

HOPE FOR HOME RULE

The Aspect of the Cause Given by Very High Authority.

Farnell's Great Mistake Was in Making No Defense.

A Leader May Be Lost, But His Place Will Be Filled.

Justice will Yet Be Dealt Out to the Long Suffering People.

[Extracts from an article upon Ireland's cause and Ireland's leader by Rt. Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, D. D., in the January number of the American Catholic Quarterly Review.]

There was, when the O'Shea trial came up in November, a golden opportunity for Mr. Parnell to satisfy his countrymen that his honor was untouched, and thereby to maintain his position as the national leader. He could and should have done by acting exactly in accordance with his own precedent on the occasion of the production of the Pigott forgeries. Mr. Parnell, however, did not do so, and in consequence of this, his word of honor that the letters never had been written by him, this perfectly satisfied the Irish people and the Liberal party in England. It satisfied all but the most incredulous and bigoted Tories that a grand and noble man had acted and that both the Times and the government were in error.

in November, the divorce case was sitting, and Mr. Parnell's honor was questioned and involved in the issue, when, more than once in the public press and one friend in private, that if the verdict went against him he must descend from his position as the leader of the national party—what was his conduct?

Did he publish letters, address or manifesto turning on his honor as a gentleman, or was he guiltless of the crime—no less heinous than forgery—of failing to do his duty as a friend and follower, Capt. O'Shea?

His Great Mistake.

Neither then, nor since, not even when simple and high solemnity and guilt were the subject of the Irish party from disruption, and turned away from the national cause the mortal blow aimed at it—did Mr. Parnell do one word of denial or self-justification. To all who to the last clung to the belief that Mr. Parnell was innocent, and that the O'Shea lawsuit was a slander, his conduct on the above occasion was a sore disappointment.

It is true that some vague passages in Mr. Parnell's speeches have been interpreted as a request that his friends and the nation at large should suspend judgment on the issue. We are also aware that a certain amount of innocence has been seriously entertained, based on the eccentricities and peculiar methods of the man, notably his action at the time of the Pigott investigation. Still, the fact stares us in the face, that not a single formal, authentic and unquestionable assurance of innocence has been given to any one.

But that as it may, his guilt or his innocence is not an essential factor in the solution of the Irish problem as it now confronts us. The public will discuss and solve the question of criminality or guiltless according to its own partiality, prejudices or passions.

If the verdict of guilty is final in general, the man who will not be at a loss to find circumstances which will appeal to the compassionate and merciful side of our nature.

Mr. Parnell is really innocent, and can triumphantly prove himself to be so, he may indeed thus vindicate his personal purity, but the vindication must be on the ground of his political sagacity. For he, the leader of a nation, by his very willingness to appear guilty, has precipitated in Irish affairs the same disastrous consequences as if he were the guilty and dishonored man Capt. O'Shea has been endeavoring to prove to be. It was unpardonable, considering the position he held among a people so proverbially pure and so watchfully jealous of the sanctity of their homes.

Under whatever circumstances we view the case of Mr. Parnell, we are compelled to say that he has

betrayed a weakness of which he was not suspected, a grave moral fault, on the one hand, and a want of political sagacity on the other. Both together, like the breaking down of the mainmast of a ship, have left the Irish cause helpless and adrift in mid-ocean. The leaders in parliament and the Irish people at home and abroad have, by this sad blundering, become the prey of deplorable dissensions. The question forces itself on all serious-minded men: How can a man so discredited by his own fault by his lack of judgment in such a momentous crisis, ever hope to resume his former usefulness as the leader of the National party?

Another feature of this sadly memorable series of events is the part taken by the body of Irish archbishops and bishops in their endeavor to save the life of their nation and the cause of home rule by saving the unity and integrity of the parliamentary party, by laboring to reunite its two sections, and by securing to the Government the support of the English Liberals.

The letter of Mr. Gladstone, calling for the withdrawal of Mr. Parnell, taken together with the decision of the court, seems to have disturbed the usual equilibrium of a man weakened by long illness and racking anxieties. We cannot otherwise account for the

Contradictory Judgments given by Mr. Parnell himself of the famous visit to Hawarden castle, and his irreconcilable estimates of Mr. Gladstone's trustworthiness as an advocate of a full measure of home rule for Ireland.

Mr. Gladstone's letter, Mr. Parnell's manifesto, and the subsequent letters and interviews of themselves and their friends, relating to the Hawarden conference, are of too recent occurrence to need recounting here.

ALLIANCE RESOLVES.

The Farmers at Omaha Have a Long Platform of Principles.

They Will Hold a National Convention Feb. 22, 1892.

At Which Time They Will Name a Candidate for the Presidency.

They Favor Free Coinage, Woman Suffrage and Agricultural Colleges.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 28.—In the National Farmers' Alliance this morning the proposition to make the Alliance a secret instead of an open one was favorably discussed. The Alliance is evenly divided on the proposition to admit voters who are not operating farmers. The idea of admitting the wives and daughters of farmers to full membership was favorably debated on, as the convention inclines toward woman's suffrage. Only one and not three lecturers will be had. A resolution congratulating the Kansas farmers on the selection of Peffer was offered at the convention, but was laid on the table. This afternoon the report of the committee on resolutions was presented, and was considered by paragraphs. The following were adopted:

Resolved, That we favor the abolition of all national banks, and that the surplus funds be loaned to individuals upon land security at a low rate of interest.

Resolved, That we favor the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and that the volume of the currency be increased to \$50 per capita. We further demand that all paper money be placed on an equality with gold.

Resolved, That we as land owners pledge ourselves to demand that the government allow us to borrow money from the United States at the same rate of interest as do the banks.

Resolved, That all mortgages, bonds and shares of stock should be assessed at their face value.

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Resolved, That we favor the passage of the Conger land bill.

Resolved, That we believe women have the same rights as their husbands to hold property, and we are in sympathy with any law that will give our wives, sisters or daughters full representation at the polls.

Resolved, That our children should be educated for honest labor, and that agricultural colleges should be established in every state.

Resolved, That we favor a liberal system for the relief of all survivors of the late war.

After adoption of the resolutions, a recess was taken to 3:30, at which hour a conference in reference to the consolidating organizations was begun.

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The wondrous overskirts made so much for show should necessitate exquisite fine shoes and stockings, and place owners of pretty feet at a disadvantage. I am in hopes that they will lead to the suppression of the trailing skirt, which has caused a strike among the ladies' maids. Higher wages, or the wearing of the finest wools, or long nap, which makes it resemble the fur of an Angora kitten or a beaver.

The friends of Ireland among the English Liberals are too sensible and too honest to give up the cause of Ireland, for which they have sacrificed so much, for the faintest of failures of one man or one party. The case is still on trial, the jury have not returned the verdict which shall be the verdict of an empire.

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