

IRISH CITY OF RIOTS

AND MANY GLORIOUS SHINDIES IS OLD BELFAST.

Comedy Often Mingles With Tragedy in Encounters, and Courage is Sure of Recognition by Generous Opponents.

People who have never lived in Belfast or have no close connection with it must find difficulty in accounting for the numerous disturbances which take place in that city, and for the threats of civil war which followed the appointment of a British cabinet minister to be a political speech there. To one who has been there, however, and has studied the question, it is more a matter of wonder why those disturbances do not occur more frequently, considering the character of the inhabitants and the peculiar circumstances which continually incite them to break out.

Religion and Politics.

But this love of a "scrap" which is shared also by the semi-Scottish population of Belfast having a reputation above all other Irish towns for the number and importance of its riots. For that we have to look for another cause, and to one who knows the city it is soon apparent. In Ireland, as is well known, politics and religion are so closely connected that, if a man's religion is known, his party is known to a hundred, and it is this which party he supports, and it is this which is true of Ireland in general, it is true of Belfast in particular, where religion not only decides which party a man shall belong to, but very often influences his choice as to where he will reside. Belfast, while being the capital of Ulster, numbers among its population a body of nationalists strong enough to send a representative to parliament, and the presence of this group, whose political interests are entirely opposed to those of the rest of the community, has naturally a disturbing effect on the peace of the city. But there is one circumstance in particular in connection with the nationalist portion of the population which tends to make even a slight disturbance a cause of grave alarm among the whole. Catholic and nationalist section of the population is gathered within the parliamentary division of West Belfast, and around the famous Falls Road. Running parallel to this road, about the same distance from it as King Street is from Queen Street, is the Shankill Road, the great centre of the Orangemen. In either of these districts a crowd of two or three hundred willing combatants can be gathered inside a few minutes on about the same being a chance of a brush with the opposing faction, and once the crowd is assembled the chances of it dispersing without at least breaking a few of the

enemies windows are very small. This proximity of the headquarters of the hostile forces is a very important factor for weight when considering the question of the Belfast riots. There are, of course, other districts in the city, in which party feeling runs high, but nowhere else can the partisans come so easily into contact as in those to which we refer.

Willing to Run Risks.

To understand why Belfast should be so peculiarly favored with sensational variations of the monotony of every-day life, the reader must, as was remarked above, know something of the Irish character. Irishmen, as a race, obey, perhaps more than the natives of any other country, the injunction to "never take thought for the morrow." They are willing to run risks, apparently heedless for the sport of the thing, and with an utter recklessness of consequences, out of all proportion to the object to be attained. Every parliamentary election gives proof of this. On such occasions in Belfast, car after car can be seen driving down to the central police station, each occupied by the driver, two policemen and two prisoners. Some of these prisoners are honest electors, who have been arrested on suspicion, and who will make about \$25 by the mistake, but a large number are guilty of the offence with which they are charged—that of impersonation. At the polling booths a different scene appears. Electors coming up to register their votes find that they have been forestalled, and that their vote has already been used, presumably by the other party. The Belfast elector, too, would appear to the casual observer to have the power to vote after death; it is certain that votes are very often registered in the names of men who have died since the last revision of the voting lists. Hundreds of men can be found who are willing to run the risk of imprisonment for the sake of adding a few votes in favor of their candidate, have known of men who boasted of a close of the polls that they had voted no less than a dozen times—men who had not the right to vote even once.

Whistle Starts a Row.

Belfast is the home of "party tunes" (many a row has been started by a thoughtless whistler), but these are now prohibited by law, and any of these tunes which are played in public places is liable to imprisonment. In this connection the city can boast of another distinction. Probably no other city in the world prohibits football supporters from showing their enthusiasm for the club they favor by their cries. Yet in two instances this is the case in Belfast. To shout "Go on the Stripes" in Belfast is as dangerous as to whistle "The Boys of Wexford," while he who wants to meet with an early death has merely to take a walk up the Falls Road and occasionally shout, "Go on the Blues," and even if he escapes serious injury at the hands of the isolated populace, he runs the risk of being imprisoned on the charge of "inciting to riot." (For the reader's information I would say that the "Stripes" are the colors of the Celtic Football Club, a Catholic organization, while "Blues" is the color of the shirts worn by Linfield, a club which is supported by enthusiastic Protestants.) Though sometimes ending in tragedy, the Belfast riots are not always entirely devoid of comedy. When a policeman is seen at the side of a house with his rifle held round the corner while he pulls the trigger hoping to hit something (though heaven only knows what), anxiety for the fate of the wretch who sets the barrel pointing at him is lost in appreciation of the "bobby's" precautions for his own safety. Not that the Royal Irish Constabulary is a cowardly body of men! Quite the contrary! Time after time have they stood, armed with nothing but their batons, patiently awaiting

be mob to assault them with all sorts of missiles, being under strict orders not to retaliate, but when at last they do get permission to charge, they do it with "a heart and a half." But frequently crowds collect beyond the power of the police to handle, and then recourse is had to the military, authorities, who very soon clear the streets for no mob, however eager for the fray, armed only with stones and sticks, can withstand a bayonet charge by trained soldiers.

Are Good Sports.

They can be "sports on occasion also, the members of the Belfast mob, and they are always willing to recognize courage in an enemy, be he policeman, soldier, or anti-partisan. In the great riots of 1906 there was one strict inspector of police who made himself famous by the recklessness with which he braved the fury of the mob. He would dash to the top of a "double-decked" street car and arrest a man single-handed, even when surrounded by a hostile crowd. So much, however, did the rioters appreciate his nerve that when he was acting against themselves they used to greet his appearance with a cheer, though his gratitude for this tribute did not prevent his giving the order to charge.

How long this state of affairs will last it seems to be impossible to say.

For years at a time perhaps no quieting symptoms may be evident and then suddenly the whole district of West Belfast may be the scene of what is little better than civil war. It can only be hoped that with the spread of education and religious tolerance the mania for fighting may die out, and leave Belfast to pursue its way toward commercial prosperity without being frequently started by the news of some fresh outbreak.—E. H. P.

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TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON.

Boardkeeper Appointed—Inspector Chosen.

Members all present. Moved, Street-Hawkey, that before adoption of the minutes of last meeting be amended by changing the resolution fixing the rate per hour for labor on council roads from 25c per hour to 30c per hour, and from 10c to 15c per hour.

Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that Henry Evans receive \$25 for medical attendance on and keep of Ely Emmons. Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that the clerk publish intention of council to purchase land in 1912, changing the lot 6, from 6, from U.S.S. No. 17, to lot 6, from a part of S.S. No. 16.

Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that Sideline Airport be pathmaster in Div. No. 7.

Moved, Stover-Coulter, that all statutes labor, as determined by assessment in 1912, be computed at a rate of 75c per day, and the clerk draft a by-law forthwith to that effect. Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that Mr. Clark, Sunnyside, be appointed boardkeeper for 1912.

Moved, Stover-Coulter, that Standard Pub. Co. be awarded printing for 1912.

Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that Charles Paterek be appointed pathmaster to replace Curtis Walker, resigned.

Moved, Stover-Hawkey, that \$15 be granted Salvation Army rescue fund.

Moved, Clyde-Hawkey, that the account of Charles Smith for 1911 be paid.

Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that Hiram Walker be appointed inspector of sheep killed by dogs. Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that the work of each inspector of sheep killed by dogs be confined as follows: John A. Hawkey, polling sub-division, Nos. 1 and 2; Henry Camp, Nos. 3 and 6; Patrick Judge, No. 7; Henry Sears, No. 8; Hiram Walker, No. 7. Moved, Hawkey-Clyde, that the clerk, after satisfactory legal advice from ratepayers keeping the public highways open, the proprietors of each tree from snow, to allow easy travel, draft a by-law to govern residents accordingly. Accounts paid: \$6.75, H. J. Harpell, commuted work on road No. 5; \$4.00, J. F. Leatherland, office supplies; \$12.50, Charles Smith, work on Sycamore road, in 1911; \$21.99, S. Anglin & Co., material for roads; \$13.65, R. Uglow & Co., office supplies; \$181.44, County Front maintenance of poor in refuges; \$23.24, repairs to Bath road and tannery bridges. Council adjourned to meet first Monday in April at 10 a.m.

At Mountain View.

Mountain Grove, Feb. 3.—The Woman's Institute held a social in the Mountain View church. A good programme was given. Mr. McEvanel, Mr. Reese and Mr. Dempsey gave addresses on fruit. W. Clark has bought Mr. Herlierson's farm. Mr. Herlierson held a sale on the 1st. Cows range from \$30 to \$55 each. Irvine Coleman, Ameliasburg, had a sale on January 31st. He is going to Edmonton. A good skating rink has been made in rear of Benjamin Way's. A short agricultural course will be given about the third week in February. Harry Stafford is moving to Vancouver. Wesley Way is moving on the George Boner farm, near Carrying Place. The farmers are working in the woods of getting in ice. George Anderson will sell a number of thoroughbred Holsteins at the sale in Belleville in March. A number of farmers across here are sending cream to Toronto. Albert Crosby has bought I. Colman's blacksmith shop.

News From Newburgh.

Newburgh, Feb. 5.—Quarterly service was held in the Methodist church on Sunday last by Rev. Mr. De Mill. The A.O.E.W. concert promises to be a musical treat. E. Gaudier has been confined to his home through illness for the past week. John Short is improving and expects to leave shortly with his daughter, for Connecticut. The surviving party has left. Dr. McSwartz sprained her ankle last week, while sleigh riding. Mr. McKinnon, of Winnipeg, is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. G. Storms. Bride Conway is home on a furlough.

Mrs. Patton, mother of T. Patton Brockville, manager of the Bell Telephone Co., died Monday at her home in Kemptville.

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LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

The Prices Paid at the Various Centres.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—About 1,000 head of butchers' cattle, 220 calves, and sheep and lambs and 1,775 hogs were offered for sale at the Point St. Charles stockyards to-day. The offerings of live stock at this market during the week were 1,400 cattle, 400 calves, 400 sheep and lambs and 2,250 hogs. There was a good demand and slightly higher prices paid for the best cattle, but the common stock were slow of sale. Prime beefs sold at 6 3/8c to 6 7/8c per lb.; pretty good animals, 6c to 6 1/2c, and the common stock, 5c to 4 1/2c per lb. Calves sold at from 3 1/2c to 5 1/2c per lb. Sheep sold at about 4 1/2c per lb.; lambs, at 6c to 7c; good lots of hogs sold at 7c to 7 1/8c per lb.

Toronto Live Stock.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Export cattle, choice, \$6.10 to \$6.75; medium, \$5.10 to \$6.25; bulls, \$5 to \$5.50; butcher cattle, choice, \$6.20 to \$6.65; medium, \$5.25 to \$5.75; common, \$4 to \$5; butcher cows, choice, \$4.75 to \$5.25; medium, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, \$3 to \$4; steers, \$4.75 to \$5.40; feeding steers, \$4.75 to \$5.30; stockers, choice, \$4.25 to \$4.80; light, \$3 to \$3.75; milkers, choice, each, \$60 to \$65; springers, \$40 to \$60; sheep, ewes, \$4 to \$4.75; bucks and culls, \$3 to \$3.75; lambs, \$6 to \$6.75; hogs, fed and watered, \$6.00; hogs, f.o.b., \$6.25; calves, \$4 to \$8.50. Receipts—cattle, 1,600; calves, 21; hogs, 412; sheep and lambs, 100.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Cattle receipts, 13,500; market 10c to 15c higher. Beef, \$4.85 to \$5.60; Texas steers, \$4.70 to \$5.90; western steers, \$5 to \$7.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.90 to \$6.10; cows and heifers, \$2.25 to \$6.85; calves, \$6 to \$8.50. Hogs, receipts, 24,000; market slow. 5c to 10c higher; light, \$6.90 to \$6.30; mixed, \$6 to \$6.42; heavy, \$6.05 to \$6.45; rough, \$6.05 to \$6.20; pigs, \$4.25 to \$5.75; bulk of sales, \$6.24 to \$6.35. Sheep, receipts, 25,000; market strong to 10c; native, \$3.25 to \$4.75; westerns, \$3.50 to \$4.85; yearlings, \$4.85; to \$6.63; lambs, native, \$5.00 to \$6.90; western, \$4.75 to \$6.90.

Crow Lake Notes.

Crow Lake, Feb. 6.—M. R. Reid public school inspector, visited the school on Monday last and found it progressing nicely, with Miss E. C. Schuyler, Schuyler Middleton, of Sheppard, Alta., who has been visiting amongst her many friends in down east, has returned back home; also setting up some of his business here. Horatio Tharrett, of Moosemen, Man., who has been around visiting his relatives for the past year, has returned to the west. Miss Anna Knapp and Mrs. Eliza Jack, of Crow Lake, at William Kennedy's, Miss Bessie (Cox) was the guest of her parents at Parkham over Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. James Flaherty and daughter, Vera, of Atholpe, at Mrs. Stephen Jones; Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson and little son, Morris, Messrs. D. Norris and sandy Mahon at J. W. Knapp; Boyd Mahon, George Hamilton, John Shellington, George McGinnis and son, Samuel McGinnis, William King, of Westport, at W. B. Tharrett; Mr. and Mrs. William Reynolds with his patients, Mr. and Mrs. K. Reynolds.

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This is the third time that the French republic has supplied the world with a prime minister. The first was the Duke of Broglie in 1872, and the second was M. de Freycinet in 1890.

Poincare comes to power with the title of the subject of government. He at once expressed the triple wish which may be taken as the key to his attitude: the deputies should legislate without attempting to govern, that ministers should govern on their own responsibility, and that justice should know no politics. He is a consistent opponent of socialism, but has expressed himself "grateful to socialists for the opportunity they afforded for studying their theories and discussing them calmly and dispassionately."

His vocabulary is to a considerable degree a matter of family influence, for his father, uncle, elder brother and cousin have all been distinguished in science and literature, such as was said by Laplace when Poincare was introduced into the academy, they might be said to constitute a little family university all by themselves. Poincare has denounced anti-patriotism in the present state of Europe as a most ghastly deception and places love of country above all other considerations.

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