

THE DESTINIES OF IRELAND IN HANDS OF IRISHMEN

Convention to be Called to Frame a Constitution for the Emerald Isle--Important Announcement Made by Lloyd George--Baron Shaughnessy Suggested as Chairmen.

London, May 21.—For the first time in modern history the destinies of Ireland are to be placed in the hands of Irishmen alone. The British prime minister, David Lloyd George, announced to the House of Commons to-

well as politicians, and even revolutionists of the Sinn Fein Society, will be invited to get together. If this final attempt succeeds a political miracle will have been accomplished. There is no great optimism respecting the

nationalists will not consent to the exclusion of six Ulster counties.

Will Absolve England.

But if the attempt fails, the failure will deprive the ancient charge that John Bull's greater island is "the oppressor" of much of its force, and it is pointed out that Ireland can hardly be hailed before the European peace conference as another Poland, while America and the colonies can no longer reproach Great Britain with having neglected to set her own house in order.

Both houses of parliament discussed Ireland today, with hardly a ripple of the old animosities and feuds disturbing their harmony.

"The patient must minister to himself," said Mr. Lloyd George, and a noteworthy feature of the discussion was an agreement that politicians must play a secondary part to the men from other walks of life. The Premier specified the Nationalist factions of which John Redmond and William O'Brien are the leaders; the Ulster Unionists, the southern Unionists and the Sinn Feiners, as the political bodies which should be represented in the convention, but said the government considered it most important that representatives of local governing bodies, the churches, trades unions and commercial and educational interests should participate.

Mr. Redmond agreed in this policy, and the veteran home ruler even offered to obliterate himself in the interests of harmony; but the House refused loudly to accept his offer.

Even Lord Lansdowne, who has been charged by some with the wreckage of Mr. Lloyd George's previous work of reconciliation, told the Lords that the road to home rule had been traveled too far for turning back, and referred to the importance of facilitating the task of "those who are our friends in America."

The conception of the convention for all Ireland finds its inspiration in the making of the union of South Africa, after the Boer war, when the British and the Afrikanders, whose enmity then certainly equalled that of the Irish factions, were able to thresh out a constitution.

Shaughnessy Suggested.

For the position of chairman of the convention a colonial might wield a strong influence for harmony, and Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who was born in the United States, of Irish parents, is mentioned, as are also ex-Premier Asquith and Lord Donoughmore, who have special talents for a position requiring large parliamentary experience and much diplomacy.

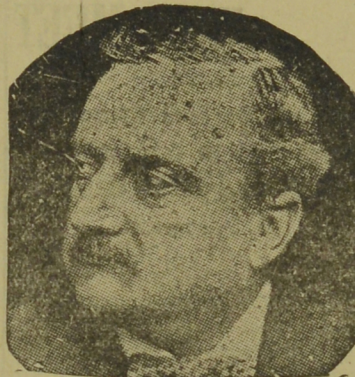
"You must admit that Bliggins is a great reasoner," "Yes" replied Senator Sorghum, "he's a wonderful reasoner. He can decide on what conclusion is favorable to his interests, and then reason a proposition out that way, every time."

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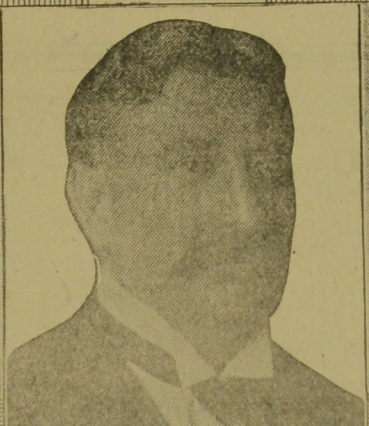
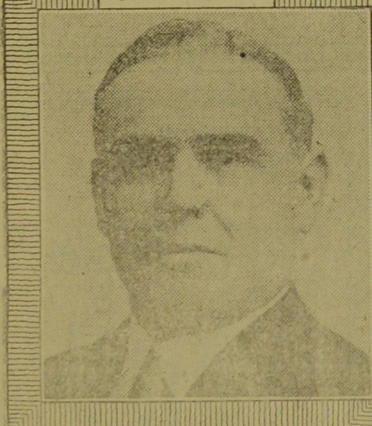
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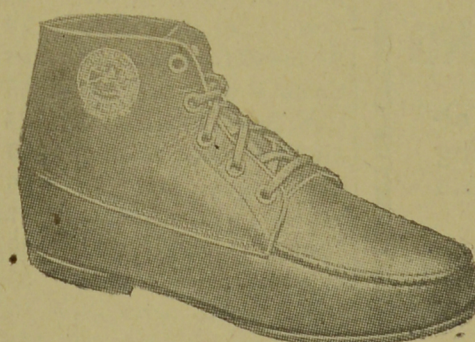


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FRANCIS W. RUSSELL, land agent, C. P. R., Winnipeg, was born at Hastings, England, Dec. 13, 1864. He was educated at private schools in

England. He came to Canada in 1885 and entered the land department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Aug. 8, 1885. He was general clerk in the land department from 1885 to 1899. He was chief clerk from 1899 to 1912. He was appointed land agent of the company in Winnipeg, Feb. 1, 1912, which position he still holds.

JACOB L. DOUPE, chief surveyor, C. P. R. Western Lines, was born in Toronto, September, 1867. Educated in Winnipeg public schools and St. John's College, he graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1887. He entered the Canadian Pacific Railway service as assistant engineer on construction in June, 1890. He became surveyor of the land department in May, 1891, and was appointed assistant land commissioner in September, 1900. He became general townsite agent in March, 1912, and chief surveyor of Western Lines in August, 1912.



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