

Ireland's Pride and Ireland's Sorrow.

Michael Collins Will Remain One of the Loftiest Figures in all Irish Story—Not a Destroyer But a Builder.

From the "Free State" of Dublin, August 29 we take the following estimate of the life, work and aims of Michael Collins by Mrs. Alice Stopford Green. Mrs. Green is the sister of the late Stopford Brooke, professor of English literature at Trinity College, Dublin. She is the widow of John Richard Green, author of "A History of the English People," and is herself the author of many fascinating works on little known phases of ancient Irish history.)

Ireland has had many sorrows, but she has had no woe like this. Seven years ago Michael O'Connell, from a small farmer's house at Clonsilla, a clerk in an obscure bank in London, had his call to share in the desperate effort planned for 1916. Before six years were past he had become to us the greatest man that had ever been raised in Ireland for our deliverance. With his splendid frame, rarely equalled in Ireland, for perfection of balance and power, son and strength; with his young vigour and activity of mind, and the great affections of his heart, his coming to us was like a revelation from the old heroic world of Ireland. It might have been the appearance of a Cuchulain in the flesh, of his courage and generosity, or it might have been Finn from his deep intuitive wisdom and wide outlook. There was no slave-mind in the making in that ancient Ireland, and the new Cuchulain brought with him all the richness of its freedom of soul. Michael O'Connell will remain one of the loftiest figures in all Irish story.

His Wide Wisdom.

There was a long, long way to go after the Easter week of 1916 before the Irish might sit down in their own house; and Collins was the only man whose vision was wide enough to see all the possibilities of the new road to emancipation from the prison of the past centuries. Great soldier as he proved himself to be he was by his own genius not a destroyer but a builder. He recognized that he had first to "win the war" before he could "get on with the work" of salvation.

the ground had been cleared of the rubble and waste of centuries. The immediate necessity was to abolish utterly the slave-mind and its old terrors. A first step was to smash the British Intelligence department. How he accomplished that will doubtless some day be told—a marvellous tale of organization, of selecting and training and of power to inspire such confidence and affection that men, English and Irish alike, were ready to risk everything in his service. He had faith to believe in the Irish as self-respecting and self-supporting, and made the plan which had never been thought of by any former leader to raise a loan to be repaid, the sum of a million pounds; in spite of every effort of the British Government the sum was over-subscribed by men who did it at the peril of their freedom or their life. He had to get rid of old amateur methods of war, and to organize and discipline volunteers for fighting the enemy and for the safeguarding of property and defence of the people in the coming State. He it was in fact who carried the country. In all these departments of work others were working, able and loyal men. They will be the first to tell how it became the habit everywhere for the men of action to refer every difficulty to him, and to take his "Go and do it" as a final order. He was eminently just. A lady once thinking to please him, exclaimed, "Of course, every spy should be shot;" he turned on her angrily and gave his emphatic view of the conditions of judgment and punishment. With his keen eye for efficiency he collected all sorts of men from here and there, and established his own imperious discipline—a discipline enforced by his double hold on the men through his prodigious power of work and grasp of every subject, and through the passionate devotion which he inspired in all whom he selected to work.

His Most Rare Gift.

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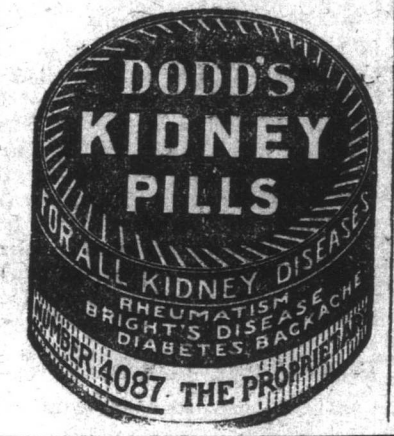
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the strength of every man who was trying in his department to turn out the old methods and bring right order out of bad traditions of favouritism and place-hunting.

He Had No Bitterness.

All men wondered as he took up his Herculean task. We know the bitter schism. But Collins was never embittered. He knew a good man, and to the end he kept his esteem and affection for those of his opponents whose honour he trusted. He himself had his cruel detractors—men with no eyes for the great facts of his genius. Their tales spread where they could harm, among the ignorant. There was much talk of political temptations in London to his supposed vanity. To those who know the facts



no more foolish lie was ever invented. He had only one concern where Ireland was concerned. He saw everything through Ireland's eyes alone. Nor had he any reverence for English Cabinets. When important summaries of Irish history and other statements appeared in the Press the common phrase was that someone else had written them, and so forth. They were in fact dictated by Collins as he walked up and down the room, and they show the penetrating judgment that went straight to the heart of a question. He had read much and thought, and his judgment not only of men but of a book or a play was thoroughly sound. Whatever lesser men might say of him, in his great heart there was to the last no trace of bitterness. No leader before him in Ireland has borne away so immense a love and eternal devotion as has been given to him. Their grief will know no consolation. I was standing by a young soldier as the vast procession filed in for their last farewell of the dead—"You are broken with fatigue and sorrow," I said. He turned away his head with a choking gasp—"I can't bear it." All alike now strive together to carry on the work from which he was torn so piteously.—Catholic Register.

Napoleon's Diplomatic Failure.

Napoleon and the Emperor Alexander I. of Russia, met at the Thurgau city of Erfurt, on September 27, 1808, a place more suited to the speculations of Luther than to the world embracing schemes of the Emperors of the West and the East. At the meeting, it was clearly not to Russia's interest to weaken the only buffer state—Austria—that remained between her and the Empire of the West. Despite Napoleon's eager arguments that England would persist in aiding the Spanish patriots, and Alexander showed an unexpected obstinacy, Napoleon's plea, that peace could only be assured by the entire discouragement of England, Austria, and the Spanish "rebels," had no effect on him; in fact, he began to question the sincerity of a peace-maker whose methods were war and intimidation. Finding arguments useless, Napoleon had recourse to



anger. At the end of a lively discussion, he threw his hat on the ground, and stamped on it. Alexander stopped, looked at him with a meaning smile, and said quietly: "You are violent; as for me, I am obstinate." "I can't bear it," he said, "let us talk, let us reason, or I go." He moved towards the door as he spoke, whereupon Napoleon called him back—and they had a further discussion. It was of no avail. Though Alexander left his ally a free hand in Spain, he refused to join him in a diplomatic menace to Austria.

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Household Notes.

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