

England's word for a serious word and an honorable word, and asked for Ireland's freedom, were killed. England can never whitewash herself of this criminal hypocrisy; no Englishman who does not blush with shame for his shameful country has the instincts or the principles of a man of honor. Now Galloper Smith, from the snug seat which was the reward of his treason, talks loudly about what he is going to do—with all the armed power of the champion of small nations at his back—to a small nation that made the fatal mistake of believing that at any time or under any circumstances an English promise was more than a "scrap of paper." In the war years, when much was made of alleged Prussian crimes, some Germans and some people of German blood changed their names. In these days of brutal British crime in Ireland any Englishman who has a sense of shame left ought to drop his English name and borrow—for the sake of common decency—an "O" or a "Mac"—provided the latter be not Muckpherson. Galloper's hysterics notwithstanding, Ireland will win. Broken, exposed and derided in every country in the world, the beggar British statesmen have been whipped home from America. The scandalous Peace Treaty has been torn to tatters by America. American journalists are keeping close record of the raids on peaceful houses, of the outrages on women and girls, of the policemen who murder with impunity, of the violation of every law, human and divine, by British minions in Ireland, and all America is aflame with rage because these things are done to a small nation by the arch-hypocrite that wept such crocodile tears over the violation of Belgium. Every American soldier who fell, fell for the rights that are outraged by England; every Irish-American soldier who fell, fell for Ireland. And though Galloper and Carson and Welsh George are making merry and making money America is waiting and watching.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

- N. O'K. writes to tell us how much he enjoys the *Tablet*, and incidentally says we ought to increase the price, as all other papers did owing to cost of paper, etc. We are quite in accord with the views of N. O'K., but the Editor of the *Tablet* is not supposed to have any ideas worth considering on business matters.
- J. K. (Blackball).—We trust the business people of the *Tablet* have set things right for you by now. We have protested about  $x+y+z$  times that we have nothing to do with the business department, and yet people will keep on writing to us as if they enjoyed tormenting us. Sometimes we do hand in their letters, but we will faithfully and promptly consign them to the W.P. Basket in future. Ah, yes! the turnabout you called our attention to was remarkable.

Mrs. O'K. (Waitara).—Are you serious in asking us to get the autograph of the recent visitor for you? When Dr. Mannix or de Valera comes along we may be able to do something for you in that line. In any case we understand that he has already been here and departed again.

READER.—If anybody tells you that New Zealand is not still under a regime of militarism, the truth is not in him. We have seen within the past two weeks a letter stamped with the ominous words: "Passed by the Military Censor for N.Z." No matter if every Minister in the Cabinet told you the contrary there is the plain fact.

GARL.—Yes, we think you are right. We heard that one young returned soldier who had fought bravely during the war and had been awarded a distinction was called upon to receive it during the recent visit, and replied that he would accept no honors as long as British soldiers were employed in shooting down his kith and kin in Ireland. That's the right spirit. We have not half enough of it. No true Irishman—no matter what his position or obligations—should have taken any part in the celebrations as long as England is carrying out systematic Prussianism in Ireland. Absolute indifference and stolidity was the correct attitude. It is our personal opinion that, considering the frequent attacks made on our schools by bigots, not a single Catholic child should have taken part. We allowed an opportunity for a striking protest to pass. Mr. Massey, by his silly Order in Council attacking the Irish people in their struggle against Prussianism did all in his power to exasperate us. If we refrained from making any unpleasant demonstration, from motives of courtesy, it is no thanks to Mr. Massey that we did so. He gave us sufficient stupid and unjustifiable provocation. His efforts to oppress the Irish people are about as hopeful as his attempts to tackle the finances of the country he has plunged in debt.

There never was a great saint that lacked a sense of humor.—Dr. Austin O'Malley.

Preparations are being made by the National Catholic Welfare Council for a conference of Catholic charities at Washington, U.S.A., next September, which will be the most complete of its kind yet held. Representatives of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic charitable societies and institutions from all parts of the country will gather at the capital to discuss problems of the moment in connection with their work and to lay out a unified programme. An effort will probably be made to bring about the same co-operation in charitable work that will be applied to other Catholic activities through the central organisation of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

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