

CHEER AT THIS, YE SEATTLE IRISHMEN!



By John Redmond

Nationalist Leader in House of Commons
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LONDON, March 17.—I am glad to be able to send a message to my fellow countrymen in America on this St. Patrick's day. I am especially glad to have the great privilege of doing this through the daughter (our correspondent, Mary Boyle O'Reilly) of one of the greatest Irish-American patriots of the past, John Boyle O'Reilly.
The idea that our cause has met with a setback, which is now being sedulously circulated by our enemies, is absurd. WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE HOME RULE BILL WILL HAVE PASSED THROUGH THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR THE THIRD TIME IN THIS PARLIAMENT.
By the operation of the parliament act that BILL WILL BE THE

LAW OF THE LAND BEFORE MIDSUMMER. Of this I have not the slightest particle of doubt.
What has occurred is simply this: The Irish nationalists have again given proof of their ardent desire to unite Irishmen of all races and creeds into one nation.
Every person acquainted with the real facts in Ireland knows that because of reasons largely historical a great deal of religious suspicion and distrust is to be found among our Protestant fellow countrymen in Ulster. Even the elaborate safeguards in the bill are not sufficient to entirely allay their fear.
The proposal the government makes is to allow any county in Ulster that likes, to vote itself out of the operation of the home rule bill for six years. It is intended to allow all men to see that by the wise, tolerant government carried out by the new Irish parliament, fears are groundless.
By this proposal the nationalists of Ireland show how anxious they

are to conciliate their Protestant brethren in the north and how absolutely confident they are of a successful, tolerant, working of home rule.
For my part I would be glad if the proposal had been accepted as, naturally, I HATE THE IDEA OF APPLYING COERCION to any section of the Irish population. Unfortunately, however, extremists among our opponents carried the day and our generous offer was refused, almost with insult.
THE RESULT WILL BE THAT THE BILL WILL PASS AS IT STANDS.
NO FURTHER CONCESSION OF ANY SORT WILL BE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR TOLERATED BY THE IRISH PARTY.
One good will result from what has happened and that is this: If any disturbance is caused by Ulster after the rejection of this offer, there will be no public opinion in England sympathetic with the disturbers.
(Signed.) JOHN REDMOND

FAIR TONIGHT AND WEDNESDAY; LIGHT SOUTH EASTERLY WINDS.

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ONE CENT ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS

JUDGES LIKE STAR PLAN TO CUT DIVORCE

All superior judges and many lawyers approve The Star's suggestion, made Saturday, of the employment of a divorce investigator. "For years," said Judge Frater today, "I have fought the divorce evil which in this state amounts to a scandal. I am the author of three bills designed to check it. One passed the senate, but that is as far as I ever got.
"These bills, like all legislative measures aimed at divorce, were killed by the lobby of blackleg lawyers who live off the evil.
"Can Be Reconciled
"Many divorce lawyers will tell you that, when a man and wife have reached the point of filing a petition, reconciliation is impossible. That is not true. We have in this country about 1,500 divorce suits a year, two-thirds of them being default cases.
"The prosecutor's office is supposed to detail a deputy to inquire into default cases, but by reason of the nature of his duties he cannot possibly give the individual case proper attention.
"Good Idea, He Says
"The idea of a divorce investigator is excellent. The mere fact that he had an official title would gain him entrance into the homes

and hearts of many unhappy families.
Judge Everett Smith also added his thorough approval to the idea.
"It is my opinion," he said, "that we should have a court of domestic relations to look thoroughly into the increasing number of divorce cases which are coming up month by month.
"Can't Handle 'Em
"The large percentage of default divorce cases cannot be handled by the prosecutor's office, so crowded have the dockets become. The complaining wife appears as a rule with two witnesses, and it is difficult for the prosecutor to probe carefully into the merits of the case.
"Judge James T. Ronald believes that if Kansas City tried the plan of a divorce investigator with success, it must be a good idea, and could be worked out with profit in Seattle.
"The increase in divorce leads to the conclusion that marriage on probation is really in practice in this state," said Judge Ronald.
"I would favor a law requiring engaged couples to publish the marriage bans for 30 days before the ceremony. A censorship of courtship, in my opinion, would do much to eliminate subsequent unhappiness and broken homes."

A PUZZLING PROBLEM---WHAT WILL WE DO WITH BABY VALLIE'S DAD?

THE STAR tells today the remarkable story of Baby Vallie and Convict A915. It is a story that represents a condition in civilization which PUZZLES ALL THE WORLD!
Convict A915 is good for many more years of labor. Does that labor BELONG to the state of Illinois or does it belong to Baby Vallie?
The pardon board of Illinois has puzzled and studied for five months, but has not decided the question. The same problem may come before this state, or any state of the Union, any day. For that reason The Star has joined with a large number of leading newspapers in other parts of the country in an effort to secure from PUBLIC OPINION the correct answer.
Do the services of Convict A915 belong, of right, to Baby Vallie or to the great state of Illinois? We ask you to join hundreds of thousands of your fellow citizens to decide the human question involved in this remarkable case.
WHICHEVER WAY YOU VOTE, WE PROMISE YOU THAT YOUR OPINION SHALL BE PRESENTED TO THE PUZZLED BOARD OF PARDONS OF ILLINOIS.



CHARGE OFFICER IS SHORT \$8,000

PORTLAND, March 17.—Shortly after his return here today on a tour of inspection, Maj. Gen. Arthur Murray, U. S. A., commander of the Western department, received a report from army officials at Seattle that a shortage had been discovered in the quartermaster's department there.
The general admitted that Capt. Griffiths, who had charge of the funds, had been placed in detinue, pending an investigation. It is said the shortage amounts to approximately \$8,000 and was discovered by Lieut. Col. Gallagher.
HELD IN QUARTERS
As a result of a secret investigation conducted by officers from the inspector-general's office, Capt. Griffiths is now held in his quarters while his accounts are being investigated. The disclosures came as a surprise to men in the Seattle depot.
Capt. Griffiths has been at this post for a year and a half. He has a wife and two children.

PASTOR TELLS WHY HE JUST 'TOOK' WIVES

"Heliga" Minister, in Jail, Informs The Star Marriage Ceremony Is the Commercializing of Love.
In the course of the trial of Rev. Albert Dahlstrom, the "Heliga" preacher, in the federal court, one day last week, a copy of The Star was handed to Judge Neterer and his attention called to a headline: "PASTOR WITH 32 WIVES ON TRIAL."
The court scolded the newspaperman present, characterizing the headline as "very prejudicial."
"If a juror has seen this newspaper," said Judge Neterer, "it is easy to believe that, consciously or otherwise, his mind was influenced against the defendant."
All of which was proper criticism, leaving The Star chastened and contrite.
Dahlstrom, found guilty of "white slavery," and accused of preaching free love, has a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings. The headlines in almost every instance are quite as "prejudicial" as that to which Judge Neterer took exception.
Perusal of the clippings reveals a spirit of hostility in the minds of the news writers toward the "Heliga" preacher. Dahlstrom has been arrested many times, in various parts of the country.
Today Dahlstrom was to come up for sentence. The Star this morning visited Dahlstrom in his cell at the county jail, and offered its columns for an exposition of his doctrine.
"Every time I look through the bars of my cell and through that window," said Dahlstrom, "I see, in those windows across the street, signs announcing that ministers live there.
"The signs are intended to attract the attention of young men and women who have secured marriage licenses at the court house. Those ministers are only a little worse than the majority of members of the cloth.
"They are frankly bidding for a share in the business of marrying. They offer reduced rates. They have commercialized a sacred sacrament.
"It is that which I have been fighting for more than 20 years. I have never advocated polygamy for Americans. I have never advocated free love. I have merely fought against the spirit of commercialism which inspires ministers and divorce lawyers.
"I have lived in the homes of ministers, eaten at their tables, shared their confidences. I have heard them wonder how the court-

HERE AND ELSEWHERE

HERE
High school musicians tooted for Queen Anne high Parent-Teachers' association today.
Alton Packard, cartoonist, lectures at Y. M. C. A. Friday night.
Seattle Music Study club gathered at home of Mrs. A. L. Smith today.
Interesting discussion at Humana society meeting, Fraser-Paterson tea room, today.
Judge gave both Mary Van Dusen and Ben R. Van Dusen, divorce.
Inquest into death of N. Yarmack, 8, killed by car, tomorrow.
Brother of T. R. Elwell, pastor, Youngstown Congregational church, files for Minnesota governorship.
Girls in Hawaiian garb dance at First Baptist Brotherhood meeting tonight.
Body of James Thompson, dead from headache, shipped to Portland.
Hard times dance and card party by Lorraine chapter, O. E. S., Broadway hall, tonight.
French department Woman's Century club met today.
Mercer and Warren Teachers' associations join in meeting.
North End Progressive club met with Mrs. E. P. Moores this afternoon.
Newsboys will be passengers on Y. M. C. A. launch on first excursion of year.
Card party for the benefit of Day Nursery at Bon Marche today.
Quarante club meets tonight with Mrs. Wm. Anderson, 4158 Alki av.
Parent-Teacher association, Madrona school, entertainment today.
Miss Juliet O'Hearn addressed Woman's Educational club today.
St. Patrick car party for benefit of Bardell club at Picknick hall tonight.
Dr. Lillian Irwin spoke today before Interlake Parent-Teacher association.

ELSEWHERE
En route north, thousands of wild geese have caused great damage to fall wheat crops in Eastern Washington.
There will be no announcement by regional reserve bank committee of cities selected until April 1.
A big celebration of signing of Alaska bill at Portland Monday night.
Herschel M. Jones, at the National Child Labor conference at New Orleans, said America was behind Russia in child labor laws.
Raymond B. Fodick, former commissioner of accounts of New York, declined President Wilson's tender of the commissionership of immigration of New York.
United States senate passed a bill restoring citizenship of Walter H. Kauffman, socialist soldier, court-martialed for remarks about the American flag.
King Christian of Denmark conferred the grand cross of Dannebrog on Andrew Carnegie.
A charge of insanity probably will be lodged at Los Angeles against Mrs. Ella Spahn-Miller-O'Dell, who said she was Dorothy Arnold.
Hurricane, floods and fire have caused loss of many lives and several millions in province of Stavropol, Russia.
The foreign affairs committee of the house has requested Secretary Bryan to take steps to convene The Hague peace conference in 1915.
At Chicago, Mrs. Harriet L. Janney, grandmother of 3-year-old Virginia Ford, an heiress, and William H. Ford, her father, are fighting for child's custody, following arrest of woman as kidnaper.
Earthquake in the province of Akita, island of Hondu, Japan, claimed 83 victims.
On account of the absence of Senator O'Gorman, the senate will vote on the tolls measure until Wednesday.

THE BABY OF THE STATE? HOW DO YOU VOTE?

If you think Baby Vallie of Illinois is entitled to the services of Convict A 915, mark a cross over the baby's head. If you think the state is entitled to such services, mark the Illinois seal.
Sign your name and address.

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
(Mail this coupon to The Star office.)

CASHIER IN TROUBLE

VALDEZ, Alaska, March 17.—Charles H. Eby, former cashier of the S. Blum & Co. bank of Cordova, after a preliminary hearing here before Commissioner Adams, was bound over yesterday on a charge of having embezzled \$7,500 of the funds of the bank.

DEPUTY HELPS LARRY DUKE

"Larry" Duke this morning gained a point in his fight against a manslaughter charge, in connection with the death of Henry N. Farr last October in an automobile accident, in the testimony of Deputy Sheriff Herbert Beebe.
The case is being heard in Judge Gilliam's court.
Deputy Beebe, who was at the scene of the accident the same night, testified the break in Duke's steering gear seemed to be an old defect.
The state is attempting to show that Duke was intoxicated.
The case of Harry Boswell, accused of responsibility for the death of Beryl Hill, in an auto collision last January, went to the jury at noon today.

19 CRUSHED

ST. LOUIS, March 17.—Collapsing today upon a force of firemen, who were still looking for corpses in the ruins of the burned Missouri Athletic club building, the structure's west wall was believed to have crushed 19.
Four badly injured men were removed within a few minutes after the wall fell and 15 were missing.

VICTIM OF MURDER FOUND BURIED IN VACANT CITY LOT

Detective Captain Charles Tennant and Coroner Mason started a personal investigation today of a new Seattle murder mystery, following the discovery late yesterday afternoon of a man's body buried in a lot at 28th av. S., and Juneau st.
Parker Harris, 14, of 4817 4th av. S., and Cyril Pemberton, 15, 3929 Edmunds st., who were playing in the vicinity, stumbled over the toes of the dead man's boots, which protruded slightly above the ground.
They investigated and were frightened by the grisly discovery.
Meager evidence now in the hands of the police points to murder. A bullet hole was found at the base of the brain. The body had evidently been dragged some distance and buried hastily, according to indications. It has probably been in the ground five months.
A gold tie pin, a double circlet of gold, and a piece of a letter with the postmark "Lindberg, Wash., October 13, 1913," were the only tangible clues found in the investigation last night.

HEY, GOOD PEOPLE, MEET DIANA DILLPICKLES, WHO'LL PERFORM DAILY IN STAR!

THIS IS DIANA D. DILLPICKLES

(THE "D." STANDS FOR DELICATESSEN)

THIS IS THE "MAR" AND HOMESPUN "PAR" WHOSE LACK OF CULTURE TICKLES DIANA D. DILLPICKLES.

"POPPER" DILLPICKLES THE WELLKNOWN HORSE-SHOER

"MOMMER" DILLPICKLES (NEE MOCKORANGE)

THIS IS THE FAIRY PRINCE OF DREAMS, THE LOVER A HIGH-STRUNG GOIL ESTEEMS IN SPITE OF HER "MAR" AND HOMESPUN "PAR" WHOSE LACK OF CULTURE TICKLES DIANA D. DILLPICKLES.

CECIL MONTAGUE CHARTERIS.

(THIS BALLY CHAP DOESN'T EXIST DONCHER-KNAW. HE'S A DELIRIUM, THAT'S ALL - A MIRAGE. IN TIME, THE FAIRY IS)

GLAD TO DROP HIM AND GRAB A MEAL TICKET IN OVERALLS.)

THIS IS THE BUNCH OF BOOBS AND HICKS THAT ALWAYS AROUND HER FIRE-SIDE STICKS INSTEAD OF THE FAIRY PRINCE OF DREAMS THE KIND OF A LOVER A GOIL ESTEEMS IN SPITE OF HER "MAR" AND HOMESPUN "PAR" WHOSE LACK OF CULTURE TICKLES DIANA D. DILLPICKLES.

THE NUTTE BROTHERS HAYS L. AND CHES.

SAHSON SOGGS.

TID WEAZEL.

"BASH" HASSENPFEFFER.

THEY HANG AROUND, AND HANG AROUND, AND HANG AROUND. DIANA CAN'T BEAR 'EM, BUT - OH, WELL, THEY'RE "FILL-INS."

(CONTINUED TOMORROW)

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED BY COMMISSIONERS

Aroused to action by "persistent attacks and intimations of dishonesty and trickery," the King county commissioners today passed a resolution, asking that Judge Frater appoint an investigating body to look into the affairs of the commissioners.
Judge Frater had not received the resolution at noon and no intimation has been given as to the personnel of the investigators who will be asked to probe the commissioners.
The request came after a lively discussion, in which it was declared the attacks hindered the board in a proper administration of the county affairs and decreased the confidence of the taxpayers.
Suffragist leaders are divided as to whether the senate should vote on the suffrage amendment before or after demonstration planned for May 2.