

The Irish Question.

Editor Evening Telegram
Dear Sir:—The following story of outrages committed by Crown forces in Ireland during the month of November last has been compiled from English newspapers, and is of necessity incomplete, owing to the obstacles placed by the same forces in the way of Press correspondents desirous of ventilating their activities.

"Nine days out of thirty passed without a murder committed by the constabulary or military. On the other twenty-one days armed forces murdered 61 unarmed, defenceless men, women, and children, and attempted to murder 8 others; 101 unarmed persons, including women and little children, were wounded; 38 public halls or clubs were wholly or partially destroyed; 9 creameries burned down; newspaper offices bombed or wrecked, 193 shops, private residences and farm houses burned; the crops were burned on 71 farms, and 35 men were seized and publicly flogged by the constabulary."

This terrible record throws a light on the provocation under which acts of retaliation on the Crown forces are unfortunately committed. It leaves a black mark of shame on the character of the present British Administration, which introduced these forces which continues to employ and uphold them, and which through its chief spokesmen, has condoned their atrocities. There is evidence that intelligent Englishmen are at length coming to a realization of that fact. The Times, whose opinions carry more weight than those of any other journal printed in the English language, makes the following comment in a recent editorial: "An army already perilously undisciplined and a police force savagely beyond control have defied by heinous acts the reputation of English; while the Government are not free from the suspicion of dishonourable connivance."

More significant still, a memorial was recently presented to the British Prime Minister condemning "all murder and outrage" and expressing the conviction of its signatories that "the action of the Government in permitting 'reprisals' in Ireland is contrary to the dictates of humanity and justice and is inconsistent with the maintenance of orderly government." It was signed by the following imposing list of leaders of English thought: Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Acland, Rt. Hon. Francis Dyke Acland, M.P., Sir Thos. Barlow, former President of the Royal College of Physicians, Rt. Hon. Earl Beauchamp, K.G., Warden of the Clarendon Ports, Sir Hugh Bell, Bart., C.B., Lord Henry Cavendish-Bentinck, M.P., Lord Buckmaster, ex-Lord Chancellor of England, the Bishop of Chichester, Gilbert K. Chesterton, Rev. John C. D. D.D., the eminent Non-conformist divine, Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, M.P., former Food Controller, Lady Courtney of Penwith, Mrs. Creighton, authoress and widow of the late Bishop of London, John Drinkwater, poet and dramatist, Rt. Hon. Lord Esmott, A. G. Gardiner, former editor of "Daily News," William Garnett, D.C.L., noted educationalist, Rt. Hon. Lord Gladstone, son of the great Prime Minister and former Governor of South Africa, G. P. Gooch, historian and essayist, Rt. Hon. Arthur Henderson, J. Morgan Jones, M.A., Professor of Church History, Sir John Lawry, A.R.A., Walter Leaf, banker and litterateur, the Bishop of Lichfield, Rt. Hon. Lord Loreburn, former Lord Chancellor, H. W. Massingham, editor of the "Nation," Very Rev. W. More-Ede, Dean of Worcester, Lady Montagu, our own Lord Morris, Professor Gilbert Murray, Rt. Hon. Lord Parmoor, a member of the Privy Council, Judicial Committee, the Bishop of Peterborough, Very Rev. H. Rashdall, Dean of Carlisle, Owen Rhys, B. Seabloom Rowntree, Joseph Rowntree, Miss Maude Roydon, authoress, Rt. Hon. Walter Runciman, former President of the Board of Trade, C. P. Scott, editor "Manchester Guardian," Rt. Hon. Lord Shuttleworth, J. A. Spender, editor "Westminster Gazette," Mrs. Beatrice Webb and Sydney Webb.

It is perhaps fortunate that these eminent persons who they live in Great Britain and not in Newfoundland; for if they were to express such sentiments here they would in all probability be denounced as guilty of sedition, if not of high treason, for venturing to criticize the policies and practices of Mr. Lloyd George.

We have the honour to be, Sir,
Yours very truly,
PRESS & PUBLICITY COMMITTEE,
S.D.L.N.,
per Thomas Kelly, Secretary,
Dec. 21, 1920.

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