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At last the smouldering discontent and dissatisfaction burst into a flame. Ireland was in fact driven into rebellion by the lawless cruelty...

That the right claimed by the people of Ireland to be bound only by the laws enacted by His Majesty and the Parliament of that Kingdom...

During the nineteenth century gradually and grudgingly the grip of Protestant Ascendancy has been relaxed. The Irish people won Catholic Emancipation and the diabolical establishment of the Irish Church...

It may be paradoxical and ironical, but it is not altogether unprecedented. Five years ago rebels met in Belfast and through the forbearance or connivance of the military authorities...

John Richard Green, Protestant Professor in the English University of Oxford, in his "History of the English People," gives this noble Ulster sentiment its historic setting:

The history of Ireland, from its conquest by William the Third up to this time [the Union], is one which no Englishman can recall without shame.

But what is the use? Just this: This War was to save democracy and liberty. The bed-rock principle of democracy is that governments derive their just rights from the consent of the governed.

Those issues are these: Shall the military power of any nation or group of nations be suffered to determine the fortunes of peoples over whom they have no right to rule except the right of force?

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No man, no group of men, whose these to be the issues of the struggle. They are the issues of it; and they must be settled—by no arrangement or compromise or adjustment of interests, but definitely and once for all with a full and unequivocal acceptance of the principle that the interest of the weakest is as sacred as the interest of the strongest.

In the stress of the struggle, in the dark days when the only hope was that America would continue to achieve the impossible, British statesmen acquiesced in the American President's definition of the issues of the War.

Irishmen neither at home nor abroad need fear the most searching scrutiny of Ireland's part in the War. When it comes to rebellions we must begin at the beginning.

The bloody and lawless butcheries of Bachelors Walk, in violent contrast with the treatment accorded Ulster under precisely similar circumstances, did not prevent Ireland's magnificent response to the call to arms.

Shall the military power of England be suffered to determine the fortunes of the Irish people over whom it has no right to rule except the right of force? If the Irish desire complete separation from England where lies the blame?

"A republic can never be established in Ireland through the medium of civil war. On the other hand Ireland cannot be divided without lasting injury."

This was the pronouncement of Sir Horace Plunkett just before sailing from Liverpool. And Sir Horace has a much clearer title to speak for Ulster and for Ireland than has Sir Edward Carson.

Lord Decies, a British Army officer who for the last two or three years been chief censor for Ireland, before sailing from New York after the news of the Sinn Fein victory at the polls, said:

Our only hope in Ireland now is for all the four political factions to get together, and for the Government to give us some kind of Home Rule and leave us to work it out to the best advantage.

On the whole we think it is a little premature for the Globe to be amused or pathetic over "the new Irish fiasco," and not a little indecent for an Irishman abroad in a state of alarmed neutrality to black-guards men who have the entire confidence of the Irish at home.

But speaking of farces, fun and fiascos we thought that while the air was still thick with the apotheosis of democracy and the exorcism of autocracy the despatch which informed us that Lord French was the absolute autocrat of all Ireland, that every safeguard of British or democratic freedom was removed, was a little bit on that line.

Apparently there are those who think the desirous laughter occasioned by this recrudescence of autocracy so soon after the world had been made safe for democracy was ill-timed; according to them it should have been reserved until the accredited representatives of the Irish people dared to meet in the capital of their country and to speak in her name.

As everybody knows President Wilson was invited to visit Belfast and he replied that his time would be too fully occupied while in England to permit his doing so.

Now we cannot for a moment believe that this is even remotely probable. Such discourtesy would be boorish; and the President is a scholar and a gentleman.

Assume that he regards Ireland as the most momentous of international questions, one with which the fate of his cherished project of a League of Nations is intimately bound up.

of appearing discourteous silence might be his wisest course. In such an hypothesis his silence might be a matter of greater worry to dis-hard Unionists than to Irish Nationalists.

Read in the foregoing article what he emphatically declares to be the principles vindicated by the War. Their application to Ireland is clamant and inescapable.

And if the statesmanship of the English-speaking nations cannot measure up to the duty of removing that obstacle to union amongst themselves what folly to hope for the success of that greater union of the League which will embrace nations of divergent views on all vital interests.

There can be no manner of doubt that far and away beyond the petty considerations of party politics President Wilson feels the stupendous responsibilities that are his in this crisis of the history of civilization.

Canadians of all shades of politics will rejoice that our representatives at the Peace Conference have already accomplished much more than many had dared to hope for.

The Dominion are part and parcel of the Empire which takes its place as a whole amongst the great powers, and the Dominions are represented on the British panel. To give them in addition the same recognition as the smaller sovereign states seemed unreasonable; but the status of the Dominions in the Empire is not duplicated in any other part of the world.

Whatever may be the ultimate political destiny of Canada, our self-government in the present and immediate future to be real and effective demanded the recognition by Great Britain and the Allied Nations of the principle of "equal nationhood."

Henceforth in international as well as in national affairs affecting Canada we can say with a deeper significance than ever before: "Daughter am I in my Mother's house But Mistress in my own."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE INDEMNITIES that Germany shall pay for the colossal wounds which her thirst for war and for conquest has inflicted upon the world is naturally the paramount theme of discussion on both sides of the Atlantic.

CHESTERTON, with that clarity of vision which is one of his chief characteristics, has put the whole problem in a succinct paragraph, which, slightly paraphrased, reads like this: Nobody is going to forget that Verdun is battered or Belgium laid waste.

AS TO Germany's responsibility for the War the ultimate finding of the Peace Conference has been pretty well anticipated by the world at large.

SERIOUS AS may be the food problem in Europe and America it is a grave problem for the Japan of the future. The shortage of the food supply there has already caused a phenomenal rise in price of rice, and while it is true that the production of this staple has been increased year by year, the increase has not kept pace with the growth of population.

IN THIS connection, and in connection also with the grave problems arising out of Japan's place in the

Orient, now and in the future, the tremendous rate of increase of her population is significant. Until a few years ago the rate of increase was about 500,000, but last year's increase is put at 800,000.

OPENING OF PEACE CONGRESS

PRESIDENT POINCARE OUTLINES SCOPE

INTERNATIONAL LABOR LEGISLATION. Just at 3 o'clock a ruffia of drums and blare of trumpets announced the approach of M. Poincare.

"Gentlemen: France greets and thanks you for having chosen as the seat of your labors the city which for more than four years the enemy has made his principal military objective, and which the valor of the allied armies has victoriously defended against unceasingly renewed offensives."

"Permit me to see in your decision the homage of all the nations that you represent toward a country which more than any other has endured the sufferings of war, of which entire provinces have been transformed into a vast battlefield and have been systematically laid waste by the invader, and which has paid the human price in death."

"These are the two unforgettable outrages which opened the way to aggression. The combined efforts of Great Britain, France and Russia were exerted against that man-made arrogance."

"What could be more significant than the shameful bargains they attempted to offer to Great Britain and France at the end of July, 1914, when to Great Britain they suggested: 'Allow us to attack France on land and we will not enter the channel,' and when they instructed their ambassador to say to the French: 'We will only accept a declaration of neutrality on your part... your surrender to us Brie, Toul and Verdun.'"

"Thus, from the very beginning of hostilities, there came into conflict the two ideas, which for 50 months, were to struggle for dominion of the world—the idea of sovereign force, which accepts neither control nor

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

HOPE
How much they wrong these gentle
Hope who I who say
That thou art light of heart, and
bright of eye!

TEN MILITARY COMMANDMENTS OF FOCH
Marshal Foch seems to be a master
of psychology as well as of strategy.
While playing the war-game on a
gigantic scale, he does not neglect
small details which help to promote
colossal success.

supervise two hundred and fifty em-
ployees in a factory, but grace to
supervise the bookkeeper, and two
salesmen and the small boy that
sweeps the store.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A CHILD'S PRAYER
God grant that the new year through
May strike with hope and soul to do
Those things which are most good
and true.

God grant that I each morning start
My duties with a cheerful heart,
And cheerfully perform my part.

SAINT BLAZE
The saint whom we honor on the
third day of February was the Bishop
of Sebaste, in Armenia. He was ar-
rested by order of Licinius, in the
year 316, and cruelly put to death.

BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO BLESSED VIRGIN

The following beautiful tribute to
the Virgin Mother at Bethlehem
should be read and taken to heart by
every true woman:

GRACE FOR ORDINARY MEN

When we begin to talk about busi-
ness life, we shoot right off and talk
about men who did business on a
large scale, and who sold millions of
dollars of goods a year; but the vast
majority of business men do not sell
a million dollars of goods, nor a half
million, nor a quarter million, nor
the eighth part of a million.

BE CAREFUL ABOUT SMALL MATTERS

Every girl should regard details—
little things—from a serious view-
point, for all thinking persons know
that details are the heart-beats of any
enterprise.

to failure.
The girl who isn't sure of her
spelling should not console herself
with the thought that her employer
cannot spell; or that "he doesn't
know right from wrong as far as
English is concerned."

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Lieut. Leonard was well known in University circles as a prominent member of Newman Club. He went overseas with the 166th Battalion and transferred to the 75th with which he served up to the time of his death.

CATHOLIC ARMY HUTS

It is our pleasure to announce that Lt. Col. Clarence F. Smith of Montreal, in response to the invitation of the Directors, has accepted the position of Controller of the general activities of our association.

The new Controller's office, in connection with the Army Hut work, is located in the Drummond Building, Montreal, from whence his activities will be directed.

THE NINTH CRUSADE

The newer Peter the Hermit, un-girded, uncowed, unshriven, To the ardent hoars of ardent youth, hath a splendid message given:

"Come up, you young knights, peerless, will firm, soul undimmed, Unstained with the lust of blood or gold, come, march in the Ninth Crusade."

THE LATE FATHER KENNEDY

Rev. Father Joseph Kennedy, rector of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lyle Street, died Thursday, Jan. 23, in St. Joseph's Hospital after a brief illness from pneumonia.

NEWMAN CLUB

After a short break for Christmas celebrations at home, the members of Newman Club are again going ahead with their usual activities.

for organization, he was a financier of a high order and was honored with many important tasks by various bishops of the diocese.

Beloved by all who knew him, Father Kennedy was especially endeared to the Italian residents of the city, whose language he spoke fluently and among whom he was a devoted and sympathetic pastor.

Bishop Fallon was at Father Kennedy's bedside when he died in heavy tribute of the deceased priest. "I have lost one of my best priests, upon whom I could ever rely without question," declared His Lordship.

"The Catholic people of London have lost a zealous and devoted pastor and one of the most untiring and conscientious priests I have ever known."

Despite a frail constitution and the attacks of a distressing malady, Father Kennedy did an amount of parochial labor, both spiritual and temporal, that was a constant source of astonishment to me.

"That is just an evidence of the man's character," said the bishop. "He encouraged at all times those about him to do their duty in every way."

"From the public point of view," continued Bishop Fallon, "I have lost a very distinguished priest and London a citizen. He did a very great deal of his work in a quiet, unostentatious way."

The very large attendance of clergy and laity at the funeral Mass which was celebrated by Bishop Fallon showed the high esteem in which Father Kennedy was held throughout the diocese.

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A satellite he shines beneath God's roof, As sunset flashes gold escutcheoned wall, Yet lend their beauty to the busy street, His muse of found that trodden ways were sweet, And caught the spirit voices leading all.

BICKER.—At Guelph, Ont., December 27, 1918, Mrs. Bicker, beloved wife of Wm. Bicker, May her soul rest in peace.

SUMMERS.—On Sunday, Jan. 19th, 1919, Matthew Edward Summers, in Madawaska, of pneumonia, aged thirty-two years. May his soul rest in peace.

CLEARY.—On Jan. 20, 1919, D. Frank Cleary, only surviving son of Thomas Cleary, 499 Lyon St., Ottawa, from influenza. May his soul rest in peace.

HISHON.—At Davenport, Iowa, on January 16, 1919, Patrick Hishon, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hishon, of Stratford, Ont., aged twenty-six years. May his soul rest in peace.

MURPHY.—On December 25th, 1918, at Vancouver, B. C., of influenza pneumonia, Edward Ignatius Murphy, beloved husband of Maud Holiday, Murphy of Salmon Arm, B. C., and only son of Edward J. and Anna Murphy of 1545 Dayton Ave., St. Paul, Minn. May his soul rest in peace.

There is a boundary to the understanding, and when it is reached faith is the continuation of reason.

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