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## New Constitution for La. soon to Become a Law

Save for a few formalities, the new constitution is practically complete, and within a few days, Iberia's two members, Hons. Walter J. Burke and Edward L. Estorge will return home. Taken as a whole, we believe the constitution as written will be accepted by the people of Louisiana quite favorably, since the most objectionable features were weeded out. Many citizens were of the opinion that the constitution would be submitted to the voters of Louisiana for their sanction. In this they were disappointed. After the expense entailed in writing the constitution is taken into consideration, it would have been deplorable had it been submitted and then for political and other selfish reasons been relegated to the scrap heap. Three and a half months of solid work and an expense of nearly a quarter of a million dollars is something to be reckoned with and we do not condemn any of the members for opposing its submission.

Quoting our esteemed contemporary the Lafayette Gazette we voice their sentiments: "It would be quite unnatural had the delegates produced a constitution that would have been entirely satisfactory to everybody and every interest. Such a thing is humanly impossible. And it is quite possible that opposition by some of the dissatisfied individuals and interests could have been waxed into a formidable opposition at the polls, had the constitution been submitted. It is quite possible that the entire document might have been rejected in such circumstances."

"After a careful review of the various ordinances made a part of the new constitution we feel justified in saying that there is nothing vicious or unreasonable

in it. The taxation scheme as a whole, and in its individual parts, might be improved upon, yet it should give satisfaction since it seems to have held taxation at a minimum, restrained unreasonable exemptions, allowed some of the many exemptions proposed for the development of business, agricultural and industrial enterprise, and generally to have distributed the tax burdens very equitably, without missing any one and without placing too great a burden upon any one.

"But, as remarked hereinbefore, the document is so satisfactory that we believe it is just as well to have it over with. It is modern, sane and comprehensive, and wipes out all the antiquities under which we have lived so long, and gets rid of a multitude of laws that were both useless and a menace. The delegates really have performed a patriotic service, and performed it well, so we should give them a pat on the back when they come home and let them know that we appreciate their labors."

### BASE BALL ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

A match game of base ball will take place on the St. Peter's College Campus to-morrow afternoon, June 19th at three o'clock between our local College boys and the strong aggregation of ball tossers of Charenton. A good game is promised. Last Sunday the St. Peter's club cross bats with the Avery Islanders, an enthusiastic bunch of ball players. Notwithstanding their expert playing the boys of St. Peter's College took their scalps with a score of 8 to 4. The feature of the game was the batting of Conrad securing two home runs and a two-bagger.

## Brass Band Concert on Court Square

### Public Invited to Hear Late Musical Selections Played by C. of C. Band

Beginning next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the Chamber of Commerce Brass Band, under the leadership of Mr. Yves Armandez and his corps of trained and experienced musicians, composed of Messrs. Guy A. Martin and H. Harry, cornets; A. Jennaro, clarinet; Louis Jennaro, baritone; Clet Girard and F. Broussard, trombones; T. Broussard, base; A. E. Dieudonne, Nathan Davis, L. Broussard, W. Dehart, altos; Robert Renoulet, snare drum; Whitney Romero, base drum will render some of the latest music written by the leading composers of the world. The concert will be held in the Court House square and the people of the Parish as well as those in New Iberia are invited to be on hand to enjoy these musical treats. Last year the citizens of this vicinity were loud in their praises of this excellent musical organization. In fact there is no city in Louisiana that can boast of having a better musical organization.

It is due to the Chamber of Commerce that our people are afforded the pleasure of public concerts and we do not believe they could have made a better investment. The contribution made by the Chamber is disbursed for the services of the musical director only, who of course has to give the members a great portion of his valuable time. The members of the organization get nothing for their part in the entertainment. At some near future time they intend to give a block dance in order to get funds for the purchase of music and it behooves our citizens to patronize them liberally when they announce their dance.

The program next Wednesday evening is as follows:

1. March—Salute to the Stars and Stripes..... Huff
2. Overture—Hearts of Gold..... Barnard
3. Intermezzo—Silver Star..... Johnson
4. March—Little Giant, Moon..... Hall
5. March—DeMoley..... Hall
6. American Home Songs..... Archer
7. Waltz—Alice Blue Gown..... Tierney
8. America.....

### FOURTH OF JULY IN NEW IBERIA.

For several years the citizens of New Iberia have been attracted to other towns on the Fourth of July because of the number of attractions arranged to entertain the people of this section. This year, thanks to the members of Iberia Post No. 4, American Legion, composed of all of the former patriots who offered themselves for the service of their country, a program is being arranged that should not only hold the citizens of New Iberia here but go much farther and draw crowds here from the surrounding country. A big feature of the day will be the parades of decorated automobiles, after which some patriotic addresses will be made by fluent speakers. This will be followed by a public block dance and other amusements. The proceeds of the entertainment will go towards the Local Post and the money will be devoted to the best interests of that organization. It behooves every citizen to help the ex-soldiers make a big success of their program.

## Crown Forces in Ireland Called Good Servants of Bad Government by Mrs. Asquith's Titled Daughter.

By Lady Violet Bonham Carter. (Lady Carter is a daughter of Mrs. Margot Asquith. She vies with Lady Astor as the leading woman politician of Great Britain.)

London, June 4.—Ireland today presents, I believe, the most serious internal problem which our country has had to face since the revolt of the American colonies. It is a political problem, and demands a political solution. The present government, like their predecessors nearly 150 years ago, are making the mistake of attempting to solve it by force.

What the result is I shall attempt to show, in part at least, by a few instances of which I was able to get direct evidence during a recent visit to Ireland, in the belief that if the English people were to understand what is being done in their name they would instantly disown it and bring it to an end, as unworthy of their traditions and of the ideals for which they have fought.

I do not deny or attempt to excuse the crimes of the other side, and I willingly acknowledge that terrible provocation has been and is being offered to the forces of the crown.

But I assert that no provocation justifies a government in substituting vengeance for justice, nor can a government enforce law by crime and order by anarchy.

Above all, I believe that our present methods of government in Ireland are futile; 600 lives, English and Irish, have been lost since the beginning of the year, and each one is an unnecessary sacrifice. England can bring this tragic and dishonorable struggle to an end tomorrow if only she will show once more the courage and generosity of strength on which she has built up a great and glorious tradition. "Have you any firearms?"

This challenge, suddenly addressed to me on the platform at Hollyhead, first made me laugh, and then startled me into a kind of realization of the fact that three hours away, across that narrow strip of sea, the use of firearms was part of the ordinary routine of daily life.

At Kingstown I stepped off the boat into what seemed to be not merely a different country but a different century. Safety and freedom, which we here in England take as much for granted as the sky above us or the air we breathe, these do not exist in Ireland today. During my fortnight's stay there I learned something of the—to us—unimaginable horror of the life of a nation from which these things have been withdrawn.

Fixed bayonets, shell helmets, barbed wire and sandbags, the thunder of armored cars over cobblestones the stillness of curfew, the handcuffed prisoners marched away under the gaze of sullen, silent crowds, these things made me realize that Ireland is being held today as a hostile country by an army of occupation. But when I saw the ruined villages, when I saw children flying to their homes for safety at the distant rumble of a police lorry, then I understood that other, darker forces had been called in. Outside the army, independent of it, and alien to its whole tradition, Terrorism was at work.

A Police Lorry. Within two days of my arrival I chanced to follow, within an hour or two of its passage, in the wake of a police lorry (one of many hundreds which are scouring Ireland) over eight miles of country road in a quiet county in the west. The lorry was carrying fifteen policemen, and a hostage was strapped to it, said by those who saw him to be the member of parliament for that district. They called it a "lorry" because they were consumed, according to the

landlady (one of the rare Unionists left in the south of Ireland today) \$50 worth of drink for which they refused to pay. When she asked for what they owed her the man in command shouted out to the others, "She wants payment, does she? Bring in a tin of patrol; we'll pay with that." And she said no more about it.

They re-embarked after their orgy, and three miles further along the road they came upon two old road-menders and a farmer's son leading a pony and cart. The road-menders, knowing their habits, got over the wall and ran away. The police fired two shots after them. Seeing their danger and conscious of doing no harm himself, the boy stood his ground. Six policemen, thereupon, got off the lorry and set upon him, battering him brutally about the head and face with fists and sticks. They left him dazed and bleeding by the roadside.

At the next village they sacked the draper's shop, stealing a large quantity of shirts and other goods. I saw the poor boy who had been injured. I don't think I have ever felt more ashamed in my life. His face was a purple, swollen jelly, both eyes almost invisible, his nose all out and gashed down one side and other lesser wounds and scratches about his face and head, his shirt blood-stained, his clothes clotted with dried blood. He was a gentle, courteous creature, and as I stood there stammering out apologies his one idea appeared to be to put me at my ease. "Don't you bother about it. You can't help it. We understand that."

The only sign he gave that he recognized the Black and Tans as human beings was when he said, rather pathetically, "You would think they hadn't any people belonging to themselves at all," and I couldn't but wonder what their "people" in England would feel if they could see their sons and brothers bullying and robbing a harmless, helpless people on their own countryside.

No wonder that in Kerry the fields by the roadside are left unploughed, untilled, unsown. Fear of the passing lorry is such that no one will cultivate them. "And these are the men," as a Galway farmer said to me, "that England is sending over here to civilize us."

I can never forget the tragic desolation of the devastated villages, the blackened cottages in ruins, the bewildered, homeless people, suffering blindly, without reason or redress. The first I saw had been sacked a few weeks before as a reprisal for the shooting of a policeman. It is extremely unlikely that any one in the village had any part in this crime, as the local R. I. C. were very popular and friendly with the people. He was shot about nine o'clock at night. The villagers for the most part did not even know it had happened, and even those who heard the shots suspected nothing, as the police had, they said, a "playful" way of firing off their rifles when they went home at night.

After "Loet." The avenging force came from some distance off and, thanks to a breakdown, they arrived in the early hours of the morning instead of in the middle of the night; this merciful fact no doubt saved many lives. They came 150 strong—ten lorry loads—most of them drunk, "yelling and screaming, behaving like demons or men possessed." The creamery, which had meant the livelihood of the little place, the village hall, which was its pride, and a whole street of cottages and shops were burnt to the ground, and it is characteristic of the lack of any sort of discrimination with which these

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