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THE NEW IRELAND

The amazing thing about the vote in the Dail Eireann of 64 to 57 in favor of treaty ratification is that so many were in the negative. The Sinn Fein irreconcilables died hard. They still exist as a powerful force and are capable of adding new chapters to the long story of Ireland's woes.

Fanatics like De Valera are not prone to concede to majorities the right to rule. Their real logic is such that they are to be reckoned as foes of the new Irish Free State. They will doubtless vent against other Irishmen the hate they have hitherto discharged against Englishmen and Scotchmen and Walshmen. Much obviously depends on the attitude of men and women of Irish stock in the United States toward the new Irish peril.

Over the settlement—assuming that it is a real one—the whole world will rejoice. It means the removal of a problem which has long been disturbing. Particularly is it grateful to Americans. They now have an additional right to expect the end of Irish-Americanism—with its accent on the first word of the hyphenism.

The agreement reached is such a one as generations of Irishmen, including practically all of Ireland's political leaders, have long asked for. Ireland remains in the British Empire and the six Ulster counties will remain out of the all-Ireland union until such time as they elect to come in. Otherwise, with a few insignificant exceptions, the Irish Free State is to be independent.

The Irish people, will of course, discover that if freedom has its glories it also has its heavy responsibilities. The hard task is now on Ireland of using her liberty to her advantage. Her earnest and sensible men and women will address themselves to this business, but they will be impeded not only by the usual difficulties of an inexperienced democracy, but by a large element which will refuse to forget—that will persist in continuing to fight England, even though it has to go to the attack over the bodies of Irishmen.

The best good wish for Ireland is that she may early put her De Valeras in her discard, for though De Valera asserts he will die rather than become a citizen of the new state, not too great reliance can be placed on this, for did he not formerly loudly proclaim that if McSwiney were permitted to die he could refuse longer to live?

ULSTER'S POSITION

The Toronto Saturday Night is of the opinion that the prominciamento of the Orange Lodge of Ireland declaring that if the Irish Free State is established the Ulster Loyalists will be compelled to defend their lives by force, does not represent the best minds of Ulster Protestantism. In support of its opinion it points out that the Ulster hero, Sir Herbert Gough, on the same day the prominciamento was issued, had the honor of proposing the first toast to the Irish Free State, and goes on to say:

"If the peace settlement is good enough for this brave, though somewhat reckless, soldier—the man who threatened to resign his post as commander of Curragh camp, rather than accept orders for the enforcement of Mr. Asquith's home rule bill,—then it should be good enough for the average Ulster man. Long since another very eminent Ulster leader, Sir James Campbell became converted to the belief that the old conditions of continuous disturbance in Ireland could only be ended by a larger measure of self government and by the burying of religious feuds which have no meaning in the twentieth century.

"A 'loyalty' which threatens force, whenever it cannot get its own way is so like disloyalty that most of us cannot tell the difference. The recklessness with which Irishmen north and south have entertained the idea of bloodshed as a means of settling religious and political differences has

rendered that race fantastic in the eyes of other peoples; and one reason why the vast majority of intelligent people approve the Irish peace settlement is because it recognizes a higher principle than force in the affairs of the human race. The 'liberties' the Grand Lodge talks about are supposedly religious liberties; and what man who is not an unreasoning fanatic for an instant believes that these would be endangered in the Irish Free State. Anyway the religious sentiment which tolerates force as a means to gain its end comes from perdition and is alien to the Christian spirit."

Premier Wirth of Germany says he can move all his belongings in one trunk. Premier Wirth probably feels that in this day and time it is well to be prepared to make a quick getaway.

There is a whole lot of common sense and sound gospel doctrine in that Confederate veteran's utterances at a southern church convention: "You preachers quit preaching at women, let them dress how they want to, when they want to and where they want to. You preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified and let the women alone." It is not surprising that the thousand delegates and visitors "roared" their approval.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Once more the concert of Europe is trying to tune up.

Genuine, constructive optimism harvests the winter's ice for next summer.

That horrible winter would better hurry, if its coming.

There are lots of methods for saving coal but few of them save any.

Many people pay a doctor to tell them to do something then they show their independence by not doing it.

Lima Beane says the Golden Rule needs two to work at it to get best results, same as a crosscut saw.

A mere husband thinks there are too many fussy little details about women's clothing, especially when he has to adjust his wife's lingerie clasps.

Dogs know instinctively what to eat to keep well. Human beings must have the physicians tell them where to find the vitamins.

A scientist says there is a little alcohol in everything. A man who is not a scientist says there is a little of everything in bootleg whisky.

"In Korea fuel dealers make daily calls upon their patrons."—Notes. Probably to collect the bill. They do that here, too.

CHANGES IN C.P.R. TRAIN SERVICE

Effective January 16th, some alterations in train service on the Gibson division will go into effect. Trains Nos. 193 and 194 at the present time running as mixed trains will be operated triweekly as straight freight trains and passenger service will be operated tri-weekly instead by new trains Nos. 199 and 200.

Train No. 199 will leave Fredericton 3.45 p. m. local time, arrive Southampton 5.35 p. m. and Milville at 5.40 p. m. Tue., Thu., Sat. Train No. 200 leaves Milville 10.20 a. m., Southampton 10.22 a. m. arrive Fredericton 12.15 p. m. Tue., Thu., Sat. Service on Southampton division will be arranged to fit in with above.

New Fire Extinguishers. New fire extinguishers have been provided for the Parliament Buildings. The extinguishers are mounted on small trucks and can easily be moved through the corridors. They have quite a large capacity.

York County Court.

The January term of the York County Court opened this afternoon with His Honor Judge Slipp presiding. The opening was postponed until two o'clock to permit jurymen and witnesses to reach the city by the trains arriving late in the morning or at noon.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF COUNTY OF KING'S

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 Usage of the Act was plain and unambiguous and admitted of no other construction but that the Board of Health estimated the amount. Three times mention was made of the "amount estimated and required by the Board". There was nothing novel in the provision. A similar one was contained in the Public Health Act of 1911. School Boards were empowered to fix the amounts to be paid for schools. The Board of Health with means of information and of estimating amounts was in better position than a municipal council to prepare an estimate.

His Honor in issuing an order for the payment of \$7,500 mentioned that fact that the Act was silent as to costs.

Queen's County Case

This morning the case of Queen's County in which a similar claim is being made by the Department of Health for unpaid amounts estimated in various years by the Queen's County Sub-district Board of Health, was argued before Mr. Justice Barry. P. J. Hughes appeared for the Department of Health in support of appeal and J. H. McFadgen of Sussex appeared as counsel for the Municipality.

Argument advanced was similar to that employed in the case against King's County.

Kent and Sunbury Counties also have unpaid estimates and it is probable that proceedings will be taken against them also.

Militia Signalling Course

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