

unscrupulous tool has been so clumsy and so "economic of truth" that he has been utterly discredited in the eyes of the entire English people. Speaking at Plumstead on February 28, Bishop Gore voiced the sentiments of every honest English gentleman when he asked his hearers "to take a great oath, viz., not to allow military authority to ride rough shod over civil authority and liberty." He charged the Government with being engaged in the perpetration of crime in Ireland, and said the accursed policy of reprisals must be stopped at once. Greenwood told the people that the Sinn Feiners had burned Cork and was afraid to publish the report issued by General Strickland on the matter. Dr. Gore had no doubts as to the value of Greenwood's word and he told his audience that Cork was deliberately burned down as a part of the remorseless system of indiscriminate destruction practised also on other places. The following extracts from English papers will show how completely the Canadian bungler has brought lasting disgrace on the name of England:

"That Sir Hamar Greenwood must go before long may be taken for granted. But he will not go as a penalty for the reign of terror in Ireland which his miserable colleagues and supporters have approved, but because he is now become a laughing stock even to his own side. The way of the transgressor is hard, and we doubt if anybody will be particularly anxious to step into his shoes."—*Daily Herald*, February 28.

"A large body of Unionist members, while in no way deprecating the reprisals in Ireland, is furious with Sir Hamar Greenwood for allowing certain awkward facts to leak out."—*Daily Herald's* Lobby Correspondent, February 28.

"Within four months of his arrival in Ireland he was exercising all the arts of prevarication at his command in order to conceal his knowledge of the illegal and insubordinate violence of the force under his control. Within less than a year he has become the official exponent and director of a reign of terror unequalled even in the history of Ireland."—*Daily News*.

"The government of Ireland was of prime concern to all who believed in justice and humanity. Crime and outrage could never be justified, but how much less could they justify MURDER IN THE CAUSE OF LAW AND ORDER? The policy of terror in Ireland was similar to that practised in Belgium by Germany, and has brought discredit on the British name."—Mr. Runciman, February 26.

"Sir Hamar Greenwood, once the darling of the Unionists, is scoffed and despised as a clumsy blunderer."—*Liverpool Post* London Correspondent.

"Sir Hamar Greenwood has failed, but he has done what is far worse in the eyes of the present House of Commons. HE HAS BEEN FOUND OUT. THAT IS WHAT NINE-TENTHS OF EVEN THIS HOUSE OF COMMONS ARE SECRETLY SAYING—GREENWOOD MUST GO."—*Daily News*.

"Spokesmen of the Government in the House of Commons never meet squarely the case made against their irregular forces in Ireland. . . . We are destroying whatever respect remained for law and order. . . . Neither can we afford to ignore the public opinion of other countries."—Lord Bryce, in the *Times*.

"Prominence is given to the assertion that the opponents of the Government stand for the right to murder. I DETEST YOUR SYSTEM OF REPRISALS AND A POLICY WHICH GRAVELY, AND IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, COMPROMISES THE FAME OF GREAT BRITAIN FOR JUSTICE AND COMMON SENSE."—Lord Gladstone on Greenwood's *Weekly Summary*.

"It is an ugly story, and the whole of it has not yet been told. We have yet to learn how far General Crozier was justified in the reasons he gave for his resignation, and what was the understanding between General Tudor and the Cadets who seem to have returned so obediently to their trial in Ireland.

"A charge of looting money and whisky, wine, and fowls, pictures and other property, has been made against men who certainly had been English officers and ought to be English gentlemen.

"General Tudor holds it is an unfortunate time to do anything 'that looks panicky.' General Crozier cannot 'honestly associate himself with a force IN WHICH SUCH ACTS ARE CONDONED.' Yet while Sir Hamar Greenwood loudly protests his solicitude for discipline, the public awaits fuller information with an uncomfortable feeling that something is wrong. If ever a case demanded full and impartial inquiry this is it.

"Perhaps when Ministers have pondered their own position during the week-end they will realise that this is something far greater than a departmental affair, and that it involves not only their own credibility but also their authority to continue the present policy in Ireland. FOR MONTHS THE GOVERNMENT HAVE GAMBLED WITH THE HONOR OF THE NATION. THEY THOUGHT THEY WOULD SUCCEED IN THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THEIR IMMORAL POLICY OF UNOFFICIAL REPRISALS. BUT AS MONTH FOLLOWED MONTH THE CHANCES ACCUMULATED AGAINST THEM. NOW THAT THE COUNTRY IS BEGINNING TO LEARN THE TRUTH THEY WILL BE FORCED BY PUBLIC OPINION IF NOT BY FEAR OF IT TO RESTRICT ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD ONLY BE PROGRESSIVE IN EFFECT AS LONG AS THEY WERE UNQUESTIONED AND UNTRAMMELLED."—*The Times*, February 26.

"Whether by commission or omission the Irish Office has incurred reproaches of the plainest and most serious kind. . . . That vindictive outrages upon either life or property should be officially treated as venial offences, and that practical impunity should be granted for what the Government of Ireland and its representatives profess to condemn, is a DEGRADATION OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY AND SPELLS RUIN IN EFFICACY AND MORAL IN THE FORCE WHICH EXISTS UNDER SUCH A REGIME."—*The Observer*, February 27.

We have thought it worth while to put before our readers the foregoing extracts from English papers of all shades of opinion as a proof that Greenwood's barbarity and shameless prevarications have turned public opinion in England against the policy for which himself and Lloyd George stand. These united testimonies are a clear verdict that Frightfulness has not only failed in Ireland but that it has had the unforeseen effect of arousing honest public opinion in England against the Britons who are responsible for the slaughter of a small nation. The fact that such frank expressions of condemnation are widespread in the English press is nothing less than a great victory for Sinn Fein, perhaps the greatest victory it has so far won. During the month that has elapsed since the foregoing extracts appeared Greenwood has managed to hold his position, and that is in itself another gain. The longer he holds it the greater will be the complicity of Mr. George in his shame. Bonar Law has gone since the extracts were published, and we have little doubt that in time the Canadian Mason and the Welsh trickster will be also kicked out of public life. If the League of Nations were not a farce one could utter a pious hope that they might be brought to justice for their crimes against humanity. The patent fact that England is in revolt against them is some measure of their guilt.

L U M B E R.

If I'd got to choose alone
One of all the freight's I've known—
All my cargoes live and dead,
Bacon pigs and pigs of lead,
Cattle, copra, rice, and rails,
Pilgrims, coolies, nitrates, nails,
Lima beans and China tea—
What do you think my pick would be?

If I'd got to name the best—
Take just one and leave the rest
Out of all the ports I've known—
Coral beaches white as bone.

—C.F.S., in *London Punch*.

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