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### The Irish and The War.

An Address by Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor to the Irish-Canadian Rangers of Montreal

One of the most interesting allusions made to the part the Irish are playing in the great overseas war was that of Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, the general manager of the Bank of Montreal, in addressing the recruiting section of the 199th Irish-Canadian Rangers in Montreal. In his appeal to Major O'Brien, the officers, the non-commissioned officers and the men of the 199th Irish-Canadian Rangers in Montreal, Sir Frederick said: "I have come here this morning to say a few words to you for three reasons: first, because it is my duty; second, because I am heart and soul with the great Cause; third, because there is not a drop of blood in my veins that is not Irish. Glory be to God!

"The world will tell you there are two kinds of Irish. There are the Irish from the North, described by the inimitable Rosebery as the toughest, the most dominant, the most restless people the Lord ever made. Then there are the Southern Irish, the Celtish, whose hospitality is as free as the wind upon their mountains, as lavish as the rain upon their valleys, whose love of fighting and whose gallantry in the field have been storied in record sublime to the uttermost parts of the earth. I have in my hand a prize that was presented by the Grand Duke Michael. Perhaps you cannot see it at such a distance, but it is composed of two kinds of gold cunningly dove-tailed—red gold and yellow gold. These two degrees in the precious metal do not detract from the intrinsic value; on the contrary, the combination gives the article enhanced value and gave scope to the ingenuity of the artificer. So it is with the Irish. In this great fight the North and South are indissolubly welded together in a manner that serves to bring out the worth and quality of each and the result is patriotism of purest gold, whether the individuals are Papists or Protestants.

"I dare say you have heard the story of the Irishman and the Jew who were passing through Place

d'Armes. The Irishman, in duty bound, as he passed Notre Dame Cathedral, reverently took off his headgear. 'Why,' said the Irishman, 'I had no idea you were so polite to my religion—to the Roman Catholic Church!' 'Oh,' said the Jew, 'I wasn't taking off my hat to Notre Dame Cathedral—I was taking off my hat to the Bank of Montreal.' Well, Rangers, the next time you are marching past the Bank of Montreal, you can remember that the boot is on the other foot, and that there is at least one man who will come to the window and metaphorically take off his hat to you, for I give you my word, I envy you from the bottom of my heart. I would rather have the youth and strength to join your ranks—yes, to stand in the ranks literally—than have all the wealth of all the banks in Christendom.

"You young men may not realize it, but you possess a form of wealth in your youth and strength giving you the ability to fight for your country in this hour of peril which is a priceless form of wealth indeed. Someone has said that the greatest pleasure in life is to play a leading part. You men in the Irish Rangers need not envy the middle-aged millionaires of this or any other country, for it is you, not they, who are playing a leading part on the greatest stage in history in the greatest fight for Freedom, Empire and Justice since the beginning of time.

"You go forth—it may be to die—but, God in Heaven, 'How can man be better than facing fearful odds, For the ashes of his fathers and the temples of his gods?' What is it to live, perchance, fourscore years and ten, then to end one's days full, probably, of sorrow and disease? To adapt the words of King Lear:

'One crowded hour of glorious life, Give back my twentieth spring; I'd rather be an Irish recruit Than reign a grey beard king.'

"You men of the 199th, go forth into the highways and byways and tell the other and unlighted that you offer them the privilege, at which they should jump, to join in fighting for the Flag, dear to us beyond words, that has braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze—to join in the greatest adventure the world has ever known!

"In conclusion, I know a boy who has been in France for eighteen long

months. He is as tall as the tallest of you, he is as straight as the straightest of you. He is now on his way to Salonica, and it may be that you may come across him some day. If you meet him, give him this message from his father: 'Smite the Hun, hip and thigh, for the honor of Canada, of old Ireland, and of the British Empire!'

"Major O'Brien, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 199th, I have nothing more to say, except to remind you of an ancient alternative song to 'Oh, Canada' and 'Tipperary.' It goes something like this:

'If it wasn't for the Irish  
What would the English do.  
Sure they saved the skull of old John Bull  
On the Plans of Waterloo.'

### What do You Think of This One?

A popular Berlin paper has hit upon the happy idea of a "Tax Competition," inviting men and women to send in short essays on the best methods of raising money.

The successful prize-winner was a lady, and in her contribution she expounded her theories with splendid originality. This will be understood from the beginning of her essay:

"In the first place, I should impose a corset tax. Such a tax would affect no one undeservedly, because a corset is not even necessary, as a woman presents a much less finished appearance without than with one.

"In respect to those who will not go without, I propose a tax of 10 per cent. ad valorem.

"On the inside of the corset a tax stamp would be affixed, and, according to my simple understanding, not very many officials would be necessary to perform that operation. Nor would those who are not overburdened with money feel the burden very greatly.

"The only difference would be that Fraulein Eulalie Birnrieder would assure herself her maidenly shape for 81 cents instead of 75 cents net, while Frau Hubermeyer could as easily armor her 265 pounds of solid flesh for \$19.25 as for \$17.50 without serious damage to her money bag."

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### All Eyes on Maine State Election

May be Indicative of Presidential Result in November—Republicans Confident of Winning State Elections—Democrats Equally Confident of Re-electing Governor Curtis—Hughes May Stump State in Interest of His Party

AUGUSTA, Me., July 27.—Will Maine set the pace for the political race of 1916 in the initial State election of the year? Will the results be indicative of the triumph of the Republican or Democratic party in November? Politicians throughout the country have their eyes on the Pine Tree State and will watch eagerly for the returns from the September election after some 140,000 voters have cast their ballots for two United States senators, four representatives in Congress and a Governor and other State officers. The State election in Maine has gained the reputation of being something of a political barometer, and the results are generally supposed to give some line on the sentiments in the country at large.

The Republicans of the State are confident of regaining control and of defeating Governor Curtis, and in their efforts will have plenty of outside help, including that of Charles E. Hughes, the presidential candidate, and twenty-five representatives in Congress and a dozen or more United States senators from other States. Whether President Wilson will visit Maine has not been decided, but the Democrats are expecting a number of speakers of national reputation.

For the first time in many years Maine is to lead the way—in fact it will be the only State in which an election will be held before the national contest. In former years Vermont led the country by holding its contest in the first Tuesday in September, but as the State has been unwaveringly Republican and maintained its reputation even in the face of the Progressive movement four years ago, the size of the Republican victory was accepted as the political barometer for the rest of the country.

Maine followed week later and usually confirmed the sentiment expressed in Vermont, as in both States the contests were frequently fought out on national issues.

Two years ago Vermont changed its constitution and joined with the other States in holding biennial elections for all candidates in November, thereby losing, in the estimation of many politicians, a chance for much political advertisement.

After being staunchly Republican for nearly half a century, Maine changed its political complexion in 1910 by electing Frederick W. Plaisted, a Democrat, as governor by a plurality of 8,753.

Two years later, despite a slump in the Republican vote in Vermont on Sept. 3, Maine changed back to Republicanism on Sept. 9 by electing William F. Haines over Governor Plaisted by a plurality of 3,295. Two months later Mr. Wilson carried the State on national issues by a plurality of 2,620 over Colonel Roosevelt, with Mr. Taft a poor third.

The strength of the Progressive movement was still sufficient to give the Democrats another victory in the State election of 1914, when Oakley C. Curtis was chosen by a plurality of 3,177 over Governor Haines. The vote of the three candidates for governor of Maine in 1914 was Curtis (Democrat) 62,039, Haines (Republican) 58,862, and Gardner (Progressive) 18,225.

The Republicans this year claim that nine-tenths of the Progressives have returned to the Republican ranks, and that the outlook for the defeat of Governor Curtis is every encouraging.

It is expected that the enforcement of the prohibition law will again play a prominent part in the State campaign, although the Democrats are expected to bring national issues to the foreground.

**I Bit of Insolence.**  
"Mr. Smith, may I take you apart?"  
"No, sir, you can't. I'm no prize puzzle."

**Careless Carefulness.**  
"The rain broke up the Preparedness parade, didn't it?"  
"Yes. Nobody thought to bring an umbrella."

### La Follette Blocks Big Naval Bill

WASHINGTON, July 28.—Senator La Follette again delayed passage of the Navy bill to-day, continuing until a few minutes before adjournment the attacks he began yesterday.

When he concluded the Senate defeated, 44 to 8, his amendment to prohibit use of the navy to collect private debts or enforce claims of American citizens or corporations.

A substitute by Senator Norris to prevent such employment or naval vessels until court procedures had been exhausted and arbitration denied also was defeated.

Senator La Follette charged that the financial interests of the country, centered in two Wall street groups known as the Morgan and Standard Oil combinations, were responsible for the movement for a large army and navy. He declared he had been informed upon good authority that General Carranza was negotiating agreements along those lines with Latin-American countries and later would ask the United States to enter into it.

The proposed naval programme, Senator La Follette declared, meant the inauguration of a policy to build a navy as great or greater than Great Britain's within the next ten years.

### Even in Baltic Germans Helpless

STOCKHOLM (via London)—July 31.—Almost every day British steamers lying at Russian ports, manage to get out of the Baltic and escape the German cruisers. The ships generally cross the Gulf of Bothnia and are piloted around Sweden inside the territorial limit.

This traffic during the last few weeks, has been considerably developed. The ships as a rule, take on board, and entire Swedish crew and Swedish officers. The pro-German papers here, are urging that this traffic be stopped, contending that it is not in accordance with absolute neutrality. But the government has taken no action, so far, against it.

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