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## IRELAND

Three Proposed Parliamentary Bills  
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of Paper.

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Satisfy.

WHAT THE IRISH PEOPLE WANT

From a recent issue of the Dublin Daily Independent, the leading Sinn Fein paper of Ireland, we take the following:

It is reported in a London contemporary that no fewer than 100 Irish bills purporting to effect an Irish settlement have been drafted for consideration by the Cabinet, but if their main features bear any resemblance to the outline which has been given the bills can only be compared with the three scraps of paper which certain traitor manipulators manage from time to time to gull innocent and unsuspecting members of the public. In the scheme "most favored" partition is, according to the report, we have referred to, writ large Irishmen will never assent to any plan for the mutilation of their nation. Partition was indignantly rejected before by the Irish people and if proposed again it will meet with a similar fate at their hands. Any Government honestly inclined to contrive a just and durable settlement would, after the lessons of the past, exclude partition, naked or disguised. We warn the people will reject any proposal embodying partition in any shape or form as an insult to their nationhood. Certain Unionists cry out that there is no alternative to the Union or separation. Every suggestion of a satisfactory settlement offered, has been denounced by them as fraudulent and dishonest, but no greater fraud than the act of union. Prof. Ducey ever perpetuated the lie that the Dominions, we find in their system of government an alternative to union or separation. Without interference from London, they are free to manage all their own affairs, to control their revenue and expenditure and to regulate their trade and commerce. We have in these columns consistently advocated a full Dominion home rule for Ireland as a whole. This is our irreducible minimum, and nothing short of it will ever satisfy the Irish people.

Federal lines will, it is suggested, be followed in the settlement supposed to be contemplated by the Government. The term "Federal" has been introduced merely to mislead, as in 1912 some politicians sought to persuade the public that the bill of that year was a Colonial measure. In fact, the rule because it gave powers similar to those enjoyed by the colonies, but wittingly they omitted to mention that the bill conferred only the restricted powers of the States or provinces included within the Dominion Federation implies the voluntary act of States possessing full self-government. Such States may agree to a distribution of the legislative powers between the Central or Federal Government and the State or Provincial legislatures. In existing circumstances the term "Federal" applied to an Irish settlement is absurd and meaningless. What Englishman would dream of asking a Parliament to deal exclusively with English affairs? Ireland in this matter stands apart from Great Britain, just as much as Canada, Australia or South Africa did when they were accorded the right to rule themselves in the freest and most consistent with Imperial unity. The concession of full self-government to the Dominions, instead of weakening, has strengthened the ties which unite the Empire. The Government's policy towards themselves if they think that any scheme of self-government less than full Dominion home rule will satisfy the Irish people. Full Dominion home rule is, we repeat, our irreducible minimum. Conceivably the Government may seek to impose upon the country some attenuated and inadequate measure of home rule, but in such "settlement" there would be no finality. The "misunderstanding" or "open sore," would remain, and the forced remedy would lead to further and renewed agitation to obtain that which would now be acceptable to the vast majority of the people—full Dominion self-government; nothing less. Ireland given a Dominion status might be inclined to become a member of that Imperial Commonwealth or Federation advocated by Dominion statesmen. In the event we should be prepared to consider Federation, but when the term "Federal" is introduced with the different and obvious object of curtailing and diminishing the rights which, as a nation, we do most emphatically insist upon, we say that strategem of this kind will never remove the distrust and discontent of Ireland, which it should be the aim of wise and straight statesmanship to overcome.

SOLDIERS ATTACK CITIZENS.

The Associated Press cables from Cork, Ireland, that constant collisions between the military and civilians there culminated in serious rioting Monday night when soldiers broke through the police lines and came into conflict with the crowd. Sticks

and stones were freely used, and belts were removed and forcefully swung. There also were a few revolver shots. Captain and a private of the troops were badly wounded. The police eventually dispersed the crowd and got the soldiers back to their barracks.

WORLD'S UNREST.

Cardinal O'Connell recently gave an earnest and opportune address on the world's unrest, as caused in large part by craze for amusement and the riches which are supposed to make for happiness, and by envy on the part of many of those who are richer than themselves. He had no criticism for a just and rational desire for one's share of the good things of this world, and a certain diligence in seeking them, so long as these disturb not our sense of proportion, our realization of what are the better things. God has made us of soul and body, and we have a right to the goods of both. He continued:

"All this I wish to say merely to emphasize the fact that I have striven in my own way, as far as my powers reached, to inculcate among the people of our church that it is their right and due as far as their ability goes, as far as the contentment of life allows, as far as the true values of life permit, to gain and acquire and enjoy and use the good things of the world, the things that are really good of the world. God knows we do not want our people to be forever in a condition of semi-slavery. We want them to enjoy the rights equally with those about them, and to attain to the positions in life which are due to their intelligence, their integrity, to their labor and to their perseverance."

But His Eminence would also make it clear that the great bulk of humanity can be happy without luxuries; and it is no advantage to those who, in the nature of things, can not attain riches, to have their minds poisoned by the breeders of class hatred. This is the work of the devil, and we see it in every land. The world is going mad on the subject of riches and pleasure. It is teeming with bitter discontent. The Christian accepts material goods, in whatever righteous way they come to him, as blessings from God, and is grateful for them. The pagan principle is just to get them and to attach such an exaggerated importance to them as to be miserable without them.

EDWARD KENNEDY.

Edward Kennedy, fifty years old and a life-long and popular resident of the West End, passed peacefully to eternal rest early Sunday morning at the home of his brother-in-law, James Lyons, 1725 Bank street. From October 7, 1887, to May 1, 1912, when he retired, he was a faithful member of the police force, well liked by his superiors and every member of the department. During his long service he was never censured and residents of his beat enjoyed a feeling of security. His only survivor is his sister, Mrs. James Lyons. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church, and the large attendance was indeed a tribute to respect.

NEW ALBANY.

Miss Nellie Cook and James Lopp, popular young people of New Albany, were united in matrimony at Holy Trinity rectory Saturday evening. The Rev. Charles Curran performed the ceremony. Daniel Ferguson and Frank Biggs were the attendants. Following the ceremony the bridal couple departed on an extended wedding trip. Miss Cook is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, 1732 Shelby street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Anderson, who have been visiting Mrs. Anderson's mother, Mrs. John O'Brien, Catherine Place, have gone on a visit to friends in Memphis, Hot Springs and Dallas before going to New Orleans, where they will spend the winter.

FLIES DAILY.

During the business of closing out the welfare activities in the British Isles by the Knights of Columbus, which has just been completed, William J. Mulligan, Chairman of the Overseas Committee, has been enabled to transact his duties with dispatch between Paris and London. The Knights decided with the departure of the mine sweepers, a division of the navy from the North Sea to close out their welfare work and Mulligan made a dozen trips across the channel via the air. The Knights have taken a general care of the troops in Poland and in several parts of Europe and the "Casey" men have been located longer than the A. E. F. on the chance of something out of the ordinary developing which would bring soldiers back into such sections.

GOOD PROGRESS MADE.

Eugene R. Bergeron, Field Secretary of the National Catholic War Council, is in Louisville to organize Boy Scout troops in each of the forty-one parishes of the city. Secretary Bergeron, whose home is in Muskegon, Mich., will be here between two or three months, and is making his offices with the Louisville Council, Boy Scouts of America, on the sixth floor of the Paul Jones building. All troops organized by him will come directly under Louisville Council. The worker assisting him in the field are Field Secretaries of the National Catholic War Council organization. The purpose is to organize Boy Scout troops wherever possible in all Catholic parishes throughout the nation, Catholic leaders everywhere having intimated the movement. The Secretary reports that encouraging progress already is being made here.

DRIVE FOR RED CROSS.

Although the war is over and the Red Cross is not making a drive for big subscriptions, it does need renewal of membership upon the part

of old subscribers. Remember, there will be no further canvas for another year. Cardinal Gibbons has highly commended the work of the Red Cross, which as an organization is recognized as filling a necessary office for the nation. In no way interfering with any local charitable organization, it steps in and adds them when needed and then, when the work is done, retires without ostentation or advertising. Few people knew of the immense work that was done in this country during the influenza epidemic a year ago, when thousands of stragglers were kept on call and sent to different localities where most needed, when medical and other supplies were sent out in large quantities and thousands of lives saved through receiving the proper care at the critical time. If you have not met your district collector you can make your subscription at the local Red Cross headquarters in the Speed building.

POPE RECEIVES ENVOY.

The Associated Press cables from Rome that for the first time since the declaration of the world war, Pope Benedict on Sunday officially received in private audience a representative of the Central Powers, Baron Johann von Gebasell, Secretary of the Bavarian Legation, who has arrived in Rome to prepare for the return of the Bavarian Legation. Diplomatic relations were not interrupted between the Holy See and Bavaria during the war. The Nuncio remained in Munich, while the Bavarian Minister accredited to the Holy See, Cardinal Alois Masella, who has just returned from Lisbon, where he was stationed during the revolution, remaining there until the resumption of diplomatic relations between Portugal and the Holy See. Both the Pope and Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, during the day received Monsignor Alois Masella, who has just returned from Lisbon, where he was stationed during the revolution, remaining there until the resumption of diplomatic relations between Portugal and the Holy See. Both the Pope and Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State, during the day received Monsignor Alois Masella, who has just returned from Lisbon, where he was stationed during the revolution, remaining there until the resumption of diplomatic relations between Portugal and the Holy See.

NEW CLASS BEING FORMED.

All girls desiring to join the new English mathematics class which will appear in the school catalog at the office and give in their names to the Catholic War Activities Council, 557 South Fourth street. This will be a once-a-week class and on a different night from the office training class. Thursday evening, the room is now open every night until 10 o'clock and any ladies who can chaperone one night a month are asked to call Main or City 3359. These who chaperone the first part of November are Miss Marie Le Costa, Mrs. Joe Morgan, Mrs. H. J. Martin, Mrs. Mary Mallon, Mrs. Thos. A. Brocar, Misses Margaret and Mary Boyle, Mrs. Minnie V. Bosche, Miss Alice and Bona Cahill.

WORLD'S GREATEST SINGER.

John McCormack, probably the most popular singer in the world, will appear in Louisville on November 21. This will be without question the greatest musical attraction ever announced for Louisville, and McCormack will draw people from all over the State of Kentucky. The managers of the concert, Bradford Willis and Merle Armstrong, state that they will take very special care of out-of-town mail orders, and that they will see that all people coming from a distance have good seats. McCormack is the first in a series of three concerts, the others being the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Amelita Galli-Curci. Single admissions for McCormack will be \$1.10, \$2.20 and \$3.50, including tax.

ELECTION IN DECEMBER.

At a well attended meeting nominations for central officers of St. Joseph's Orphan Society were made Sunday afternoon in St. Boniface Hall as follows: President—John Tobe, Joseph Heitzman. Vice President—D. Lubbers, Charles Pfeiffer. Recording Secretary—Henry Hill, Ben Voll. Financial Secretary—S. Hubbuch, Joseph Schneider. Corresponding Secretary—Albert Kopp, Louis Rausch. Treasurer—William F. Mayer, C. F. Hartung. The election will be held the third Sunday in December.

CABINET WORRIED.

From London the Associated Press on Wednesday telegraphed that the Cabinet is about ready to take up consideration of proposals of the Cabinet committee on the subject of Ireland. It was learned from an authoritative source that the Government is much embarrassed by publication of what has purported to be the Government plan for settlement of the Irish problem.

CASEYS GET MEDALS.

A bronze medal suitably inscribed will be awarded every "Casey" worker in the world, it was announced in New York City on Wednesday night by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus. Men and women workers at home and abroad will be decorated. The die of the medal represents a doughboy in the Argonne Forest being given hot chocolate by a welfare worker.

CLOSING OF RETREAT.

The retreat for young men and boys that opened Wednesday in Holy Trinity church, East Kentucky street, will come to a solemn close tomorrow, when the blessing will be given. There was a large attendance both morning and evening, and Rev. Father Berresheim, the pastor, and Rev. Father Bernardino, C. P., who was the retreat master, are highly pleased with the results.

## REPUBLICAN

Administration Begins to Cut a Big Swath With Taxpayers' Money.

Anti-League and Anti-Wilson Voters Play a Good Joke on Themselves.

Swagar Sherley Would Have Saved Camp Taylor For the City of Louisville.

THE FIELD AGAINST ROSS.

Attention was called in these columns last week to the principal causes of Democratic defeat in a recent election and the defeat of Swagar Sherley for Congress last year. The defeats were attributed to the fact that there are a good many voters whose uppermost thought is to rebuke on President Wilson, and this class care nothing for State, city or county affairs when they can get an opportunity to take a slap at the President. They will vote against their neighbor or some one of their own immediate family if they think they can bring a rebuke to Wilson and the League of Nations, and while many of them profess to be intelligent enough to understand the many and different technical points of the much discussed treaty, yet they plead guilty to the fact that they are not intelligent enough to scrutinize in order to vote a good ticket. The action of these voters was emphasized this week in the Camp Taylor removal report. As everyone knows, former Congressman Swagar Sherley was directly responsible for the bringing of the camp here, and it came at a time when Louisville was sorely in need of something to carry it over the war period. What Camp Taylor did for our merchants, real estate men and everyone in general is too well known to need repeating here, and in addition had a record in Congress second to none in the whole United States, was a candidate for re-election last year. The Board of Trade, the merchants' associations and the other bodies who are now showing resolutions and lamenting as far as possible the removal of Camp Taylor, made an effort to see that Mr. Sherley returned to Congress, although out of sheer gratitude it was their duty. The slap-at-Wilson voters achieved their purpose, for Mr. Sherley was defeated by only 1,000 votes and a man sent in his place who has never created a ripple and half the public wouldn't know who our Congressman was if the Louisville Herald didn't continue to repeatedly print his name. Here's a reflection for the local trade bodies and the anti-Wilson voters.

Wilson's another joke the anti-Wilson voters on the day of National Voters play on themselves. In their fear of losing their vote by scratching they voted for an indorsement of the present misfit "reform" administration and this week taxpayers and merchants, big and little, groan and grope for a way to get a big increase in their assessments. When the taxpayers went to the City Hall to register a protest they were told that the administration was sorely in need of money, because of the raises given our Key-stone police, the "hick" firemen, and in fact everyone that stood in line with the Hart-Searcy machine. The "reform" administration feels that it has been given an indorsement at the polls and from now on will be spending money like a drunken sailor. Here's a sample: The Chief of the Key-stone announced some changes in the police department the other day. Capt. Laird, who did not go to France with the First Regiment, was made Night Chief and Night Chief Wintersmith was made Business Director of the Police Department. This is a strict violation of the charter, and Petty has no more right to create the office of a business director than he has to create the office of Keeper of the Royal Palms.

Encouraged by the recent election the Democratic administration, right spending now going on and the creation of political sinecures, which is another way of padding the pay-rolls, what has become of the big fund set aside by near Mayor Smith and his boards to investigate the Democratic administration. Right after the inauguration of the near Mayor an appropriation of several thousand dollars was made to investigate the different departments and it was hinted that a lot of padded pay-rolls would be exposed and the money given to the workers would be shown the public. James Escott, the expert accountant, was employed to conduct this investigation. Now here it is two years after and not a word has been said about the examination, nor have the money and the other earnings of little hard feelings in the G. O. P. Felix Dumas, former President of

the lower board, who led the ticket in the recent election, was relegated to the ranks of the privates and his job as President given to Jake Isaacs, who finished twenty-second in a field of twenty-four in the Councilman race. This is done to spite Dumas' Mayorality ambitions. Weed Axton has forgotten his feud with Ches Searcy and is now working in the G. O. P. ranks with the Mayor's best buzzer in his bonnet. Burlingame, Ross and Petty also have the same ambition, but to date Sheriff Will Ross has set such a dizzy pace for the job that the rest are having a hard time following in his wake. But look here for a weird combination against Ross and already you can hear the small fry of the Hart-Searcy clan applying the anvil chorus on the Sheriff's ambition. One of the really strong men in the party not getting a call is County Attorney Mark Chittenden.

To help the poor old "hick" fire department our pavements are now being cluttered up with signs supposed to keep autos and vehicles away from fire clatters, but the real intention is to tell our crude firemen where the clatters are. You'll see these signs when your automobile is not parked once a week. In addition to having trouble locating the fire clatters the "hick" firemen are having trouble finding the fire. Monday evening there was a fire on Fourth street, fourth on Maple, and noble firemen attached the hose to a fire plug on Maple street, just three doors from the fire, and then to the surprise of the bystanders grabbed the hose and all went "blinky blinky." Twenty-fourth, going away from the fire, a fireman finally an Assistant Chief rounded up the "hicks" and brought them back, but the fire had burned merrily in the meantime. The same thing happened in the South End recently. There was a fire near Fifteenth and Magnolia, and the firemen went out to Twelfth, then to Twelfth again, then back to Twelfth and Oak, from where they started. They played this old merry-go-round game several times and the residents never did figure out whether the reel, engine and hook and ladder were playing "tag, you're it," or whether they just couldn't find the fire.

The old town is sure having its troubles just now and Thanksgiving day won't be a merry one for the citizens of Louisville. Between the Key-stone operators on our street cars and the Key-stone drawing big fat salaries as policemen it sure looks like a hard winter. You are in danger of your life when you ride the street cars, and if you walk at night you are in danger of having your cranium caved in by the numerous holdup men and thugs in our midst, and who find our Key-stone police a joke sure enough. Every Saturday now we have a day that robbery on Fourth street and the pace is getting so hot that the detectives are resorting to locking up one another to pad the arrests.

BLUEGRASS IN MOURNING.

Lexington and the Bluegrass section is mourning the death of Mayor James C. Rogers, fifty-nine years old, following a long illness resulting from a general breakdown. Born in Lexington, the son of John and Ann McAllister, he attended St. Paul's school and graduated from Kentucky University in June, 1876. In July of the same year young Rogers went to work in the Sheriff's office under Major R. G. Thomas and a month's trial was appointed Deputy Sheriff. He was elected to the office of Sheriff of Fayette county in August, 1886, assuming his duties in January of the following year. He was re-elected in 1889, his term expiring with the year 1890. After leaving the Sheriff's office Mr. Rogers went to work as assistant cashier in the Central Bank, where he remained during the years 1891 and 1892. The fall of 1892 he went again in politics and he was elected Clerk of the Fayette Circuit Court, which office he held four consecutive terms. His last term expired in 1915 and in January of the next year he became Lexington's Mayor. Mr. Rogers was a member of Bluegrass Council, Knights of Columbus, and had served as Grand Knight of the local council and District Deputy and State Deputy. He belonged to St. Peter's Catholic church and members of the congregation are invited to help make this deserving affair a success.

BENEFIT FOR CHURCH.

Next Tuesday afternoon and evening members of the congregation will entertain with a social and card party in St. Mary's Hall, Eighth and Cedar, for the benefit of the church. Elaborate preparation has been made to insure a pleasant time and many desirable prizes. All friends of Father Westerman and members of the congregation are invited to help make this deserving affair a success. There will be prizes for players and non-players, and a gold prize of \$5 will be awarded at the close. Games will start at 3 o'clock and 7:30 and supper will be served at 5 o'clock. The proceeds will be devoted to the interest of the church, and it is hoped a neat sum will be realized.

PLEASING RECIPE.

A large and appreciative audience heard the recital of Miss Anna Week, the contralto who has won high praise both in this country and abroad, given Wednesday afternoon at Holy Rosary auditorium. Miss Week presented an artistic and classical programme and sustained the reputation as an artist and musician that preceded her. Her audience was appreciative from first to last and expressed hope that she would soon give another.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours devotion will begin tomorrow morning in the Church of Our Lady. Thirty-fifth and Rudd, at 9:30 o'clock, with procession, exposition and high mass. The services will continue until Tuesday evening and many will attend to gain indulgences for the poor souls.

COUNTRY MISSION.

Rev. Alphonse Krupp, C. P., rector of the Sacred Heart Retreat, last Sunday opened a week's mission in St. Jerome's church, Fancy Farm, Graves county, where the attendance at all the services was very gratifying. Rev. Father Rahual, C. P., who closed a retreat at Hyde Park, Cincinnati, the first of the week, has been assisting Father Krupp. The mission will close tomorrow.

ing that if Sinn Fein had not known the authorities' intentions beforehand hundreds of the delegates to the convention would have been arrested or worse may have befallen them. Is it any wonder that the Government is dared when it finds Sinn Fein virtually using its own weapons against it and menacing its peace of mind by merciless publicity. What the United States will do in reference to the search of its sailor citizens we are unable to forecast. What it should do is to issue a "hands off" ultimatum to England.

WAS LONG ILL.

Dr. James T. Shannon, forty-six years old, died Wednesday at his home in Lexington after an illness of two years' duration. He was one of the best known veterinary surgeons in the country, and was known to practically every turkman who raced at the Lexington track. He was a graduate of St. Martin's College, Marion county, and of the veterinary college of the University of Glasgow, Scotland. He is survived by his widow and three children and by a half-brother, former Mayor John Skain.

EXPRESSES GRATITUDE.

Canon Cabanel, chaplain of the famous Blue Devils, who has been the distinguished guest of the United States for the past few weeks, is about to return to France. Sent by the French High Commission, of which he is a member, his mission in America was to visit the various committees of the Pathless (Children of France), an American organization co-operating with a similar one in Paris which Marshal Joffre had organized to help the French army in the field. He rendered to the poor little homeless orphans of the war during the past three years through his plan of long distance "adoptions"—American aid being contributed to the extent of ten cents a day. Every cent of money contributed goes direct to the child, the small expenses of the organization being borne by generous friends.

PLEASANT BIRTHDAY.

A delightful party was given Monday night to celebrate the seventeenth birthday of Miss Pearl Winn at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Winn, 1348 Shey street, New Albany. Those present were Misses Rose Connolly, Helen Bir, Helen Lipps, Dollie Paulsen, Iona Le Gate, Elita Lipps, Estella Connolly, Loretta Schmidt, Leona Schmidt, Edith, and Chester Taylor. In a drawing contest prizes were awarded to Miss Iona Le Gate and Miss Estella Connolly.

SUPERIOR GENERAL REHE.

A reception was tendered Rev. Brother Bernard, C. F. X., Superior General of the Xavierian Brothers, at St. Xavier's College yesterday afternoon by the teachers and students. An orchestral and musical programme was rendered and short addresses were made by Brother Isidore, Provincial, Brother Benjamin, Principal, Thomas M. Abell and John T. Hennessy. The guest of honor made the closing address.

HANDSOME SOUVENIRS.

Extensive preparations are being made by the ladies of St. Paul's church, Pleasure Ridge, for a social and lotto party which will take place at St. Helen's Commercial Club on Tuesday, November 25. The ladies in charge expect it to be a most successful event, as many handsome and costly souvenirs have been donated. There will be prizes for players and non-players, and a gold prize of \$5 will be awarded at the close. Games will start at 3 o'clock and 7:30 and supper will be served at 5 o'clock. The proceeds will be devoted to the interest of the church, and it is hoped a neat sum will be realized.

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## ENGLAND'S

Boosted Part in the War Exposed  
Now in Official Documents.

Americans Outnumber British Armies  
Ten to One at Argonne-Meuse.

Britain's Fighting Strength at Close  
of War Was Only  
465,000.

OLD JOHN BULL'S BLUSTERING.

Truths long concealed during the war are now coming out in official documents. Here are some of the most interesting suppressed facts recently disclosed:

In Mrs. Humphry Ward's third volume of the history of the war, "Fields of Victory," she publishes for the first time a confidential chart kept by the British General Staff revealing the fighting strength of Great Britain in France from January, 1916, to the day of the armistice. It shows that in 1918, when America had two million men in France, and of these 1,330,000 were actual combat troops, Great Britain's fighting strength was less than half a million. Also that in the decisive battle of the Argonne-Meuse 546,000 Americans were actually engaged alongside of 56,000 British and 58,000 French.

Nearly all the newspaper accounts from British sources during 1916 and 1917 estimated the strength of the British armies in France anywhere from two million to four million men. Mrs. Humphry Ward's statement in the second volume of her war history, published in 1917, that the British armies were bearing the brunt of the battle, did not therefore seem to be exaggerated. But the chart of the British General Staff, which she now publishes, shows that the earlier statistics were grotesque exaggerations. The actual fighting strength in January, 1916, of the British troops in France, official chart shows, was 470,000 men; in July, 1916, 680,000, and on the eve of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, April, 1917, the British strength reached its maximum in France, 750,000 combat troops. From this point Great Britain's fighting strength gradually lessened. The terrific battles of the last three months of the war 620,000 English, Scotch, Irish and Welsh troops compared with 1,330,000 American actual fighters. On the day the armistice was signed Great Britain's fighting strength was 465,000. There were then two million American in France.

It was the American advance in the Argonne-Meuse, reaching a point on the river Meuse opposite Sedan on November 6, which made further German retreat impossible. This was the enemy's main line of communications, and "nothing but surrender or an armistice could save the German army from complete disaster," as General Pershing officially telegraphed. General Ludendorff's losses in France, the German Chief Quartermaster General writes:

"We calculated on forcing a decision on the Western front before the American troops could arrive. Our naval experts estimated in April, 1917, that the loss of one million American soldiers in a reasonable time would require five million tons of shipping. Such a quantity of shipping, in view of the necessity for maintaining supplies to the Western powers, could not be spared. Consequently, . . . the Americans came in over our water numbers than we had conceived possible. . . . They were the decisive factor in the war."

To these interesting confessions may be added the appalling figures of war losses now published for the first time by the Committee of the French Chamber of Deputies, showing the measureless bloodshed, suffering and losses of France. Up to June, 1919, 1,334,400 Frenchmen were killed; 4,103,981 wounded and 4,385,213 sick were treated in French military hospitals. Of some of these wounded were treated as many as seven times, the estimated number of French officers and men wounded is put in the budget report as 2,800,000. In reading these figures to the Chamber of Deputies, M. Louis Marin, Chairman of the Budget Committee, stated that, in killed and missing in France, the United Kingdom of Great Britain lost 682,000 in fifty-nine months, the United States 114,000 in eleven months. M. Marin estimated the total Russian losses in killed during the war at 1,290,000, Germany's loss in killed and missing 2,041,000, and Austria-Hungary's, 1,542,817.

In view of these authentic facts and staggering figures, the following sentence from an article by Major Gen. Sir Frederic Manrope, Director of British Military Operations during the war, in a British newspaper on October 22, appeals to the American sense of humor: "It was chiefly the hammer blows of the British army which forged victory in the last wonderful campaign on the western front."

FESTIVAL AT ST. BONIFACE.

The men of St. Boniface congregation are making extensive preparations for their annual Thanksgiving festival and turkey disposal to take place November 24 and 25 at St. Boniface Hall. In addition to the turkeys there will be many other desirable offerings and attractions.