

THE BLACK NORTH

ULSTERS'S NOISY BOUNCE.

Dunraven's Gloomy Picture of What Impends If the Bill Passes.

Harold Frederic's Cable to New York Times.

Although the political Protestants of Ulster began the week by trooping to church and joining in a specially selected prayer to the god of battles to bless their impending conflict; although each subsequent day brought hysterical telegrams about further panic in Irish securities, and although Belfast is covered from head to foot with huge orange placards summoning the sons of William to rise, it is a cold, historical fact that the Gladstonian majority only sits and grins, that trick having been played once too often.

Very possibly all these deep-voiced, excited appeals to arms, this sonorous thumping of the Orange war drum, might produce some effect on the younger generation of Liberals, perhaps might even stampede a section of them, were it not that precisely the same Belfast leaders kicked up the same identical racket in 1868, with all its rumors of distribution of rifles, all its solemn threats of civil war, and then, in the end, climbed down as meekly as Crockett's coon, and took their medicine without a murmur! That fact literally puts them out of court now. The Liberal papers need only print alongside their violent menace of to-day their still more tremendous threats of what they would do if the Irish Church were disestablished, to reduce the whole thing to the basis of the nigger minstrel. Laughter so loud and prolonged greets their most sanguinary harangues that they can't invariably keep from smiling themselves. They are going ahead, making prodigious preparations for mass meetings in Ulster during the Easter recess, with Salisbury as chief treason-monger, and all the Orange lodges deafening the skies with their drums. But they know as well as anybody else, and even admit in private converse, that really the game is played out. The only people they scare here in England are already on their side; the others find them amusing just now, but when later on they deem the joke has gone far enough, Ulster will be brought to its senses with a jerk.

So far from being impressed by Ulster's bravado, the Irish Nationalist leaders at heart wish there were more substance in it. Any overt attack upon the Catholics in the North would serve promptly to wipe out factional divisions in other provinces and definitely extinguish Parnellism. This little rump exists now in Parliament merely to allow John Redmond to pose about the House as a leader. Why it no longer exists in the country at large, Heaven only knows. For one thing, however, its treasury is now staringly empty, with no visible prospect of relief. I am told that some of its money has been expended of late in County Cork and elsewhere in the South in a secret distribution of arms, of course with no other notion than that of creating hillside rumors to excite silly youngsters, and little Patrick O'Brien is supposed to be in charge of this device. But it seems not to have produced much in the way of results.

Lord Dunraven addressed a Unionist meeting in Ulverstone Monday evening on the subject of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule bill. Should the bill ever go into operation, said he, social and commercial anarchy would reign supreme in Ireland. As everybody knew, Ireland was poor and practically without capital. Under the Home Rule plan British capital would be driven from the country as fast as the owners could extricate it from business. After a few years of legislation by an Irish Parliament not a British firm or landlord would be found in Ireland; the country would be bankrupt and would be a dead weight upon the Imperial Parliament at Westminster.

A grand demonstration was made by Ulster Unionist in Belfast Monday evening. Sir Daniel Dixon, Lord Mayor, presided at the meeting and spoke at length against the Home Rule bill. Between February 13, the day on which Mr. Gladstone introduced the bill, and February 25, he said the total decline of Irish railway stocks and other securities had been £1,845,750. A resolution denouncing the plan to give Ireland a separate Legislature was adopted unanimously.



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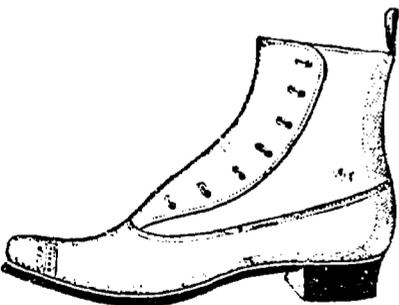
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