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WHY?

We read communications in the daily press finding fault with Irish admirers and admirers who are not Irish at all because they do not know to England and because sympathy is shown to the Irish people in the campaign of murder and extermination now being waged by England.

Why should one not have as much right to sympathize with the Irish as another has to stick up for England. Why England was an ally in the late war. Why the anglophobia. Not so President Wilson used the right form "England was the associate of the United States in the great struggle." We helped to down the Germans just as did the English but we were not allied with England like France and Italy to parcel out between each other Germany's colonial possessions, and whatever else of value lay around loose.

If it is permissible to appeal to the citizens of the United States for funds to relieve suffering in Germany and Austria who brought trouble upon themselves by their own assumption of divine rights and superiority, it is equally allowable to solicit funds to aid the Irish to defend themselves against a war of suppression and extermination forced upon them by their self imposed rulers.

If Poles and Greeks and Slavs and Danes and Belgians and Silesians and what not else to express their public sympathy with those left at home and if they may publicly protest against indignity and atrocity, why should we who sympathize with the Irish feel free to express our sentiments—that is, we who are not allied by marriage with the Marlboroughs, the Devises, the Czinzons, the Manchester's and the rest of the titled adventurers and black guards?

PACIFISTS OR WHAT?

Out West there is an organization with a high sounding name of "Free Press Defense League" that is really a collection of anti-Catholic Bigots—probably all pacifist draft dodgers in the war. Here is one of its planks and the comment thereon of editor Winwood, the non-Catholic editor of the "Ironclad":

Compel all children by law to attend the public school until they complete the eighth grade. This would do away with parochial, military and private schools for boys and girls. This would abridge the natural right of the parents to give their children the kind of education they think best. It is, of course, aimed solely at Catholic Schools. The important thing in education is not where a child gets it, but the fact that he does get it. It is not my business if my neighbor wants to hire a private tutor for his girl or send his boy to a private or parochial school.

This bigoted proposal would destroy the equality of citizenship, the rock upon which rests all our natural rights under a free government. It would give to certain citizens the right to choose a public school education for their children while denying the right of other citizens to choose a religious school education. It aims a death-blow at the fundamentals of American liberty.

These proposals are quick remedies prepared by quack doctors for a disease that does not exist.

The real quack doctor tries to make the patient think he is sick. The real spirit that animates and then prescribes medicine for the disgraceful work of the English imaginary ailment. So it is Irish military men who are making with old Doc Walker and Doc of all Ireland a slaughter house is Parker. They tell their patients shown in the following letter from that they are sick—that they are an English officer now engaged in suffering with Catholitis—and the Irish murder campaign to his that they must take some of their chum in England as published in medicine at so much per take or the Glasgow, Scotland, "Observer" the Pope will get them sure.

After they take some of this "Dear" dope the really are sick—mentally. Got yours all right. Glad you but they blame it onto Catholic are fit. Your budget of news is 18th instead of their quack doe-most welcome.

The attack against Catholicism what you read in the papers. For rests upon jealousy and pure big-one thing, we are all in it, and no pity. The main charges against body will suffer for what the rot the Church are either invention or Asquith calls "our hellish are based upon exceptions, deeds."

At a time like this, when all our Lloyd George has put Tudor on energies should be devoted to pre the job, and his praise of him as serving our liberties and solving the bravest man he ever knew the problems of reconstruction is well understood here. We are which the great war left us, when going on and will give the Irish Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and more of hell till they chuck it. Free Thinkers should stand to: It is really a reconquest of these gather shoulder to shoulder under savages, and it must be thorough the flag we all love, facing the Cromwell knew how to deal with common enemy, Bolshevism, the them, and we're repeating the men who seek to cause the dose.

neighbors to view each other with. After all, they are but a foreign suspicion, hate and prejudice and inferior lot. Just like the should be reluked and held in su Kafirs except the color. prime contempt by every Ameri. The Ulster lot are not a bit bet- can who loves his country and the ter but they are on our side, and deathless principles on which it so we tolerate them as we do the is founded.

GIVE AND TAKE

It was to be expected that there evening, and if ever you saw a would-be trouble and misander black, brutal and truculent mob standing in the readjustment of semi savages, there you have it, which must of necessity follow the They wave the Union Jack be- unnatural conditions created by cause behind it they are safe from the war. Inflation of prices for attack from our fellows. But they all commodities and manufactur are a low lot. ed products, hoisting of wages. The worst of it all is that we for all artisans and those who live have sometimes to do with charis by manual labor had reached their that were with us in France and peak when the armistice was Belgium and elsewhere. They signed, compelled by the absolute came back here and were just as necessity of spending up to win rabal Sinn Feiners as the lot that the war. Indeed, to such an es stayed at home. So down they go tem was this slogan employed when necessary.

that every producer shouted. If Asquith and the labor crowd from the house tops and used it as could be shut up for a few weeks a hypnotic suggestion upon the we would make a finish of matters susceptible minds of the workers here. But while it lasts it is great. And this was true of many a man. Some of our chaps are a bit manufacturer who never had a warsquamous, especially about the contract and whose product was women and children. But there remote, very remote from any con- is no use in playing at the thing, nection with the war need. It has to be put through.

It was to be expected that this. We all feel that it is down with breakneck speed, this, endless them or it is up with old England. chain of mearsed prices, and So we don't dlinch. (Signed)

SO MUCH?

Just read over the following New York, Nov. 20.—The Sons and Daughters of Washington, and carried on a campaign for the sudden apparently against Governor Alfred E. Smith. A remarkable increase in unemploy on the grounds that he is a Catho- ment—not really a remarkable he expended \$1,228 during the re- average increase but remarkable-ent election according to a state- by contrast to the war period ment made here by Jay W. For- when there were more jobs than rest, supreme grand master of the men and upwards of five millions organization. The receipts of the of men withdrawn from the avai society for the campaign fund were \$1,994.

While there is considerable dis- While Governor Smith was de- tress, it is doubtful if there is feated the Forrest crew could not more real distress than in average claim any credit for Judge Mil- years before the war, except again ler's election as the Forrest can- by contrast. Thousands of per bidate pulled a rubeulously small sons who were lavish in their ex- vote. And if what we hear about Judge penditures during the flush per- Miller is correct Forrest will be od" now find their erstwhile tax about as welcome in the Execu- ness curtailed that is all and tive Chamber after January 1st it is but natural that they com- as a polycat.

Criticism of the lavish spending and lack of thrift by the war workers in industry may be warranted but after all, these per- sons may be pardoned and ex- cused if they sought to have a few of the luxuries their more fortun ate brothers and sisters had al- ways enjoyed. If the war em- ployer blossomed out with expen- sive limousines, the war workers should not be criticised too severe- ly should he forthwith purchased a cheaper car. Was he not en- titled to a little pleasure? Was his wife and children not as im- portant to the owner, the superintendent, or the office men at the plant? Just at present employers are laying off a part of their force on- solely at Catholic Schools. The plea of lack of orders, etc. is just as an economic proposition, not where a child gets it, but the would it not be better all around to operate the plant at full time- my business if my neighbor wants but instead of laying off altogether or a part of the force why not give each employee four or five days work each week and so spread the wage output over the entire force, instead of making an addition to the force of unemployed?

Is England a real friend of the United States? Of course, she was in Versailles, while Lloyd George was flimflaming Mr. Wilson, but did he mean it? Do they mean it now? Archbishop Hayes has received no second protest about the Un- ion Club incident.

Will Tom Watson be with President Wilson or who? If Charles Evans Hughes is selected for Secretary of State by President Harding, there will be some disappointed Republican politicians in New York state.

Bishop Grimes of Syracuse has returned home safe from his ad- limina visit to the Holy Father and his friends gave him an en- thusiastic welcome home last week.

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