

## Boom in Irish Industry One Result of the War; Brighter Future Seen

Editor of Dublin "Freeman's Journal" Tells of Rapid Development of Resources and Consequent Material Benefit to People.

RECRUITING FULLY UP TO EXPECTATIONS

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Dublin, Nov. 1.—Of the minor circumstances of the great European war none has been so confused as the part played by Ireland. Political faction has been interested in minimizing it, while the military authorities have been reluctant to give the exact measure of Irish co-operation. Yet it has been plain that of the smaller European units none has counted more significantly in the great campaign than the "island behind an island" in the west.

It has been made clear that a British embarrassment in Ireland was one of the factors in the calculations of the German diplomatists. The last Belgian Gray Book proved this definitely. Sir Edward Carson's bluff, although it left Ireland itself undisturbed, had imposed itself not merely upon English apprehensions, as was made so strangely evident by the King's invitation to the Birmingham Conference, but upon the Berlin Chancellorship, which had been repulsed at the latter "review."

Fortunately the Irish question had so far approached a settlement that it need not be a hindrance to the bold stroke of statesmanship which thrills the British Empire and toppled over the German house of cards on the eve of the declaration of war. When the Irish leader declared that the Irish National Volunteers were prepared to stand by the Ulster Volunteers in defending the shores of Ireland from aggression, and that England might withdraw every trained soldier from the land, there was an end to any chance of an effective German intrigue with the elements of Irish discontent.

**Irish Policy Reversed.**  
An even more courageous advance of Mr. Redmond's was his address to the Irish National Volunteers admiringly seen that the defense of Ireland was being maintained on the fields of Flanders. It was more courageous because it reversed the whole tradition of Nationalist politics in the councils of the British Empire.

Handicapped as his statesmanship has been by the British party spirit, Mr. Redmond's lead has, nevertheless, produced great results. Irish opinion was assisted in coming to its conclusion as to the soundness of his strategy by the earnest eagerness of the opponents of the Irish cause to belittle the results achieved. The strange spectacle has been witnessed in Ireland of a patriotic propagandist in favor of the maintenance of the British Empire and the defense of the cause of the Allies being sneered at by the organs that had hitherto made loyalty and imperialism their prime boasts.

The old hand in Irish national politics was indeed not surprised by the strange union of the Irish Nationalist and the organs of Orangeman in belittling the fruits achieved by the constitutional leaders and very soon the rank and file of Irish nationalism began to point the moral. The policy so friendly to the enemies of a friendly neighbor with England upon the basis of national right was plainly the policy that they should follow. Accordingly the figures of Irish recruiting began to grow. They rose an Irishman from the field, drawn from the southern provinces.

This was the Tenth Division, which went from the Curragh and the barracks around Dublin to storm the ships at Svva Bay, troops to whose heroism justice has yet to be done, and the cause of whose failure have yet to be fully unfolded, though it is known, however, to justify the assertion that not even the "Anzacs" have done greater things than those accomplished by the Irish from England and Connaught who had been left behind under shell fire. The remarkable thing was noted in Ireland that this gallant division was ready for the field and had "done its bit" before the Ulster division had left its training camp.

Then, when at last the military authorities—who, naturally, are but poor politicians and may be excused for not realizing the importance of constituting a unit in a crisis like that which faced them—at length consented to take Mr. Redmond's advice and call for the formation of the Irish battalions, the ranks were soon filled. Under the impulse of this recognition of Irish nationality recruiting flourished. In April and May the numbers rose from a thousand to the thousand a week.

**Recruiting Figures Drop.**  
The cause of the triumph of the Northcliffe and the dissolution of the Ulster Ministry. The event brought the number of Irish recruits down to a thousand, and the party politician had accomplished another stroke for the German.

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French Aeroplane Wings German, Which Drops Inside Allies' Lines.

AMERICANS SEE BATTLE

Special Correspondence to The Sun.  
POST A MORTONSON, Oct. 25.—We had spent the afternoon visiting friends at some "B" batteries in the trench section adjoining ours to the right. The twenty or so Americans of the American Ambulance section, on the French front near Metz, have their service arranged to give them one off duty day in every six. On occasions like this the men frequently visit acquaintances, whether on duty in the trenches, at batteries or in the surrounding towns.

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