

Englishmen have not a word to say in their own defence. One of their most prominent and respected politicians, writing for Englishmen in an English review, writes as follows:—"M. Clemenceau has declared that the Peace Conference will listen to all the little nations who before this August tribunal must make good their claims to nationhood. Ireland will be there excluded from inside, yet always knocking at the door. The deepest prison cannot exclude consciousness of her presence; with a demand from more than three-quarters of the inhabitants of that little island, and twenty millions of Irish descent scattered throughout America and the Dominions. If, under the remodelling of the world out of its present chaos, they may give nationhood to Jugo-Slavs, with large alien minorities, who will hate their rule, or give self-government to Czechoslovaks, with far greater national minorities than any proportion in Ireland, and if nothing is done towards self-government for Ireland, the British delegates may emerge with the loot of German colonies, and the possible promise of gigantic indemnities, but they will emerge also with the deepening of the accepted tradition of British hypocrisy amid the contempt of the civilised world." He (Dr. Mannix) could not say anything stronger than that. His own contempt for British hypocrisy could not add much to "the contempt of the civilised world," but with all his soul he made his contribution to the world-wide execration in which this English writer says that his country will be held if justice be still denied to Ireland.

He thanked them all, the people of Castlemaine and the district far and wide and the people of Bendigo, for the magnificent demonstration of that day; and once again he congratulated Father O'Farrell and his people in the erection of St. Mary's Hall, a monument to their generosity and of their fixed resolve to assert their legitimate rights in Australia.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save Ireland."

IRISH NEWS

GENERAL.

Captain Oliver Moriarty, 4th Royal Munster Fusiliers, has been appointed a Judge under the Egyptian Government at Cairo. Captain Moriarty, who is a son of Mr. David Moriarty, Clerk of the Crown and Peace for County Kerry, was a member of the Irish Bar. He joined the army at the commencement of the war, and served with the 2nd Munsters in the First Division in France. He was seriously wounded by high explosive at the battle of Loos. Subsequently he received the appointment of Principal Court-Martial Officer to General Allenby's army in Palestine, and also acted for a time as Judge Advocate-General in Egypt.

During the hearing of a case at Cork Assizes, before Lord Justice O'Connor and a city common jury, Sergeant Sullivan, for the defendant, said in the case they had an illustration of a person greatly concerned about the observance of public convention and not caring twopence for the real morality of life. It was characteristic of the religion that was springing up in the country. His lordship, addressing the jury, said Mr. Sergeant Sullivan had made use of some remarks with which he entirely disagreed. He saw nothing in the history of the country, or in that case, to show that the strong moral tone of the country was in the slightest degree weakened. Our morality and sense of personal chastity, continued his lordship, are above reproach. One of the brightest jewels in the character of Irish women, and, indeed, of Irish men, is that chastity is not on the decrease, but that the highest sense of honor and purity in the sexes is on the increase in this country. (Applause in court.)

IRISH CENSORSHIP MAINTAINED.

The *Manchester Guardian* says it will probably be information to most people that the censorship of news from Ireland is still actively continued. It ridicules

the idea of Britain affecting to settle the affairs of half of the world in Paris on the principles of nationality and justice while all the time the Irish skeleton is being pushed back into the cupboard. The continuance of this censorship is denounced as "futile, wrong, dangerous." The Irish question must be dealt with directly and it is better to have an enlightened public opinion in Britain to deal with it. "The situation in Ireland demands the fullest publicity, and there is no sort of use in denying it," concludes the *Guardian*. Quite true (comments the *Glasgow Observer* of recent date). But there is no sort of use in saying this now to a Government which the *Guardian* did its part in establishing and entrenching, and which will hold office in spite of all such belated remonstrance.

ANTI-IRISH SMOKE SCREEN.

In the course of a remarkable editorial article on "Ireland," the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*, one of the most powerful of American daily papers, says:—

"An unbiased American endeavors to examine on his own account 'the Irish question.' Before he has gone far he finds himself in a maze of statements, deductions, charges, counter-charges, misrepresentations, and political prattle, with a dash of irrelevant religious discussion thrown in. It is all very confusing. It is intended to be confusing. The complexities are created purposely to hide the truth. They constitute a smoke screen.

"The only 'Irish question' is a simple question of right and wrong. The sincere searcher after truth will find no reason at all for argument. Nothing could be plainer than this: If any subject European nation has the right to be free, Ireland has the right.

"If the British Government is wise it will abandon its rule of Ireland by force, and cultivate an alliance based upon gratitude, proximity, mutual welfare, and, above all, upon the firm foundation of justice and righteousness, without which foundation no Government is ever permanent, no peace ever secure. The world cannot live in peace half-slave and half-free."

Chicago Citizen.—"England's crimes against Ireland must end now, no matter how English gold may have corrupted our venal press. Let the press be silent, but we will speak; we shall be heard in spite of the conspiracy that has been hatched in America."

Mr. Geo. B. Shaw, in an article in the *Chicago Herald and Examiner*, says:—"The Irish question is very simple. Home Rule is nonsense, and has been nonsense. Neither Gladstone nor Parnell, Redmond nor Asquith, could draft a Home Rule Bill that had any sort of constitutional logic in it, and this not because they were overrated statesmen, especially Parnell, but because ropes of sand are as impossible in politics as in physics.

"Ireland must choose between being in the British Empire or out of it. If she chooses to be out of it, it must be as a nominally independent State, like Greece or Belgium, whose recent experiences of nominal independence and actual subjugation are hardly encouraging. And to attain this position the Irish must wait for a miracle which will reduce the British Empire to impotence. . . .

"If Ireland decides to remain in the British Empire voluntarily, it may fairly claim to be in it on the same terms as England. It cannot reasonably demand more, or honorably accept less. . . . Mr. Wilson had better declare that 'the Federal solution is impossible,' and then reintroduce it in a false moustache as 'Dominion Home Rule.'"

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