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Home Rule at Last?

At last, after the lapse of years, the dawn of the new day appears to be breaking over Erin's Isle. For the third time, the British House of Commons has passed the Home Rule bill which is to insure an Irish parliament and home rule for Ireland. The stupid obstinacy of the British nobility has forced a new rule that when a law passes the House of Commons three times the veto of the Lords is nullified. Twice has home rule for Ireland passed the House of Commons and twice has the House of Lords overriden it with a veto. Again the Commons has passed it and the third veto of the Lords will not avail to stay its enactment into law in due course of time.

It will not be long, undoubtedly, ere the world will learn whether the Ulstermen be braggers or rebels, because it is impossible that King George will dare to interpose a royal veto to home rule. When the Ulstermen realize that the rest of Great Britain and the world at large have lifted the mask and see what they have been doing for purely political capital, we fancy they will fold their tents and quietly meek away.

One Right Way

Rightly, truly and pertinently writes the Catholic Messenger of at Davenport, Iowa, in comment upon the Menace admission that it knows not whether its "bogus K. of C. oath" is valid or not, notwithstanding that it keeps right on printing and publishing it:—"Congress ought to take note of this and pass a law prohibiting with severe penalties the circulation of any falsehood against a candidate for a federal office, especially if directed against the religious belief or affiliations of such candidate. The constitution of the United States proclaims that there shall be no religious test for holding public office or public trust, and any attack on the religious belief of a candidate for public office is a violation of the constitution and the law of the land that ought to be met with condign punishment.

"Such a law would be salutary and ought to meet with the approval of every patriotic citizen of the country. It should make no exception class in its application, Catholics and Jews, and Quakers and Mormons and Protestants living within the law should be protected by it. Make it the right of every citizen to hold any religious belief within the law of the land without question.

"If such a law be not enacted, Catholics, where they control the electorate, if they desired and were unpatrotic enough, could by the means of anonymous circulars charge that a man is either a Presbyterian, or that the people working for him and with him are Presbyterians, and that his election would be a menace to the rights of the people who controlled the electorate. In the district in which the candidate was

"Wethink congress, in order to protect itself and its membership, ought to pass a law that would do away with the sneaking charges made by bigots in a campaign that are direct attacks upon the religious belief of candidates for public office.

"If the Catholic press and the secular press and Protestant press will take this matter up and advocate it, congress will respond with a practical measure, safeguarding the rights of every American citizen and adequately punishing infringement of the rights guaranteed by the constitution and every principle of our institutions."

First Page Again

Persons who do not study the underlying reasons for all things wonder at the fondness of newspaper writers and magazine authors toward Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. They cannot understand why he is always able to secure so much space with large headlines on the front pages of the newspapers.

These persons do not realize that the writers work for dollars far more than glory. To secure the more glory, the greater the supply of dollars but the dollar is the primary consideration. Theodore Roosevelt knows how to say and do things which the people like to read about. That makes "good copy" for the newspaper writers and copy means dollars. Moreover, Colonel Roosevelt is popular with a large part of the people of this and other countries and he knows how to tune his lyre to catch the popular fancy.

These are the reasons why Colonel Roosevelt, when in the land of the living, always occupies the frontpage of the papers. When in Africa and South America, he was inaccessible to the interviewer hence there was no supply of copy. Now that he is again accessible, he will be in evidence again as witness the last three weeks.

Theodore Roosevelt is a popular personage.

A Change

It is remarked by those who follow the course of events that peculiar changes in opinion are to be noticed. For instance, for about twenty years after 1884, the civil service reformers' slogan was "faithful service on the part of those who entered public service by the route of competitive examination, should spell permanent tenure of office."

To-day the same civil service reformers protest strenuously to the Legislature against the passage of laws designed to insure permanent tenure of office to faithful public officers and insist that the appointing powers should have practically unlimited power to remove and appoint their subordinates, on the plea that "efficiency in service" cannot well be achieved otherwise.

When Frank S. Black in 1897 proposed and later on signed a law amending the civil service law so that the heads of departments might have a limited chance to select subordinates on the score of efficiency, he was caricatured and lampooned and driven out of public life as "a friend of the spoilsman."

Yet in less than twenty years the very men who abused Frank Black are on record in favor of much more than he advocated! Surely men and times do change!

It is to be hoped that the Pentecostal collection for the Holy Church cannot be supported on wind any more than the business or the home.

Vacation days are at hand and it is in order for the Catholic to inquire if there be a convenient Catholic Church where he or she proposes to spend his or her va-

There are worse pains than those of want.

Some people don't want to lend you anything but trouble.

Shiftlessness is mostly only another name for aimlessness.

He that waits to do a great deal at once will never do any.

The shut mouth of today doesn't have to eat any words tomorrow.

The pessimist always has some new wrinkle—he gets it worrying.

A man can blow his own horn without producing popular music.

The ability to say "thank you" is one of the stepping stones of success.

The secret of making oneself tire-some is not to know when to stop.

If your stock of generosity will not go around better begin on your family.

A wise man may be above his fellow men, but he will not look down on them.

It's more difficult for a man to keep a secret after his wife discovers that he has one.

We lose a world of opportunities waiting by the roadside for our dreams to come true.

At any rate, worrying about the ball team will keep your mind off many other troubles.

"Singers are cranks," rules a supreme court justice. Well, most of them do a turn.

One of the rarest surprises in life is to find that your bank balance is larger than you expected.

Women dress to please the men, but some men are so ill fitted contrary they refuse to be pleased.

Pluck is the inside stuff that tells a fellow to stand up when the outside is advising him to quit.

The wireless telephone is almost here. Inventors should go to work on the wireless dietaphone.

Many a truth is spoken in jest, but we must not conclude on that account that there is truth in every jest.

A bird census is to be taken up by Uncle Sam. It is to be hoped that the migrant birds will give their correct addresses.

For one man who can't stand prosperity there are a hundred who never have a chance to find out whether they can or not.

When a distillery sells its list of customers' names to a drink cure establishment it catches them coming and going.

Automobiles and street cars will find some difficulty during the summer in claiming more victims than the lakes and streams.

Labor saving is all very well, but Stelz does not appreciate having an accommodating earthquake shake the lemons off the trees.

London society women are using black paper with white ink. There are worse fates than not being born a London society woman.

Turkey has just ordered twelve warships. If the Balkan states keep crowding them south they'll better order warships of the desert.

Boston complains that it has too many pickpockets. But we don't suppose it has much on the other cities, none of them feels that it has just the right number.

It's funny how many things you can use for an excuse for a world's exposition. The American Society For Thrift wants somebody to spend \$50,000 for an international thrift congress next year.

George V. is said to buy only forty-five suits of clothes a year. It must be great to be a King and have the word "only" appropriately used in this connection.

Proof that the world is growing better is found in the fact that the number of young men who imagine they can sing tenor is much less than it used to be.

A chair of Anglo American history is being installed in British universities. At last we shall learn whether George Washington was an insurrectionist or a true Saxon patriot.

The Spanish government has presented claims for \$200,000,000 worth of cotton confiscated by V. I. at Torreon. There are Spaniards yet unborn who may collect the money.

Iceland's first railroad is to be begun at once, says a Copenhagen dispatch. We suggest it be called the Isafjardardjup, Snaibardshukur and Binnudalstindur railway—just to give it a good sendoff.

It is announced that none but American bunting will be used on American warships, and from the patriotic bosom of the country comes a huge sigh of relief that no foreign stuff is exported in our bags.

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