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**William O'Brien Says
Breakdown in Home Rule
Was Caused by Redmond
Having 'Accepted Bribes'**

**Irish Agitation Must Start All Over Again
With New Men Says Leader of
Independent Irish Nationalists.**

William O'Brien, the leader of the Independent Irish Nationalists in the House of Commons, has definitely broken with John Redmond and his followers, as well as with Premier Asquith. He holds that the Home Rule breakdown was caused by John Redmond having "accepted bribes" from the Premier; he believes that Redmond's party is shattered, and contends that the Irish agitation must start afresh with new men.

Mr. O'Brien is, with the exception of T. M. Healy and Laurence Ginnell, the only member of the Irish National Party who has retained the confidence of his constituents since Home Rule was suspended at the outbreak of the war. He enjoys popularity with the extreme Sinn Féiners, the Roman Catholic Bishops, and the Protestant Home Rulers, including such men as Lord Dunraven and Lord Pirie, as well as the Nationalist electors. Thirty years ago, he was regarded as the stormy petrel of Irish politics. His imprisonment and refusal to wear prison clothes caused wild excitement throughout Great Britain and O'Brien's right to wear his breeches became a popular war cry.

At a meeting of protest, held at Trafalgar Square in 1885 on what is now remembered as "Bloody Sunday," the police prohibited the demonstration of the London Democrats, and charged, killing four spectators. Two men were arrested and sentenced to hard labor for persisting in addressing a crowd. They were John Burns, who afterward became a Cabinet Minister, and Cunningham Graham, then a member of Parliament, and now employed by the British Government in purchasing horses and mules in Argentina for the army.

In the course of a recent interview Mr. O'Brien was asked whether he held Lord Lansdowne and Sir Edward Carson responsible for the breakdown of the Irish settlement, or whether the tactics of John Redmond and the Irish Parliamentary Party had caused the fiasco.

"The breakdown," he replied, "was caused by Mr. Redmond and his friends first, because they were frightened by the outburst of indignation in Ireland against partition, and, second, and chiefly, because the bribe of constituting their party without objection by anybody as a Dublin Parliament while leaving them at the same time members of the Imperial Parliament, at salaries of £400 a year apiece, for a minimum of two years and a half, without the least responsibility to their constituents, was dropped. Mr. Dillon admitted that Mr. Lloyd George had stuck to this latter gigantic bribe, making them the irresponsible masters of two Parliaments, the party would have joined in rushing the partition scheme through the House of Commons as an emergency measure before Ireland realized her fate. It was not the agreement for partition, but the bribe that broke down."

"Do you believe Mr. Asquith's pledge that 'Home Rule is on the statute book and will not be removed' would be taken any notice of in the probable event of a Conservative Government being returned at the next election?" "Mr. Asquith's reminder that the Home Rule act is on the statute book is a dishonest juggle with words," said Mr. O'Brien. "The practical question is can it come into operation under any Government, Liberal or Unionist? Mr. Asquith has solemnly pledged his party it never can without an amending act excluding Ulster, and it is common ground now with the Redmondites as well as the Liberals and Unionists that Ulster can in no circumstances be coerced into obedience to the act as it stands upon the statute book."

Then Mr. O'Brien was asked what tactics the Irish Parliamentary Party should pursue, and what kind of Home Rule (acceptable to the whole Irish people) he would propose.

"The present Irish Party," he asserted, "have disabled themselves from winning Home Rule for all Ireland by any tactics whatsoever, since they still stand by their agreement to surrender six Irish counties as a separate Orange State, and the Irish nation, now thoroughly aroused to the facts, would fight to their last gasp rather than submit. During the Home Rule debates my friends and myself proposed concessions to the Irish Unionists, guaranteeing them solid power in the Irish Parliament. Carson's

party admitted these concessions would have won Ulster. We were, however, hounded down in Ireland as traitors for conceding anything, and were laughed to scorn in the House of Commons by the Redmondites, who assured Englishmen there was no longer an Ulster difficulty and that Carsonism was all an affair of 'bluff' and 'wooden guns.'

"They have now in panic sunk on their knees to Carson, but it is to offer him the one concession Ireland can never submit to without sacrificing her life as a nation, viz., the surrender of the Province of St. Patrick and St. Columbeille and of the battlefields of the O'Neills and the cradle of Grattan's Volunteers and of Wolfe Tone's United Irishmen. Young men of capacity and broadmindedness will now have to be found to retrieve the situation. The new organization spreading fast in Ireland will no doubt produce them. They can only succeed on the lines of a preliminary conference among Irishmen on the model of the Land Conference of 1903, which will substitute for the present worthless and unworkable act a scheme of Federalism such as can be made to fit in with the Imperial Confederation System sure to be devised by an Imperial conference after the war."

"Do you think," Mr. O'Brien was asked, "that the Ulster opposition to Home Rule would survive a Home Rule Government if a Parliament for all Ireland were established?"

"I know for certain that Sir E. Carson and his Ulster friends are favorable to Federalism," he said, "and would prefer it to partition. But Ulster's submission to the existing act is now, by Mr. Redmond's own confession, absolutely and finally out of the question. On the other hand, Mr. Redmond's plot to buy off Carson with partition is, thank God, no less effectually blown sky high by the indignation of Ireland! We shall have to begin all over again with a clean slate."

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**Premier Scott
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OTTAWA, Oct. 16.—The resignation of Hon. Walter Scott as Premier of Saskatchewan, announced in a despatch from Regina, brings to an end a very troubled reign. Mr. Scott was the first Premier of Saskatchewan, having informed the first Government on the establishment at Saskatchewan as a province in 1905. Prior to that he sat in the House of Commons as Liberal member for the old riding of Saskatchewan, and was one of those who finally fell into line in support of the autonomy bills establishing the new Prairie Provinces. Of late years the Scott Government has retained the reins of power in Saskatchewan by means which have been the subject of vigorous criticism both in the province and outside of it. Confronted by an Opposition of growing strength, the Administration has been forced to defend itself against grave charges of malfeasance. Premier Scott himself has not been a well man for years, and his health has compelled him to absent himself from the province for long periods, leaving the work of administration to his colleagues. He has not, however, at any time attempted to disclaim responsibility as Premier for the policy of the Administration as carried out by his colleagues during his periodical absences.

The more serious charges made against the Scott Government in recent years have had to do with alleged manipulation of the franchise, and, latterly, with the bargain between the Government and the liquor interests of the province. The franchise will be recalled, was widened by provincial legislation for the apparent purpose of securing the votes of foreign settlers. It was in this connection that the charge was made that a British subject had no status as such in Saskatchewan.

Recent investigations in regard to misconduct in the highways branch of the Provincial Government and in regard to the alleged deal between the Government and the liquor interests have told the story of the latter troubles with which the Scott Government has been confronted. The investigation which was granted by the Government at the last session of the Legislature, following the inauguration of Government control of the liquor traffic, was much narrower than that which the Opposition had asked for. It resulted, however, in implicating to a serious extent members of the Legislature and supporters of the Government, and this result has unquestionably weakened the prestige of the Administration. Hon. Walter Scott surrenders a sceptre which has in recent years become far too heavy for a man in his indifferent health.

**Infantile Paralysis
Mystery Solved**

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—The mystery surrounding the cause of the spread of infantile paralysis has been solved, according to an official announcement made to-night at John Hopkins Hospital. Extensive research conducted by Dr. Horace T. Burrows, pathologist of the hospital, has resulted in the discovery of the infantile paralysis germ, the existence of which was established nine years ago by Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute. According to Dr. Burrows, the disease is not spread by contagion but the germ is introduced into the human system through the mouth in milk or water. In every case of the disease a germ has been found in the big intestine, showing that the disease is spread by some raw food. That that food is milk or water, is established by the fact that babies, whose only diet has been milk or water, die of the disease.

Of the diseased organs it has been found that the germ occurs only in the colon. The investigations prove that 100 per cent. are infected in this big intestine. Since it is only possible for the germ to enter the big intestine by way of the mouth, food and drink must therefore be the carriers. This discovery demonstrates for the first time clearly that raw food contains the germ of infantile paralysis. The investigators are so certain that this is true and that there is no other way for the disease to be contracted, that they suggest, that the quarantine be raised against personal contact, and that all raw foods, such as milk, water, fruits, etc., be sterilized, boiled or cooked before being given to children or others.

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