

is about to begin, it cannot be termed treason by anybody (except an Orangeman) to plead the cause of Ireland. Through our President we have asked again and again for the self-determination of foreign-ruled nationalities. Ireland has never willingly submitted to English rule. Her people are of an entirely different branch of the white race. They are of a different religion. They are intellectual, and have been civilised many centuries. Before passing under British domination their monks civilised practically the entire northern part of Europe. By justice, by race, by desire, by history they have as great a right to rule themselves as the Poles, Czecho-Slovaks, Belgians, the Jugo-Slavs, the Ukrainians, or any other race of Europe. They have done far more for civilisation than any of these other small races. They ought to be permitted to vote on their own destiny. If they want Home Rule and wish to remain in the British Empire let them do it. If they wish complete independence that is their right. They are not satisfied with their present condition. The Irish in the United States have done more than any other single race to win this war. One third of our army is Catholic, and a large proportion of that is of Irish blood. Never in all American history has this nation asked in vain for help from the Irish.

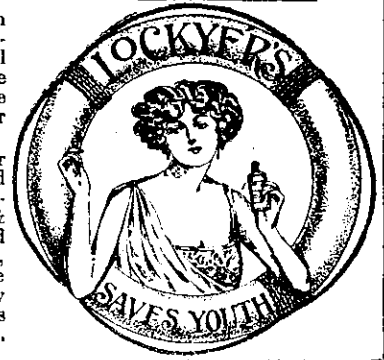
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