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"Free Speech."

Editor Evening Telegram

Dear Sir,—In view of the fact that no ban, as yet, has been placed on the expression of "Free Speech," and that the atmosphere of the "Star Chamber" has been purified by many years of subsequent liberty and emancipation of the subject, both in his thoughts, ideas, and expression, I feel that it is (still as yet) due to me as a citizen to be able to write or speak without fear or favor what I honestly believe—not as a hypocrite what I pretend to believe, or as a caterer to a section of thin-skinned people whose ideas—or pretense—is gauged according to the "pop" and "gain" of human prestige.

A number of gentlemen banded together under the insignia of the Loyal Orange Association, have discussed in conclave the advisability of the organization of "The Self-Determination League for Ireland," and the views of that League, forgetting that there are several things to be said and written in favor of that league. The Loyal Orange Association are I take it acting according to their lights, and are but following the programme planned out by that general body the world over. That idea—the principle of the league—is to oppose the Irishman, but I think it is going a bit far when the L.O.A. shall dictate as to what is free expression of speech and what is not and I furthermore feel that those gentlemen are over-reaching in their prerogative when they, approaching the Government, demand that certain writers (in a cause as an opposition they openly advocate) shall be muzzled, and that grandest thing a man can possess—"Free Speech" taken from him.

The views and the attempted design to have those views made legally statutory facts, are it is apparent il-

logical, and show quite plainly that current history is being neglected in its reading by those gentlemen.

To-day in England, some of the leading journalists, public speakers, and erudite propagandists are favoring the movement of "Irish Home Rule," and no public ban has been placed on their plea. Asquith, of whom Bottomley says that "no more impressive voice is heard in the British Commons," speaks to-day along the self same lines that govern the movement of the Irish League in this city, and yet he is neither denounced, silenced or cast out. Is it that freedom of pen and speech are a concrete thing in the Old Country, and but a myth here?

It is neither sporty or manly to threaten a man with the loss of his position if he shall continue to write in debate—as he would speak in debate—the truth as he sees it.

The slave of old dared not answer the master and fished in him a seething hate and detestation. "The world owes every man a living" has been written, and I think that it is a pure piece of tyranny to slich from the honest speaker or writer, the means of securing that living for himself and for his family. The gentlemen of the L.O.A. would forget that every member of that "Self-Determination League for Ireland and Newfoundland" is the son or the grandson of an Irishman. Every one of them are Irish descent, and was it not the Irish who were past instrumental in colonizing this home of ours?

The L.O.A. forget that the majority of our boys who went to their deaths in freedom's cause, were the descendants of these same Irish pioneers.

They forget what Lord Roberts said in his magnificent speech at Manchester in 1895, just after he had been made Chief of the Forces in Ireland, "My hat off to the Irish,—the

warmest-hearted people I know." They forget that magnificent action and those immortal words of the late Good Victoria, when she bade her Irish soldiers wear the Irish emblem on St. Patrick's Day and her words, "I honor my Irish children by having them honor their native emblem on this their own day."

Is this the hour to raise strife in this country because a clean-cut debate is on—a public discussion of a matter that is being fearlessly developed in England and elsewhere? Is the open and independent jurisprudence of a public question to be strangled by the voice of an opposition? and is it fair play to denounce the utterances of honorable and respectable citizens, when their pen and voice are used towards an international matter and its general discussion?

In the ranks of "The Self-Determination League for Ireland," as well as in the Loyal Orange Association, there are representative citizens whose views are honest and whose right should not be questioned. To muzzle them is tyranny, and but hieing back to the horror of the past, when man was a serf and what is perhaps worse a sycophant. I do not question the right of the L.O.A. to voice their sentiments along the lines of the Order of that Society nor do I see how they could as such a body, hesitate to take a stand of antagonism towards any kind of "Home Rule" for Ireland, but as a citizen with a citizen's rights I do question the movement of that organization to interfere with the rights of free speech, and I for one do deny the attempt to unsettle what was no more than a clean-cut debate, and to make of it all a disturbing factor in our midst.

This should not be, and the resolutions passed by the gentlemen of the

L.O.A. should stand as resolutions affecting the work and the views and the powers of that Association only.

To have such resolutions so far-reaching as to destroy any other body of citizens, or to injure the members of any other body of citizens, in their living or position, is to record those resolutions and the power behind them as a menace to all and sundry outside that Association; and it is to give a power, to be used, at will, by a minority of persons to the detriment of the many outside who hold free and independent views and under the law will express them.

I would like to point out to the gentlemen of the L.O.A. that the desire and wish of the members of the Self-Determination League for Ireland is that Ireland be granted the right to determine how she shall form her own method of self-government, and I am not aware that any member of that League fosters the idea of an Irish Republic.

The League is not inimical to the order of Dominion Home Rule as we here in Newfoundland enjoy it, and if Ireland so desires it, and the whole matter has been perverted by the resolving body of the L.O.A., I fail to see how or why, there is any animosity to the Crown in the expression of the Self-Determination League that Ireland be given the choice of government, and never was the "Honit soli qui mal' y pense" idea more or better conveyed than in the resolution of any society that condemns something that never in the letter or the spirit existed.

To stir up sectarian strife, to antagonize the creeds and the churches, to set fellowman against each other, to bring racial and religious embitterment into our midst, is, I judge, wrong and poor weapons to the uniting of any cause. None of this existed at that time when our boys marched away shoulder to shoulder, and fought together and died together, and are mourned and honored now irrespective of their creeds or nation.

The unknown hero that was placed in the great Westminster Abbey a few days ago, must have been an Irish lad, but no less would he be honored or no less would be the touching and splendid tribute of the King who placed upon that historic bier the tender and genuine tribute of a royal as well as a kindly monarch. After such a war as has ravaged the whole condition of humanity, and near upset the tranquility of the world, home peace might at least be looked for.

This is an epoch when mutual aid, assistance and vitalizing kindred spirit should be given each to each other. Merciless and antagonistic discord is a poor thing amongst us, and can have but one deplorable issue—Hate, animosity and strife.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your kindly insertion of this letter, which I beg to assure you has been written only with one object in view, merely "Fair Play to all."

I remain, sincerely yours,

P. J. KINSELLA.

Dec. 6, 1920.

The "Veteran."

The editor of the Veteran, a monthly magazine published in the interest of the Great War Veteran's Association of Newfoundland, has our thanks for a copy of the initial number, which came to hand this morning. Following the introduction explaining the mission of the journal, and its aim and purpose, the December number, contains autographed messages from Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, Prime Minister of Great Britain, Field Marshall Earl Haig, Lord Northcliffe and Col. A. E. Bernard, announcing his resignation as president of the G.W.V.A. The illustrations are numerous and topical, the articles readable and interesting, and altogether the make-up is one of which the editor, Mr. Fred R. Emerson, and his staff may well be proud. The Telegram welcomes the Veteran to the ranks, and hopes that it will have a successful and long life.

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Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir—I noticed a letter, accompanied by a cutting from the Montreal Star, published in your issue of Nov. 30th. This letter which was written by one R. F. Cobbitt, an ex-R.N.R. man, was in reference to Naval Prize Money. Now sir, I would be obliged if you will publish a letter received by me recently from the Naval Accountant General at Ottawa in connection with the same matter. His letter is as follows:—

OTTAWA, Nov. 10.
Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 19th inst., I have to inform you that you have 8 months qualifying service in the Royal Canadian Navy for Naval Prize Money. As you are a member of the R.N.R. Nfld., it is necessary to forward your application to the Registrar of that Reserve, and on receipt of a reply from him, you will again be communicated with.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) CHIEF ACCOUNTANT.

Yours truly,
ex-SKIPPER J. RODGERS.

216 New Gower Street.
Nov. 30, 1920.

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