

and no kidnapping of young boys, to madden the people who loved a small nation, there had been no Sinn Fein violence. A lie! Who wonders? Curzon Lloyd George, and the rest of them, what are they all but brazen liars?

Oh, it goes on, and it will go on for some time yet, this agony of a small nation. But do not think that Ireland is afraid or disheartened. Do not think that men of the breed of MacSuibhne can be beaten by brutes, or that women like his wife and sister will fail—aye, if every man in Ireland is murdered—to carry on the fight for justice to the bitter end. MacSuibhne's death is not a failure; it is a glorious promise of victory; it is something to be proud of. And, please God, in every parish, or in every Irish parish, over the world we will lift our hearts and souls to the God of justice in prayer for the dead martyr and for the dear land for which he died. England, England herself, is slowly and surely building the Irish Republic. The blood of martyrs is watering it. Already it is elevated into view of the whole world; it is acclaimed even in English papers. It has the allegiance of the people of Ireland, and of the Irish County Councils. It lives and rules and grows stronger day by day. For this Pearse, MacDonough, Connolly, MacCurtain, and MacSuibhne died. And not in vain. May they rest in peace.

"Here's their memory, may it be  
For us a guiding light,  
To cheer our strife for liberty.  
And teach us to unite."

### British Barbarity

There can be no just government without consent of the governed; a people must have the right to choose its own form of government; that right must be vindicated no matter whose selfish interests are crossed. There are the sound principles of justice to which England pledged herself when in terror of Germany she was on her knees to America. On the strength of that pledge America sent her men and her guns to Europe and turned the scales of victory in favor of the Allies. The Irish in America, who could have kept America out of the war, flocked to the standard of battle in hundreds of thousands on the supposition that they were now going to help a nation that was never allowed to choose her own form of government, whose people never had any voice in the management of their own affairs, whose resources were dishonestly exploited for the benefit of her oppressors. Irish-Americans may not have believed in the truth of English pledges—only fools would. But they did believe that Wilson meant what he said; they did not realise, as we did not, that he was the hypocrite the Peace Conference later showed him to be. So, America saved England; and, once safe, in characteristic British fashion England broke her pledges and tore up her scraps of paper, and once again in her history vindicated to herself the right to be known of all men as perfidious Albion. She refuses to give Ireland freedom; she refuses to give her even the status of a Dominion; she continues to martyr a brave people in deference to a gang of international profiteers and to a secret society whose filth once drove the Irish people to rebellion. We have said more than once that the worst records of Czardom, the atrocities of Abdul the Damned, the slaughters of the Coliseum have been outdone by England in her efforts to kill the Irish race. Proof *go leor* is found in Irish History in the past. If we want proof to-day we need but look at the last Coercion Act brought in by Welsh George and Freemason Greenwood. Burke long ago said of the Penal Laws enacted by England that no more diabolical scheme was ever framed by human ingenuity. Of the Welsher-Freemason scheme the same might be said without exaggeration. And remember it is designed to destroy a nation whose only crime is

that she asks England to keep her pledged word, a thing which it is clear England is incapable of doing. The main purpose of the new enactment is to legalise frightfulness in Ireland; to sanction by English law the crimes that England alleged against the enemy in Belgium and over which our lachrymose parsons and politicians and pressmen wailed for five years with magnificent hypocrisy.

Let us see briefly the nature of the Bedlam legislation recently framed by the chivalrous champions of small nations. Regulation 3 (1-5) ordains that for any *misdemeanor whatever*, Irish citizens may be tried by court-martial. As the *Manchester Guardian* says: "Prisoners and judges will meet as enemies, representatives of two nations at war with each other." There is a splendid sample of British justice!

Regulations 2-3 ordain that any Irish subject may be arrested and tried by court-martial for an act done at any time in the past which act was not at the time it was done an illegal act, but which is now made illegal by these regulations. . . . Abdul the Damned never perpetrated a crime like that piece of British justice!

Regulation 3 (6) ordains that any Irish subject arrested for trial by court-martial may, on an order made by any competent naval or military authority, be detained in any of his Majesty's prisons. . . until thence delivered by order of the competent naval or military authority. . . . If the Welsher were possessed by all the devils that drove the Gadarene swine to their destruction he could not have surpassed that!

Regulation 4 (5) ordains that any Irish subject can be sentenced to death for political offences by these courts-martial, it being further enacted that for a trial punishable by death a person of legal experience nominated by the Lord Lieutenant shall be a member of the court. Knowing all we do know about French, we see what a farce such an apparent safeguard is! This makes it clear that persons of no legal experience are to judge in all other cases.

Regulation 8 (1) empowers any person authorised to summon witnesses before a court-martial to arrest and bring before the court any person whom he suspects of not being likely to attend. . . . No inmate of Bedlam could beat that piece of British legislation!

Regulation 12 permits court-martials to try secretly Irish subjects. One more outrage on the rights and liberties of Irish patriots!

Regulation 14 (1) says: "Any person who does an act with a view to promoting or calculated to promote the objects of an unlawful association shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations." Under this splendid and up-to-date British regulation it becomes an offence to promote the revival of the Irish language and to advocate the study of Irish History.

Regulation 14 (2) ordains that the possession of a document relating to the Dail Eireann, the Cuman na mBan, the Gaelic League, Sinn Fein, or the Volunteers shall be guilty of an offence. Of course it does not apply to Carson's Volunteers who are permitted to carry arms as a reward for buying them from the Kaiser! All that an enemy has to do now is to post a forged document to the house of any person and to send the police hot-foot after it. And this has been done. The worst of the Czars will turn in their graves with envy at the super-malignity of freedom-loving England.

Regulation L5 (1-2) ordains that the competent naval or military authority may make orders regulating, restricting or prohibiting the transport of articles if it seems necessary. Foodstuffs are comprehended by the word "articles." . . . Therefore, it is now in the power of any drunken or mad English officer, like Colthurst or Crowther, to starve any Irish community over which the benign and compassionate champions of small nations have made them "the competent military authority." . . . Will Dyer be sent to Ireland?

Arthur Griffith's comment on this fresh effort of English devilry is: "To these lengths the British Gov-

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