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POTENT MENACE.

An educated immigrant who can talk anarchy in five languages surely is a more potent menace to this country than is the poor peasant whose mind is sane, though unlettered, and whose ruggedness matches that of our early settlers.

PLEDGE CANDIDATES.

The last Kentucky Legislature voted on the prohibition constitutional amendment without obtaining a referendum of the voters. Candidates this year should be pledged not to vote on any amendment to the national constitution on which the people have had no voice, thus avoiding a repetition of the present prohibition farce, which is the pet of the wealthy and bootleggers.

TERRIBLE INDICTMENT.

That was a terrible indictment of British methods in Ireland which was brought to the attention of the members of the British Parliament by President De Valera in his letter last week. No member of Parliament can now say that he does not know what is going on in Ireland. And these things will go on just as long as Parliament continues to uphold the Lloyd George Ministry. The responsibility is not alone on the "Black and Tans," but upon every member of the British Parliament who supports the coalition government.

WHY KEPT SECRET?

At a hearing of the Senate Committee last week on the cable controversy a young man in the State Department, without the knowledge of his superiors, produced a document which disclosed more than 3,000 complaints by American business men of spying or eavesdropping by the British Government upon cable messages sent by our business men concerning trade relations with foreign business houses. Why this is kept secret from the American people is a mystery and the people should demand that their Representatives and Senators insist upon a complete exposure and explanation from the British Government. In addition, the Government officials who are shielding and toadying to John Bull should be exposed.

THE OLD CRY.

In every instance where the duplicity of the English Government is being exposed, as it is just now, the pro-English papers in this country pursue the old stop this method of trying to distract attention by exposing some supposed plot of Irish or German-Americans to embarrass the United States. Why all the cry about traitorous citizens of Irish or German descent and nothing about the colossal British propaganda now being circulated in this country and the attempt to even doctor our school books of American history. In this city the Courier-Journal and Times are ever ready to slay any body of citizens who are not friendly to England, but never cares to discover who received the millions of dollars Lord Northcliffe circulated here for British propaganda, or who is behind the movement to poison school children's minds in regard to America's glorious history in her wars with England.

GIVE JOHN BULL BLOW.

If you wish to give John Bull a truly staggering blow—and what lover of liberty does not?—then strike at his pocket. The pocket is John's tender spot, and a well aimed blow, no matter how little the force behind it, will make John squeal. This is something that Americans must not lose sight of if they wish to do a real service to the cause of Irish freedom. It is safe to say that at least one-fourth of the fire, accident and automobile insurance business of this country is done by British, and British controlled companies netting in premiums fully a quarter billion dollars per annum. Much of this money comes out of Irish-American pockets. In other words, Irish-Americans are furnishing England with a goodly part of the means to pay for the atrocities which they denounce. Again we find many of the retail houses advertising English goods; now since it would be impossible for a shopper to pick and choose, our advice to Irish-

Americans is not to patronize any house that advertises goods made in England. Strike at his pocket and you will soon reduce the bully of the nations to a condition which will be favorable to your demand for Irish liberty.

LIBERTY WOULD VANISH.

The Smith-Towner bill advocates are trying to get it rushed through the present Congress in the confusion of the closing hours. That is the only hope they have for the measure now. It is not likely that they will succeed. Opposition by such men as the Presidents of the universities of Yale, Harvard, Illinois, and other seats of learning, has opened the eyes of Congressmen to the dangers of the bill. It would establish a bureaucracy at Washington which would prove worse tyranny than that against which we went to war in 1917.

When education becomes bureaucratized, then liberty vanishes. The Smith-Towner bill provides the bureaucracy. The rest follows naturally.

Make good use of the holy season of Lent. This is a richly endowed season of grace. This is a season of spiritual renovation and rejuvenation.

BRITAIN'S DEBT TO U. S.

The largest war loan to the Allies by this country was to Great Britain, which received \$4,277,000,000 upon which she has paid interest amounting to \$233,357,185, and still owes interest amounting to \$214,582,824. Great Britain has money to keep troops in Ireland, Persia, Mesopotamia and Egypt, her war of conquest in Mesopotamia costing two hundred millions a year, while she loans money to Greece to subsidize her armies. United States Liberty Bonds were issued to provide funds for the British loan, and if she does not pay interest on these bonds Americans will have to. If Great Britain will not pay the principal, Americans will have to. All we received out of the war was debts and experience, and hogwash England, who has grabbed everything in sight, must at least be made to pay her lawful debts to this country.

AUGUST A. BIZOT.

August A. Bizot, eighty years old, one of the best known citizens of New Albany and Southern Indiana, died late Thursday night at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital. For over half a century he had taken prominent part in every movement for city and State betterment, his naturally quick intellect and careful and intense study of both business and public questions making him one of the ablest and most useful merchants of the city. His charity was liberal and broad in the best meaning of the term. Of him it is literally true, that he knew no distinction of creed, color or nationality. Want, affliction and misery appealed to his big heart, no matter who was the subject. And it was characteristic of the man, that he never turned a deaf ear even to an enemy in need or in trouble. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Josephine M. Bizot, and four sons, Dr. A. R. A. J. Ray and Emil Bizot, the first three being residents of Louisville and the last making his home at Memphis, Tenn. The solemn funeral mass was at Holy Cross church on Monday morning. Rev. Father Hill conducting the solemn obsequies.

HELLISH ARE BRITISH.

Great Britain's campaign against the Irish Republican movement was denounced Saturday by the Right Rev. Patrick Joseph Clune, Archbishop of Perth, Australia, upon his return to that city from Europe, says a dispatch to the London Times. While visiting in Ireland, Archbishop Clune took part in unofficial negotiations looking to the restoration of peace between the British Government and leaders of the Sinn Fein. "I say with regret and reluctance," the Archbishop is quoted as saying, "that every infamy perpetrated by Germany during her occupation of Belgium has been renewed and repeated and in some cases exceeded in Ireland. I subscribe to every word used by Eamonn de Valera in his recent charges against English forces in Ireland. A list of persons who are to be assassinated is placed in the hands of those in the pay of the crown, which is responsible for the situation. The appalling horrors of this hellish policy have not achieved their object, but have embittered moderate Irishmen."

Archbishop Clune is said to have acknowledged that he had been shown the greatest kindness from leaders on both sides and declared that many upholders of Great Britain's policy had felt the Premier was anxious for a peaceful solution of the Irish problem. "Interested persons," he added, "have found a way, however, to frustrate such schemes by working in high places."

COMING EVENTS.

March 28—Social by young men and women of St. Ann's church, afternoon and evening.
March 29—Easter entertainments by St. Frances of Rome church in Trinity Council Hall, afternoon and evening.
March 30—Social entertainment and Dutch lunch, afternoon and evening at Windthorst Hall.
April 4—Lunch and social by ladies of St. William's church, afternoon and evening.

DANCES AFTER EASTER.

The students of Holy Rosary Academy are arranging for a subscription dance after Easter and a Senior dance in June.

GOES TO OHIO.

The Rev. Edward J. O'Hearn, O. P., who has been preaching at St. Cecilia's church on Tuesday evening during Lent, has gone to Ohio, where he will be for some time.

HAPPY EVENT.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, of Jeffersonville, were tendered a happy surprise in honor of the twenty-second anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. John Kipper, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dolan, Mrs. Kate Murphy; Misses Margaret Dugan, Mollie Lee and Anna May Buckman were guests.

GIVES LIBERTY BONDS.

Ten \$1,000 liberty bonds have been received by Rev. Bernard A. McKenna as a contribution toward the building of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. The contribution is the largest of its kind made by any individual this year. In accordance with the usual custom the name of the benefactor was not made public.

LIQUOR LACKS LEGAL STATUS.

Thieves may steal your liquor without fear of prosecution. That is what Judge John D. Humphreys of the Fulton Superior Court, ruled at the trial of an Atlanta city detective charged with stealing liquor from a self-confessed bootlegger. The Judge ruled that liquor has no legal status.

TWENTY HOUSES BURNED.

More than twenty private and public houses were burned Tuesday night at Ballybunlon by the British soldiery as a reprisal for the shooting of two constables at Ballylongford, County Kerry.

DECORATION.

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, has conferred the decoration of the Knighthood of St. Gregory are Great on Joseph Scott, of Los Angeles. The news was received with great pleasure by thousands of the distinguished attorney's admirers in every section of California.

HISTORICAL IRISH PLAY.

The Bertrand Dramatic Club will produce "Hibernia, the Spirit of Ireland," on St. Patrick's night under the auspices of Division 4, A. O. H., in Bertrand Hall, and the cast is now actively rehearsing. The piece is composed of a tableau in three acts and is a historical sketch of Ireland's early history, with Donald McMurragh's treachery as the principal theme. The play also emphasizes the fact that England's social rights in Ireland were obtained by unlawful conquest.

FOR IRISH RELIEF.

A benefit performance for the Irish Relief Fund will be given at the Grosvenor theater on Tuesday evening, March 8, under the auspices of Division 4, A. O. H. Two shows will be given, and special vaudeville numbers will be introduced.

GREAT WAR MEDAL.

Official notice from the French Government regarding medals of merit for more than ten thousand American men and women workers in military auxiliaries has been received by Supreme Secretary William J. McGinley, of the Knights of Columbus.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

Mrs. Adam Link, Highland Park, was given a surprise party on Wednesday evening of last week in honor of her birthday anniversary by Mesdames William Probst, Joseph Spalding, L. Phelps, Terry Carter, M. Schwartz, Joe Link, Jr., T. O. Downs, Dave Schwartz, T. Mattingly, L. Hinkle, G. Mattingly, Eric McGuire, E. Lewis, Dave Martin; Misses Ossa Paine, Thomas Phelps, Ollie Probst, Violet Spalding, Susie Phelps, Zelma and Lois Link; Messrs. McGuire and Lewis.

THE HOME RULE ACT.

From London the Associated Press reports that the Privy Council has decided that the home rule act for Ireland shall go into effect April 5. The first step under the act is to be the issuance of writs for elections to the new Parliaments, which probably will take place three weeks afterward. The Belfast Parliament will assemble in June.

HELP RELIEF FUND.

Five hundred persons Saturday night raised \$50,000 in Chicago for relief work in Ireland by paying \$100 each for a dinner given by the recently organized American Committee for Relief in Ireland. The menu consisted of the usual variety of foods generally included in a formal dinner. Senator David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, in an address, told his audience that while no American held any ill-feeling against the English people or desired to create dissension between England and the United States, this country could not maintain a hands-off policy in regard to Ireland.

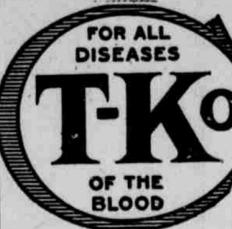
THIRTEEN MURDERED.

From Cork the Associated Press reports that thirteen civilians were killed and eight captured, of whom three were wounded, in an engagement Sunday afternoon in the district between Lisgoold and Middleton, County Cork, according to a General Headquarters report. This is believed to be the largest number of casualties among the members of Irish Republican army in any single encounter. A detachment of the Hampshire Regiment surprised a party of civilians in a house on the outskirts of Middleton. The civilian force split up, some of them remaining in the house, while the

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Others took up positions in the garden. In brisk fighting one soldier was slightly wounded and the civilians were dispersed and pursued.

ARREST COMMONS MEMBER.

The Dublin correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Michael Patrick Colivert, Sinn Fein member of the House of Commons, was arrested Saturday. He was returned to the Commons unopposed for Limerick City in December, 1918, while interned in England.

DEATH ON TRAIN.

The London Associated Press correspondent cables that on the arrival of the Fishguard train at Paddington Station on Sunday George Tison, Black Rock, County Cork, was found in the lavatory compartment with his throat cut. A paper attached to his clothes was inscribed: "Shadowed from Ireland." The man was still conscious but incoherent. He was removed to a hospital, where he died.

SAVES MANY FROM DEATH.

A nurse watching over a sick priest in the residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of St. Johns, N. F., early Saturday discovered fire which destroyed the structure. Promptness in giving the alarm probably saved the lives of the Archbishop, Vicar General, eight other clergymen and the domestic staff. Candles being used to light the house since the electric lighting system of the city was put out of commission by last week's blizzard were said to have caused the blaze.

HOUSE PLANT TONIC.

Nitrate of soda is a good tonic for house plants that need it. Dissolve one teaspoonful of the nitrate in a quart of water and use it to water the plants every week. This tonic will produce rapid growth in young, healthy plants. Cold coffee or tea infusion is good for all kinds of ferns. Use it instead of water once a week, soaking the roots well.

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