

Land Purchase Muddled Matter.

WYNDHAM'S PLAN FAILED

Remedy Offered By Mr. Birrell Discussed by the House.

Mr. Birrell's remedy for the muddle in which Mr. Wyndham's broken down scheme of Land Purchase Finance has resulted was debated once again on the 9th instant, we read in the Weekly Freeman. It has been discussed again and again without bringing the parties to the discussion any nearer. The gulf of disagreement was not bridged. The Chief Secretary refused to yield on his proposal to increase the interest on all future agreements to 3 per cent. though Mr. Wyndham cut the ground from under the Treasury case when he revealed the fact that the Treasury were consenting parties in 1903 to the scheme whereby he inflated the price of Irish land by 68 per cent. in the interest of the landlords. As the Treasury entered the plot to increase the price against the tenants and fix a false standard of price, they should not now, when the false standard has been created, be allowed to throw any part of the resulting burden upon the tenants. For there lies the gravity of the position. Seven years ago, a 3-1-2 per cent, a 3-3-4 per cent, or even a 4 per cent annuity would have been not only fair, but prudent. The latter rate would have made the whole transaction safe, and the scheme of finance capable of internal adjustment to meet the variations of the money market.

MARGIN FOR ADJUSTMENT.

But Mr. Wyndham and the Treasury agreed to cut down the annuity rate to a figure that left no margin for adjustment, with the result that when the plan proves unworkable, a false standard of price has been set up, and the tenants will be expected to maintain that price, though they have to pay a heavier rate of interest for their money. Mr. Redmond rightly resists the increase in the annuity rate under such conditions, and his resistance was overcome only by the slender majority of thirty-four votes last Friday afternoon. He recognizes thoroughly the merits of other portions of Mr. Birrell's bill—that it lifts the shadow of a liability of some £600,000 a year off the ratepayers of Ireland; that it contains the first genuine scheme for the relief of congestion; that it adds three millions to the bonus. But the risk of getting back to a higher rate of interest now in view of the mad prices paid under the inducement of the lower rate is too great to be taken.

MR. HEALEY'S POSITION.

Unfortunately, the opposition to the proposal was weakened and almost disabled on the 9th instant by the former action and declarations of some of the opponents. Mr. T. M. Healy and Mr. Walter Long were both in evidence. But Mr. Healy was the first to put the 3 per cent stock in the minds of the watchful Treasury representatives. He was, accordingly, engaged that evening in the somewhat hopeless task of denouncing a plan of his own. Mr. Healy thinks the plan based upon his advice will be the end of Land Purchase, and will be justly resisted by the Irish landlords in the House of Lords. The Irish party, which has never given any countenance to the 3 per cent. stock, have had their task rendered enormously more difficult by pronouncements of this kind, and by the declaration of the twin author of the act of 1903, Lord MacDonnell of Swinford, in the same sense. Mr. Long is equally scandalized by his plan of paying off the landlords partly by stock has been followed by Mr. Birrell, though the Chief Secretary has spared the landlords Mr. Long's proposal to give them stock at face value.

A PROPOSAL OFFERED.

There was one proposal or assumption in the speeches of Mr. Healy and Mr. Wyndham on Friday last to which we trust the Government will give no countenance. Both these gentlemen proposed or assumed that the carrying through of future transactions would be postponed until all arrears had been cleared off. We hope the Chief Secretary will make it plain that if the annuity rate is raised, the landlords and tenants who enter into agreements under the new conditions will have their agreements carried through as speedily as may be. If necessary the Estates Commissioners and their Department should be strengthened to meet the new cases. They would thus get at least some compensation for the sacrifice which it is proposed that they should be called upon to make. A saving of five years' delay at the opening of the redemption period and of three years at its close would be at least a partial compensation. They would be saved the loss caused by the payment of five years' interest to the landlords before the holdings are vested, and cut short their period of redemption at the same time. Under a system of payment in stock instead of in cash there would be no need to wait upon the humors of the money market. But if the system is to be expedited, there must be no hesitation about providing the staff necessary to deal with the new agreements.

TEN KILL QUICKLY A MORAL INFLUENCE

A MOST CURIOUS CONTROVERSY

The Sophistry of a Firearms Manufacturer.

And behold one of them that were with Jesus, stretching forth his hand, drew out his sword, and striking the servant of the high priest, cut off his ear. Then Jesus saith to him: Put up again thy sword into its place; for all that take the sword shall perish by the sword.

The conversation between the former sheriff and the newspaper man had turned to automatic revolvers. "What do you think of them?" asked the latter. "Beastly things," commented the former. "They shoot a mile and if used in the city the innocent bystander is as liable to be hit as the man fired at."

A little while later the same newspaperman fell in with another police officer. An incident of the day directed the conversation to guns and again was an opinion sought on the subject. "Dangerous things," he answered. Then added: "They're too tricky to be safe."

Now, what is this apropos of? It is apropos of this. A certain firm of arms manufacturers began an advertising campaign which announced that their automatic delivered "10 shots quick," and followed that the further information that it was so constructed that it could be easily aimed by the inexperienced. So much for that. Hugh O'Neill, editor of the Denver Post, failed to discover the christianizing influence of an arm so deadly and referred to the manufacturing firm as the "U. S. Murder Promoting Arms Co." This necessitated another appeal to the reader, and the recent advertisements contain a reply to the Denver man's sharp words. "What brain swampaness to assume that pistols are bought for murder," sneers the ad. writer, who then proceeds to illuminate the world:

"Pistols are bought for pleasure and for protection from footpads, kidnapers, pickpockets, burglars, and safe blowers, dear Editor," says he, and then:

"Stop the making and selling of pistols, and we will be at the mercy of criminals, and the Japs will land on the Pacific Coast, and the British on the Atlantic, and it will be exit America. For the country that would live must encourage invention in fire arms."

It is hardly to be believed that the person who penned that announcement considered that his firm was engaged in a philanthropic business, the sophistry is too apparent. The increased manufacture of arms has not decreased crime in the United States, indeed the number of violent crimes has rather grown in that country; inventions in firearms have not prevented wars, the history of the present decade is sufficient answer to that. Men will hardly be rendered reasonable by revolvers; they require the influence of a more potent quality than "ten kill quick."

CHRISTOPHER CONWAY.

MR. WYNDHAM'S FLOUNDERINGS

With Mr. Wyndham's floundering in the maze of Land Purchase estimates it is scarcely necessary to deal. When he was attempting to explain the absurd inflation of price which he had so ingeniously wrought he used to tell the House of Commons that it was due to the fact that only "bankrupt stock" had been sold under former acts, and now only good stuff remained. At present he is trying to reassure the public affrighted by the truth that Mr. Birrell has revealed as to the measure of the inflation, and he would have the public believe that all the good land has been sold and only the poor land remains. The truth will be plain to anyone who invests three halfpence in the return, county by county, of land sold and unsold. The unsold land is not in the ranching counties, but in such counties as Armagh and Carlow, where the tenants give no trouble, and where the collection of rack-rents is easy. Is the perpetuation of their servitude to be the reward of their peacefulness to these tenants? Land Purchase cannot be circumscribed by the gyrations of Mr. Wyndham's arguments. It has been begun, and must go on to the end. Unfortunately when the end is reached Ireland's debt will be much nearer Mr. Birrell's estimate than Mr. Wyndham's; but that is not because Mr. Gladstone was wrong in his estimate of 1886, or Mr. Chamberlain later, but because Mr. Wyndham has been clipping the Irish coin since.

Suppressed by the Pope.

Drastic Action With Regard to Catholic Order.

Pius X. has just issued a decree suppressing the order known as "The Attorneys of St. Peter," which has a number of representatives in this country. The order was founded in 1878, shortly after the accession of Leo XIII to the pontifical throne, and was composed at its inception, of eminent Roman Catholic lawyers in different parts of the world, with branches in the great capitals, the grand master at the time of the

LOCAL AND DIOCESAN.

DIOCESAN RETREAT.—The parish priests of the diocese will go into retreat next Sunday evening at the Grand Seminary.

FEAST OF PORTIUNCULA.—From sunset on Sunday next until the same time on Monday the devotion of Portiuncula will be observed.

ARCHBISHOP'S 12TH ANNIVERSARY.—On Sunday, August 8, Archbishop Bruchesi will celebrate the 12th anniversary of his episcopal consecration. On that occasion His Grace will officiate pontifically in St. James Cathedral, and, at the close of the service, will bless the historical tableaux, which are now being placed on the walls of the church. The members of the clergy present will then be invited to dine at the palace.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The weekly concert in aid of the Catholic Sailors' Club took place as usual last evening. This week's entertainment was in the hands of the Army and Navy Veterans, and although the audience was not so large as others, in point of interest there was nothing left to be looked for. The programme was an exceptionally good one, and in this respect notice is due to Misses Jones, McDonnell and Gariepy, as well as to Messrs. Penner, Butters, Watson, Clark, Orr, Sellers, Crimes, the O'Kane Bros., Marsh and Stewart.

Among other incidents of the evening was the reading of a paper by Mr. Marsh, descriptive of an institution known as the "Last Post," describing a new institution at present under consideration among both soldiers and sailors who have at any time in their life, served under the British flag.

The presidency of the evening was held by Major Edwards. The entertainment was closed by an encouraging address by Rev. Father Kavanagh, S.J.

election of the present pontiff being Maitre Lautier, of the French bar. Dr. Van Frankenhuyzen was the chairman of the Dutch branch, while Dr. Von Northing, one of the leaders of the Catholic party in the Reichstag, was at the head of the German league of the order. Its first protector was Cardinal Rampolla, who was succeeded by Cardinal Ramolla.

It was intended that admission to the order should be restricted to those members of the legal profession and personages possessed of legal training, who had given adequate proofs of their unselfish devotion to the interests of the Church especially in legal matters, and the principal insignia of the order was a medallion showing a violet cross on a white enameled ground.

Unfortunately the French branch of the order did not exercise the necessary care in the selection of its members. Men of questionable antecedents secured admission, who made use of their relation to the order for the purpose of fraud, mainly in connection with bogus sales of titles of nobility to credulous people, distinctions which they were unable to deliver in due form, and which led to legal proceedings by the victims of the swindlers.

These involved the order in so much notoriety of an unsavory character, especially a year ago, that many of the most important attorneys of St. Peter quietly withdrew from the organization. It was mainly on their recommendation that the Pope has now suppressed the order, as having "failed to adhere to the rules and regulations of its original charter from the Holy See, and as no longer filling any useful office in connection with the Church."

Mgr. O'Riordan's Lecture.

The lecture which the Right Rev. Monsignor O'Riordan, Rector of the Irish College, delivered before the Accademia della Religione Cattolica, having as its subject "The Struggle in Ireland and England for Catholicism," has created a great deal of interest among the intellectual circles of Roman life in the Catholic Church of those two countries. Among the large body of savants present on the occasion were their Eminences Cardinal Rampolla, President of the Academy, and Cardinal Agliardi, both of whom tendered warm congratulations to the Irish prelate, not only on the treat he had given them, but on his fluency in Italian, which language Monsignor O'Riordan used during his discourse.

Glorious Twelfth is Faded Glory.

(Continued from page 1.) The glorious Twelfth. It will be noted, by the way, that all the "representative Orangemen" who spoke during the "celebrations" this time flouted the idea that Home Rule is dead. The Earl of Erne, who performed at Belfast, was quite emphatic on the point. "It was the fashion," he said, "to say that Home Rule was dead and buried, and that it was only alarmists like himself who kept trotting it out as a bogey" to frighten old women. Home Rule was not dead, nor was it buried; and if at the general election, which could not now be very far distant, the British electorate did not realize this fact, and turn

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She gave it as her opinion that should the demands of suffragists be granted, it would not be too much to expect that women should do their share in the police and fire departments.

"One hundred women specialists put on the police force of any city would make for improved conditions," said Dr. Shaw. "The criminal needs 'mothering.'"

"If women were on the police force their watchfulness, care and attention to persons who need their wholeness, would prove a most useful and uplifting measure."

MAKE THE KING ATTEND.

"The King may become a Roman Catholic if he likes, but then every loyal Orangeman would demand that he stand down from the throne."

Now that ought to be sufficient warning to last for the next twelve months. "Hands off the Coronator Oath," is the watchword of the moment. But then it used to be "Kick the Queen's Crown into the Boyne," and "Hands off the Established Church of Ireland." As we have said, it used also to be "Hands off the Orangeman" even when he smashed the head of a British soldier or constabulary man. But times have changed.

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HOME RULE NOT DEAD.

Of course Home Rule is not dead, and never can be killed as long as Irish Nationalists stand solidly by the National flag and loyally and unflinchingly support the Irish party in Parliament. Not only so, but the amount of life in Home Rule depends altogether on Irish Nationalists themselves, and on the degree of unity they maintain in their ranks.

It will also be noted by those who peruse the reports that King Edward had better look out for himself and mend some of his ways if he is to keep Orange tongues off him. At the "demonstration" in the Orange Hall, Dublin, one reverend orator referred to the Coronator Oath. "If the King liked," he went on, "he could attend in a Catholic Church." "And he does, too, sometimes," interjected an indignant voice. "It is a great pity he does," said the orator, "and he ought to be told the truth."

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