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By Herbert Johnson



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A LETTER FROM IRELAND

THE SINN FEIN IS PLAYING ITS LAST CARD

It is "Now or Never"—Trying To Upset The Nerves of the British Government By Campaign of Frightfulness.

(By An Irishman.)
Large consignments of troops are being sent into Ireland for duty in the Southern Counties in order to stem the tide of lawlessness which has swept over that part of the country for some time past and which as yet show no signs of subsidence. To better cope with the conditions that exist a system of blockhouses is being established right over the counties of Cork, Tipperary and Clare from which great results are expected. For so far, though, there has been little or no apparent reduction in the number of crimes committed in those parts but the new system has not yet been in operation long enough for any startling results. Troops are still pouring into the country, however, and so the army of occupation about which

the British labor party prate so much and condemn is increasing in numbers day by day for the government abiding industries persons who are unable to transfer their means of livelihood to another part of the country where peace and quietness reigns. The problem of affording adequate protection to those who may come under the ban of Sinn Fein is one of tremendous difficulty because of the fact that no information as to the outrages that are committed can be obtained from the civilian population. Although organized crime has got the upper hand through want of firm, consistent administration and owing to the mistakes of responsible officials it is confidently anticipated that the forces of the Crown will ultimately obtain the upper hand and wear down the murderous element that has made Ireland an unenviable country in which to live.

It should be remembered our Sinn Fein is playing its last card both here and in America. As an organization it is exerting itself to the utmost of its power. It is "now or never" as the leaders of the Irish revolt domiciled in the United States are urging their followers to remember. It is evident that the pressing forward of the Government's Home Rule Bill has brought about an intensification of the Sinn Fein campaign of violence. That is their game. Sinn Fein overthrew the Redmondite party on the question of partition and as the government now propose to put partition in force the leaders of that organization would be hoist with their own petard. Therefore they are employing every resource to raise their campaign of "frightfulness" to such a pitch as will upset the nerves of the government. The obvious policy is to go forward along the path the government has marked out for itself, for all the talk about making it easy by concessions for Irishmen to accept unreservedly a position within the British Empire shows a complete ignorance of Irish psychology. Concessions will only be interpreted by them as an encouragement to hold out for the full programme.

The refusal of the railwaymen and dockers at Dublin and Cork to handle military supplies or to run trains carrying troops is eloquent of an approaching collision which may bring about decisive and far reaching developments. Of course the Government can have recourse to motor transport in which case the soldiers may be relied upon to tranship the stores and munitions but this alternative is not likely to be adopted until the question at issue between the men and the public carrying companies is finally settled and then only if the men continue in their refusal. The strike was unauthorized and the men have appeal-

ed to the Triple Alliance for approval of their action and it is expected that a special Trades Union Congress will be convened at an early date at which the attitude of British labor towards the production and handling of munitions of war for Ireland and Poland may be determined.

The establishment of "Courts of Law" in some localities of southern and western Ireland under the government of the Irish "Republic" is not an uninteresting departure in Irish affairs. The courts are presided over by men of scholarly attainments and legal luminaries practice thereat. To judge by the sentences which have been published one is forced to conclude that the courts are somewhat farcical. The pronouncements of the presidents have not been either dignified or noted for common sense but these qualities need not always be expected from Irishmen especially when dealing with matters connected with their own country.

Since the appointment of Hamar Greenwood as Chief Secretary for Ireland a number of changes in the personnel of the staff at Dublin Castle have been made as well as the creation of some new positions. Notably the appointment of General Tudor, C.B., to temporary appointment in connection with the Royal Irish Constabulary. Whether the rearrangement will make for efficiency in administration will be discussed at a later stage. It is generally recognized that the present Chief Secretary is inclined to pursue a rather different policy to that of his predecessors. He is credited with having to rally to his support those "moderate elements" which have long been held in an unnatural estrangement by a policy irreconcilable with the public professions of the ministry and the declared will of parliament. Ireland is to have practically a new executive whose duty it will be to find those "moderate elements" in the Nationalist Party. If the new policy consists in what is apparently the impossible task of distinguishing between Sinn Fein's criminal activities and its political "movement" the position of the new executive is not an enviable one as it would be about as easy to distinguish between the two barrels of a shot gun.

Among Presbyterians and indeed Protestants generally much satisfaction is felt at the action of the Presbyterian Church in America in calling upon American to "keep their hands off Ireland, to refuse to contribute to the cause of Irish freedom, to remember that Protestant Ireland is asking for nothing but to be left alone, and we request everyone to make a thorough personal investigation before giving moral or material support to that who pre-

tends to be an effort to make Ireland free."

The graves of twenty-one American soldiers who are interred in the city county cemetery, Belfast, were decorated with laurel wreaths, flowers and miniature American flags on Sunday 30th May. The decorations were supplied by the American Legation, London and a number of prominent Belfast citizens. Several thousand persons took part in the ceremony which was conducted by the American consul.

A net sum of \$150 has been realized and handed to the Lord Mayor, in aid of the Belfast hospitals from the exhibition in the Ulster hall of the film depicting the "Prince of Wales's tour in Canada" kindly lent by the C. F. R. Company through Sir George McL. Brown, the European manager of the company and W. McCalla, the local agent.

It is apparent, therefore that the Canadians are not only a loyal and patriotic people but they think imperially as the late Joseph Chamberlain used to say. The pictures taken of the Prince's Canadian tour are being shown in the Belfast picture houses and the cinemas are doing a roaring business. The pictures are very realistic depicting the Prince standing in the crowded thoroughfares and confetti being showered down upon him by ladies occupying the windows. We therefore see on the cinema film a reproduction of the welcome that the Prince received in Canada—a welcome of the warmth and heartiness of which will long live in memory. His Royal Highness is to return soon to good old Canada—the most loyal of England's colonies. His visit to Canada did much good in many directions. It has broadened the Prince's mind and widened his vision and it showed beyond doubt that the Canadian heart is sound imperially. Canada has no intention of becoming a part of the United States of America.



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These children do not look badly starved. Yet they are a few of the hundreds who are being taken from the famine areas of Austria to Great Britain, there to be cared for by the people whom their fathers so lately fought in battle. One vessel recently brought 500 of the children to Folkestone, and the picture shows a group at the rail of the vessel, evidently well-fed-up during the voyage.

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