, came in pitiable exile to these shores ed m tian souls. Where even today would the Church in America be-for that matter in the whole English speak.

ness, the unquenchable devotion of the children of Erin? Is it possible that any of us bish

ops or priests of America could ever be guilty of forgetting that to the heroic generosity of the Irish we owe complete liberty ?

just claim forgotten and neglected RIGHT ALONE SHOULD RULE

It is as the elemental forces sud denly asserted themselves and had completely overrun the earth. The kaleidoscope of the world has been shaken and the bits of colored glass in the child's toy have rushed into new combinations which puzzle the eyes of our brain. One after another thrones have been overturned and Empires have fallen. Disorder has broken loose upon the earth, and unless some power greater than the forces of anarchy prevails, all Europe

-all the world -will be shaken to the foundations of civilization. A GREAT DELUSION The great war is over now, but he who fancies that because the great

war is over universal peace will appear on schedule time has a great disillusion ahead of him. No, unless now that the war is over, justice begins her rightful reign over the whole earth, there may be a momentary lull, but enduring peace will not be attained. It was for justice that humanity fought, and humanity will still be ready to go on with even fiercer wars until justice holds full SWAY.

Be not deceived by false prophets. Diplomacy which failed so utterly to preserve the peace of the world will not succeed alone in bringing it back.

Underneath the smooth and cool phrases and barren formulas of a diplomacy which has forgotten its own purposes, we can even now hear the mysterious stirring of elemental forces striving urgently to burst through the cryptic formularies of a decadent system, striving to get into articulate speech what suffering humanity wants to say, striving with the impatience of agonizing multi-tudes to stop the babble of bribed officialdom that honest men may be heard, striving to articulate in all the

dialects of the world the word, which heeded, will help the staggering earth to recover itself, unheeded, will plunge the whole tottering world into universal anarchy. THEATRE OF MIGHTY CHANGES

America is far away from the real eatre of mighty changes. But even

America will not easily escape a movement so universal as now is visible on every horizon. What is that movement? It is the pent up longing in the hearts of a dozen nations for the right to rule them. selves.

The doom of autocracy has already sounded. The silent millions of Russia, patient for centuries, have rushadly into the vortex of revolution. Even in Germany, which seemed so content with itself, a new force is pushing out the older forms. Obviously, therefore, we are at the

end of a period, and a new one is beginning. Is it strange that when Po-land and Serbia and the Czechs and the Slovaks and the Serbs and the UL "ainians are clamoring for national rights and national recognition that Ireland for full seven centuries dominated by foreign rule acquired only by force and even today exercised by force, should now more than ever call

If in the blaze which the great war

Let them beware in time who en

courage by their actions and words today before the court of the world such dangerous conclusions as these. Is it really true that the blood of millions has been shed that right alone should rule the world, and that the monster of brute force, might, which in many places besides Ger-many has dominated the fate of mil-lions of human beings, should be deposed forever? Is that really true? Is the law of justice to be honestly applied to all, or is it to be still mere-ly a cloak to hide indefensible, sel fish purposes and to be dispensed ad Pilot.

libitum as governments have the brute power to observe or ignore it as they like?

Was the great war a conflict for true freedom under right for all alike or was it a grim hoax played upon theingenuous by the shrewd manipu-lators of clever phrases ? These are all the questions which any man in the streets who has ears on hear taken.

can hear today. The world of hon est, trustful men is waiting for the answer, and woe to the world if that answer be not honest, frank and

Surely since the peace of the world depends upon the answer it is the solemn duty of all of us, especially of those of us whose duty it is to hold up before all alike the great principles of Christian morality by which alone mankind can live, to speak out fearlessly and clearly, lest being found faithless in such a world crisis, we forfeit forever our right to be listened to by honest men. If faith is to survive this hour of the universal groping and striving, the men of faith must speak. If they are silent now, then whose the blame if all faith perishes from the earth ? Is that then, the real meaning of Malachy's dread prophecy-'religio depopulata ''?

DEEPEST PURPOSE OF THE MEETING The deepest purpose of this meeting is that faith may prevail-faith in governments, faith in rulers and congresses, and all that set of divine principles and influences and human agencies by which the world is held in order.

This War, we were told again and again by all those responsible for the conduct of the War, was for justice to all, for the inviolable rights of small nations, for the inalienable right, in-herent in every nation of self-determination.

The purpose of this meeting to night is very specific. The War can be justified only by the universal application of those principles. Let that application begin with Ireland. Ireland is the oldest nation and the longest sufferer. If these principles are not applied in her case, no matter what else may be done there will be no complete justice, no genuine sincerity believable, and the war not bringing justice will not bring peace.

Who was it who by the enunciation of these great principles united the peoples of the whole suffering earth? was our own President-once Wilson of America, now Wilson of the world. Tomorrow he lands at America, as the bountiful mother of true freedom, to help her regain the treasures stolen from her, and rein state her in full possession of her land the very principle of self determination, which today Ireland

demands, and which we of America, in accordance with the principles

When those men in whose hands now rests the fate of all freeman arise, with their work for the welfare of the world completed, may one of the world completed, may one of the world completed may one of go to France and nurse tubercular of the world completed, may one of the very first articles of that treaty of soldiers !--St. Paul Bulletin

peace for all the world read; "We meant what we said—Ireland, like every other nation, must be free— one united Ireland, indivisible, unseparated now and forever." And the children of the Gael, scat-

tered over all the earth, will hear that soul stirring message and then moved by a common impulse, they will turn their faces toward Erin, lift up their hand to Heaven, and at that moment of Ireland's triumph will sing in unison the greatest Te Deumthat ever arose to God.-Boston

THE ULSTER SEATS

JOINT APPEAL BY BISHOPS SUGGESTING SETTLEMENT The Lord Mayor of Dublin has re-

eived the following communication November 26, 1918.

Dear Lord Mayor,-After consid-ering the ecclesiastical business for which they were assembled on the 6th inst. at Armagh, under the presidency of His Eminence Cardinal Logue, the Bishops of the Northern Province, in view of the General Election, gave anxious consideration to the sad prospect for Ulster and for Ireland which political divisions among our people so dangerously open up. We felt we ought not to separate at such a momentous crisis without making a definite sugges-tion to save the situation at least in its most threatening aspects. The Lord Mayor of Dublin is the first citizen of our country, and more than once he has shown how well he can discharge heavy responsibilities that have developed on him in that capacity. We therefore request him to take in hand and have settled the

greatest difficulty the election pre-sents. That difficulty concerns the representation of Nationalist seats in Ulster which, by reason of a contest between men on the popular side, are likely to pass to the Union-ist minority. Be these seats eight or ten in number we propose that the Lord Mayor, in conjunction with Mr. Dillion and Mr. de Valera or in his absence, Mr. John M'Neill, should divide the representation of these seats. The question of a mem-ber or two gained to either side should count for little in face of the object in view. We suggest an equal division. But the full Nationalist strength should support the adopted candidate in each constituency. We request the Lord Mayor to convene the gentlemen we have named for a day not later than next Saturday, and to have this letter publish. ed on receipt, in the metropolitan and provincial press. We have stated what we consider vital in regard to Ulster. We earnestly trust that a like provision may be much more widely applied, especially where the need is similiar-Michael Card inal Logue, Patrick O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe ; Laurence Gaughran, Bishop of Meath : Charles M'Hugh,

Bishop of Derry; Patrick M'Kenna, Bishop of Clogher: Patrick Finegan, Bishop of Kilmore ; Joseph MacRory, Bishop of Down and Connor ; Ed ward Mulhern, Bishop of Dromore. His Lordship the Bishop of Ardagh does not sign, as not belonging to the civil Province of Ulster.

MR. DILLON ACCEPTS

POPE ENJOINS PRAYERS

FOR A LASTING PEACE DIVINE GUIDANCE FOR THE PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE IMPLORED BY CATHOLICS THROUGHOUT THE

VORLD

Pope Benedict has addressed an encyclical letter to the Catholic Episcopate throughout the whole world, exhorting the Hierarchy to offer universal public prayers so that Providence may guide the members of the approaching Peace Conference and give the world peace founded on true principles of Christian justice and love among men. The letter bears the date of December 1st. It says :

"That which the entire world so long sighed for, that which Christian ity implored with fervent prayers, and that which we, interpreting the common grief, urged with paternal heart for the good of all, has in a neart for the good of all, has in a moment come to pass as the last booming of the guns is silenced. Peace has not yet solemnly ended the war, but an armistice has meanwhile suspended the slaughter and devastation by land, sea and air, happily opening the way for peace."

The Holy Father attributes the end of the War "to Him who governs all events, Who, moved to pity by the recover finally from so many griefs." The Pope rejoices at the impres-

Almighty that the great gift granted us shall have its crowning, that the delegates of the various nations to meet in solemn congress shall give the world a just and lasting peace. Such grave and complex decisions will have to be taken as no human assembly ever took before. There fore words are wanting to express how greatly the delegates need to be divinely enlightened so as to be able to accomplish their mission.

"Their decisions in the highest degree will affect the interest and good of all humanity. Thus, Catho-lics who favor order and progress must invoke the divine assistance upon those participating in the Peace Conference. We desire this duty to Conference. We desire this be recalled to all Catholics."

The Holy Father ends by urging the Episcopacy of the world to implore the Almighty by means of ublic prayers in each parish to shed His light upon the congress and enable it to secure a true peace founded upon the Christian principle decisions of the congress everywhere accepted and loyally executed by Catholics with a view to perpetuat ing order, tranquillity and concord in the world.—Buffalo Echo.

> THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

(By Cardinal Gibbon Today the whole Christian world rostrates itself in adoration around rostrates itself in adoration around

CATHOLIC NOTES Another award has gone to a Cath

olic Canadian Chaplain; Captain (Rev.) W. L. Murray of Pembroke diocese has been awarded a Bar to his Military Cross.

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Chicago leads all other cities in the number of churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin-43. New York has 38

Alaska has a Catholic population of 11,500, all of whom are converts or descendants of converts. The Jesuits have charge of the missions

The Archdiocese of Chicago has already given thirty four priests for chaplain service in the Army and Navy.

Rev. John F. Swift is the third priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to take up American foreign missionary work by joining the Maryknoll society.

It must have been an inspiring sight to see 5,000 Catholic boys in Camp Meade take a yow of clean and rever ent speech. They had just received Holy Communion.

The church erected by general subcriptions in Rome in 1911, to commemorate the sixteenth century of Constantine's victory over Maxen-tius, was consecrated recently by the Archbishop of Palicia.

The Postoffice Department has authorized a change in the name of the town of Germantown, Kansas, to Mercier. The citizens, mostly German nativity or extraction, re-cently petitioned the Department for persevering prayers of the good, con-persevering prayers of the good, con-ceded at last that humanity might honor of Cardinal Mercier of Belgium.

The first known Bishop of Verdun. The first known bishop of version of piety that has occurred throughout the Catholic world, and continues: "There remains now to implore the lived in the fifth century. Its abbey of St. Paul was founded in 970. Its cathodral was a plain, massive, two-

square-towered edifice. Verdun is now in a state of desolation. Over 1,400 negro soldiers, mostly Catholics, recently left Camp Shelby,

Miss., for service abroad. The Cath olic chaplain heard their confessions under the shade of trees, and on the following morning at a field Mass gave them Holy Communion.

The Anglican bishop of Exeter, England, said the other day that in his opinion the man who best used the war was Cardinal Mercier, who took it with its devastating effects and turned it into a great engine for Christianity.

American Bishops are excused from making their "ad limina" visite in 1919. They must make them, however, in 1920 if conditions permit; if, not, they can wait till 1924. But they must send their reports to the Holy See.

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Just now there is being shown in Rome the film of "Fabiola." can imagine no film which would of justice. The Pope on his part will interest Catholics more than these use all the influence of his Apostolic pictures of Cardinal Wiseman's great story of the early centuries. story of the early centuries. 'Fabiola'' was recently exhibited before the College of Cardinals, who came at the invitation of Cardinal Gasquet, the learned English Benedictine.

> In connection with the Bristol celebrations of Independence Day, there is one noteworthy link between the Catholics of that English city and their American co-religionists. As Canon Lee pointed out in his

ties all over the land. Can any of us among the Church's new light their claim to separate con-leaders ever remain silent and inactive when there is at stake the

welfare of the people to whom we owe our very daily bread and the roof that shelters us ? There is no legitimate length, no limit within Christian law, to and every prelate and priest of America should not be glad and

happy to go when the cry of the long suffering children of the Gael comes to us, and when as now, ba-loce the tribunal of the whole century for seven hundred years by protest, by appeal, by parliament, by world the sacred cause of justice to every nation and every people is to be given a public hearing.

HEEL OF FOREIGN DESPOT

It is because the people of Ireland have solemnly kept their sacred word. given to their Apostle to be faithful to eter's successor as they would be faithful to Christ, that they have felt the heel of a foreign despot mercilessly grinding them down into the very dust of humiliation. Yes let us she permitted even cosay it frankly and openly for it is her into forgetting it. the truth, it is the fidelty of Ireland to all she holds most sacred which

has been the chief cause of her offending Are we whose very lives are dedicated to the eternal principle for which fre-land has become a martyr among the nations, so bitten by mere worldly interests as to be mute in this day when all the world of national wrongs and of brutal might is summoned

In God's name let us now speak

of the human race beheld as with a people of Ireland, too, had even a clearer and a stronger vision of their age-long inheritance?

IBELAND AS A NATION

Ireland's position as a nation, is nothing now which the war has just succeeded in creating. Never, since the day her crown was stolen, has she ceased to claim it back. In every

arms when other means seemed fu-tile, but in any event, by one means or another, as she found it in her

power to use them, Ireland has never failed to keep alive herown sense of distinct nationhood and impress it as palpably as conditions would allow, upon a listening world. As a rofoundly Christian nation, she has clung to the law of God in all these demonstrations of her loyalty to her-self. Rarely, very rarely indeed, has

she permitted even cruelty to goad But ever and always every method she adopted, every leader who spoke

her cause, every victory won, every defeat suffered, every weapon used, every strategy designed, ever and ever, and ever, the sameul timate pur pose is clearly visible, and that pur pose is the vindication of Ireland's right to government only by consent of the governed.

That is the principle which ulti mately won America's freedom; and it is because America understands that principle, that Ireland today re-

enunciated by our President, today also are determined by every legiti mate and lawful and Christian means to aid Ireland to obtain. For Ireland equally with America fought in this conflict for right.

America has fought in this War not for selfish aims. She has given her best blood, her hardest toil and her enormous wealth and in return gets not one foot of soil, not a single material gain. She has a right to demand that for which alone she has made such tremendous sacrificesjustice to all.

THE TEST OF SINCERITY

Let the test of sincerity be Ireland. Then we will be convinced that truth still lives. Ireland must be allowed to tell the

world freely what she wants, how she wishes to be governed. Speak up Ireland; make the world hear you Wake up England, for the world i watching you !

May God grant that the voice of Ireland be heard and that at last peace entering Europe through Ireland's freedom, bring even to England its blessings and its fruits.

I firmly believe that the day that England honestly faces her full duty to Ireland and fulfills it faithfully, God will bless her as she has not known His blessings for many centur-For as with the individual soul. so with the soul of a nation-a clear conscience is the only door to happi-

We want this honest and frank expression of our principles, the prin-

The Lord Mayor of Dublin, who the crib of Bethlehem and rehearses arrived home at an early yesterday morning, gave the following letter for publication : My dear Lord Mayor,-Having

carefully read the letter of the north. ern Bishops, I have no hesitation in saying that I cordially accept your invitation to meet Mr. De Valera. or failing him, Mr. McNeill, in conference on the lines suggested in their Lordships' letter. I may add that I heartily agree with the wish expressed in the letter of the Bishops of Ulster that the plan of settle-ment suggested by them regarding the Ulster seats should be extended to the rest of Ireland, and that Ireland may be rescued from a number of bitter contests between Nationalists, which, if they are persevered in, must inflict terrible, if not fatal, injury on the Nationalist cause.

Yours Sincerely. JOHN DILLON.

GAVE TWELVE SONS

When the time comes to call the roll of those who have done dis-tinguished service, in the cause of

tern district, Rt. Rev. Charles Walmshour in accents of love a history which ollow precedes all time and will endore ley, whose body now rests at Downside Abbey, who consecrated America's first Bishop, Dr. Carroll, of throughout eternity. If asked to Baltimore, at Lulworth Castle, on explain the rapturous influence August 15, 1790 which controls us we have no other words than the evangel of joy which the angel gave unto earth, "For this Jonkheer Ruijs de Berrenbrouch

the angel gave unto earth, "For this day is born unto you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." The blessings resulting from our Christian civilization are poured out so regularly and abundantly on the intellectual, moral and social world, like the sunlight and the air of heaven and the fruits of the earth. that they have ceased to excite any surprise except to those who visit lands where the religion of Christ is bility. Jonkheer Ruijs de Berren

Before the advent of Christ the whole world, with the exception of the secluded Roman province of Palestine, was buried in idolatry. Men worshipped the sun and work Men worshipped the sun and moon and stars of heaven. They wor-shipped everything except God only, As three and a half years have

shipped everything except God only, to whom alone divine homage is due. Christ, the light of the World, pro-the stablished in the Vatican the Bureau of Prisoners of War, much interest claimed unto all men in its fulness the truth which had hitherto been work done by the small army of hidden in Judea. He taught man- priests (regular and diccesan) and of Mrs. Catherine Isabelle O'Brien, of God existing from eternity unto palace every morning and evening on Lower Buckete Road, four miles eternity, a God who created all their charitable mission. Up to the from Pheonix, Ariz.-formerly of things by His wisdom and Whose present something like 450,000 letters have been received at the Vatican homa City, and Russett, Okla. Mrs. O'Brien has contributed twelve sons to war service. Having done that much, you might think she had earned the right to sit back and rest intended for all men, for all times, Vatican burger of the state of the state of the vatican from parents, priests, bishops and of men—"without Whom not even a sparrow falls to the ground." The message of Christmas day is working in correspondence with the vatican burger of the state of the vatican to war service. Having done that much, you might think she had earned the right to sit back and rest

majesty will crown worthier lives with a reflected radiance from the Fount of all goodness. Life itself will take on a new dignity, for, cease ing to be the sport of abused privi-lege, and revealing its essential one ness in the clear light of the Divine

He is a Catholic and has been Min ister in Limburg since 1893. From 1888 to 1891 he was Minister of Jus tice. Following the recent general election the Queen requested Rt. Rev. Mgr. Nolens to form a new government. Mgr. Nolens, however. asked to be relieved of the responsi