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JOHN R. KIRK, President.
WM. H. ZEIGEL, Dean.

FATHER O'SULLIVAN RE-PLIES TO REV. LANIUS

Dear Mr. Editor:—

You have seen fit to copy from the St. Louis Republic and publish in an issue of your paper last week an article written by the Rev. C. V. Lanian, Pastor of the Methodist Church of this city. As I am an American born in Ireland who believes in an Irish Republic, I ask the favor of your space to answer this Clergyman who gratuitously goes out of his way to impugn the patriotism of every person in whose veins flows Irish blood, and who is not content that the land of his or his forefathers' birth be still a slave nation. Surely this self-appointed American spokesman knows or ought to know that it is not only the Irish in America born in Ireland, but practically fifteen million of descendants of the Irish, together with eighty million or more of American citizens, who sympathize with Ireland's cause and see no reason why she should not be free. America speaks through Congress, and both Houses almost unanimously declared for an Irish Republic and asked our delegates at the Peace Conference to bring this question before it. Can Mr. Lanian give any reasons why Ireland should not be free? Does he know anything of Irish history? I doubt it very much because the man that calls Ireland's grievances against England, "fancied," is either ignorant of Irish history or prejudiced against the race

names to the pot—why, Mr. Lanian you speak like an Anglo-American, it seems to grieve your British loving heart that any American should speak for Ireland, lest England takes offense. The justice of a cause be hanged—let principle and honesty be cast to the winds—rather, as you put it, Anglo-American friendship, with emphasis on the "Anglo." An American must not dare denounce oppression and robbery, he must not dare express himself in sympathy with any Nation that desires freedom from English misrule, lest Johnny Bull get angry and administer a whipping to Uncle Sam. What a horrible crime to ask England to give Ireland what she has wanted and fought for during seven centuries, what almost eight-tenths of their people now demand, self-determination, — how dreadfully Un-American—why, to free little Ireland would mean to the Rev. Mr. Lanian the destruction of the great British Empire. It is unthinkable to him that the robber make restitution, that he give back what he stole and holds only by force, that because the robber is strong and you wish him to be a friend, you must stifle your sense of justice and compromise especially when the victim is weak. England's empire was founded in robbery and is maintained by physical force—witness Ireland, Egypt, India—yet Mr. Lanian, Preacher of the Gospel of Christ, one who by profession is supposed to love justice and hate iniquity, defends the robber, and tries to hold up to odium and scorn the tortured, bleeding Irish victims. The Irish in America and descendants of Irish deny and resent your in-

situations as to lack of patriotism and divided allegiance. Every war from the Revolutionary to the last great war, proves even to the unwilling, that the American Irish brand of patriotism is not confined to lip service and use of the pen, but leads to self sacrifice even unto blood. There are no slackers among the Irish, and, of all the immigrants that reach our shores, they are the most grateful, and are Americans as soon as they land. It is not the chance of birth that makes an American, but devotion to the principles on which our Republic was founded, and by this test, I do not believe that a single Irishman would ever be deported, whereas I am afraid that our emigrant ships would be crowded with those of English and German ancestry who place England or Germany "uber alles." We stand for America first, would fight for it even against Ireland if called upon. A man is not disloyal to his wife because he loves his Mother, but, if a choice has to be made, he will cleave to his wife at all costs.

Sinn Fein, as a party, was a negligible factor in Ireland until the brutal murder of sixteen of Ireland's finest manhood took place, at England's vengeful order, after the rebellion of 1916. Is Ireland as a Nation to be blamed, if, at the beginning of the

war, when the motives of the belligerents were loaded a few of her sons, when they saw their arch-enemy England in distress, asked Germany to help them free themselves from her hated yoke? It is false to say that Sinn Fein ever plotted with Germany after America entered the war, and I challenge Rev. Mr. Lanian to give me the name of a single American-Irish Citizen who was convicted by the United States Government for disloyalty or treason or its religion, any of which ill befits a minister of the Gospel. John Bright, Lord Acton, Gladstone, all eminent educated Englishmen knew far more about Ireland than does the Rev. Mr. Lanian, and they state that England's government of Ireland, her system of prosecution for over seven hundred years stand alone in solitary infamy among the crimes of mankind. What reason is given by our eminent critic why our voices should not be raised here in America in behalf of Ireland? Oh, horrors, listen all you fellow Americans. We American Irish are condemned as hyphenates, but, behold, it is merely the case of the kettle calling son. It was President Wilson and the American people, upon their entrance into the war, who made Ireland almost entirely Sinn Fein. Sinn Fein, for the information of all, means self de-

termination. Democratic self-determination as a universal principal of human rights was made the supreme purpose of our unselfish entry into the World Conflict. Our President addressed his message to all imperialists as he once said. "We are fighting for the liberty, the self government and undictated development of all peoples." "What we seek is the reign of law based upon the consent of the governed and sustained by the organized opinion of mankind." "One evident principle runs through our whole program. It is the principle of justice to all peoples and nationalities, and their right to live on equal terms of liberty and safety with one another, whether they be strong or weak." England and the Allies heartily accepted these terms. England previously declared repeatedly that she was championing right against might, with Belgium as the symbol of right. We came when England's back was against the wall, we won the war, as our President has said; therefore it is not impertinence, it is not butting into foreign domestic questions when we demand that our principles declared and accepted be lived up to, and Sir Edward Carson is a rude, insolent typical, bigoted Englishman when he tells America to mind her own business. Our business is to see that our

pledges are carried out even by England, America will stand by right against all Britannia's might on land and sea.

The Irish and the friends of Irish freedom in America are not trying to embroil America in a war with England. Ireland has by more than three-fourths of her population declared herself a Republic, has a government ready to function, but is prevented from doing so by an English army of occupation of close to two hundred thousand men, and all she asks is that America give her official recognition. This is absolutely America's business if she so chooses to do. If war ever comes, it will be because of English avarice, English arrogance and English hypocrisy.

Mr. DeValera, the elected President of the Irish Republic is as Christian a gentleman as the Rev. Mr. Lanian, and just as law abiding. Article X. of the League of Nations is not yet in force. If it were in force in 1776 and since, the American colonies would have been an English domestic question, and Benjamin Franklin should have been deported from France, neither could France have aided us. The Civil war would have been our domestic question, and England could not have interfered to encourage and aid the South; Cuba would have been

Spain's domestic question and we could not have intervened. There is no parallel between the Philippine Islands and Ireland. America is pledged to grant them Independence,—they have not declared a Republic,—they are not under martial law, and overawed by militarism—they are governed for their benefit, whilst Ireland has been and is being robbed of everything to satisfy English greed and hatred. No true American can swallow Article X. of the League of Nations just as it stands. We want a League that does not impair, in one iota, American sovereignty.

Rev. Mr. Lanian has given more unsupported statements; I have given facts. I leave the verdict to all fair minded Americans of our community—you are the jury, we, the pleaders.

(SIGNED)
TIMOTHY F. O'SULLIVAN,
Pastor St. Brendan's Church,
Mexico, Mo.

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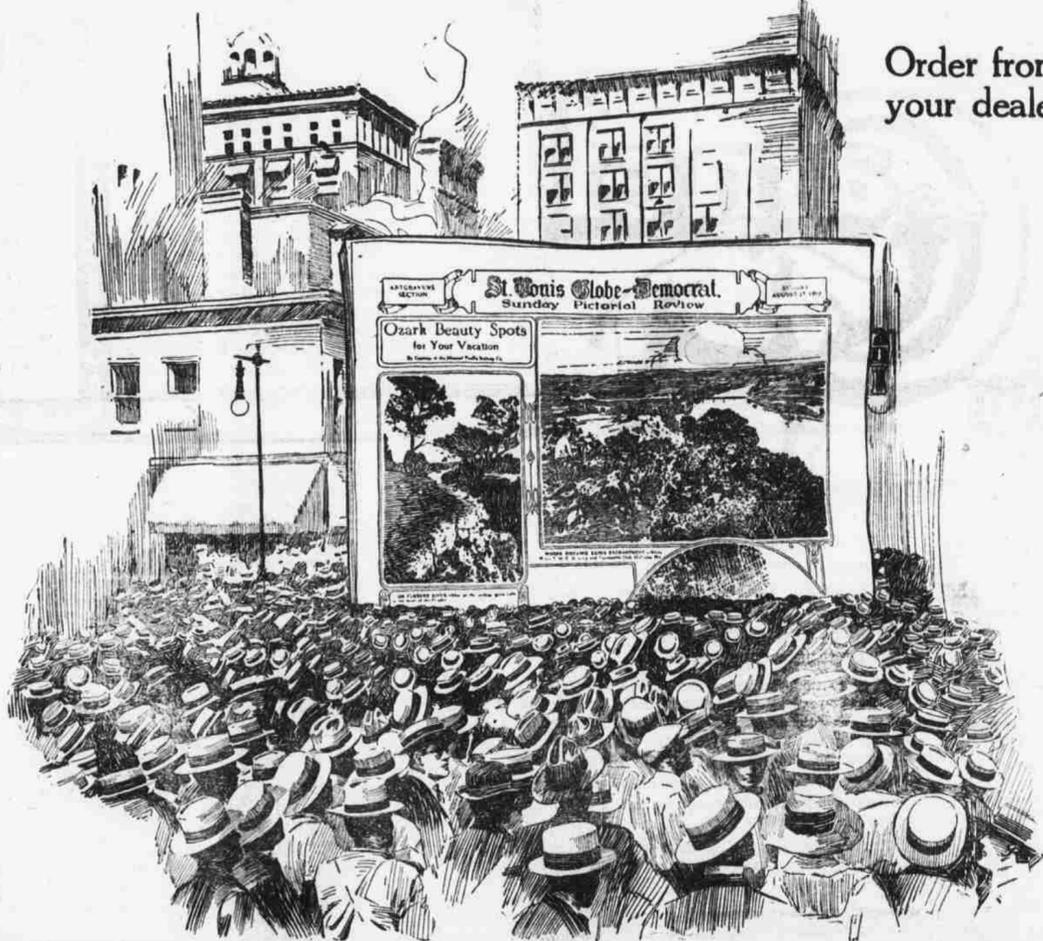
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