

## Current Topics

### The Ancient Spirit

Through centuries of sorrow and sunshine the Dominican Order has been associated with the fate of Ireland, sharing whatever glory, enduring whatever crosses came to the race, and always an inspiration and a source of strength to a people that trial and adversity had taught how to find support and consolation in religion. It is not therefore astonishing that we find St. Dominic's Schools in New Zealand eagerly taking their place in the League for Irish Self-Determination. It is only in keeping with ancient traditions and in continuity with the ancient spirit of the Order which has done so much for Faith and Fatherland during the long and glorious centuries of its existence. It is with great pleasure that we announce that we have received from St. Dominic's Schools a long roll of names for the League, and also a substantial war-chest of £50 towards the expenses of the campaign.

### Limavaddy in the Limelight

What ass is responsible for the money spent on ridiculous fablegrams that tell us tall yarns about the movements of Lord Limavaddy? One day Bill dines with a duchess; another he ornaments an art gallery; a third he sends a wire to his friend Craig (the accessory after the fact in the burnings and murders of Belfast). But the greatest story of all is that which tells how he was mistaken for Michael Collins on a motor escapade one night. The cables tell us, at any rate, that soldiers and police drew round London a huge cordon, casting nets far and wide for a big Irish fish. Arresting the most desperate and disreputable person that came their way they found it was not an Irish pike they had at all, but a New Zealand skate.

### The Forged Bulletins

So clumsy were the Greenwood forgeries of Sinn Fein, Bulletins that the editor of the *Nation and Athenaeum* dismisses the possibility that they could deceive anybody: he even suspects that the "rodomontade, too silly and gross for credence" may not have had any intention of deceiving at all, and he calls attention to the fact that it is for stuff of this sort Greenwood is begging for more and more money. Is he not aware that it is exactly on such silly rodomontade that the editorials in the New Zealand day-lies are based? And anything is in English eyes good enough, we presume, for a people that send over Lord Limavaddy to represent them at a Conference.

### Another Lloyd Georgian Lie Nailed

Lloyd George told the House of Commons on April 7 that from investigations made personally he had come to the conclusion that the murdered Mayor and ex-Mayor of Cork were killed because they were too moderate and had refused to carry out the orders of the Irish Republican Army. In a letter to the English press Mrs. O'Callaghan once more gives the lie to the deceitful British Premier:

RIGHT HON. DAVID LLOYD GEORGE,  
Prime Minister,  
House of Commons,  
Westminster,  
London.

Sir,—You stated, in the English House of Commons, on Thursday, April 7, that it was your impression, from inquiries you yourself had made, that the Mayor of Limerick, George Clancy, and the ex-Mayor, Michael O'Callaghan, my husband, were murdered because they were regarded as too moderate, and because they had declined to carry out the orders of the Irish Republican Army.

Your impression is based on lying statements. Whatever the heads of your military organisation in Limerick told you, they know as well as I do the men who murdered my husband. Your "impression" is a very convenient one for the people, openly or covertly in your pay in Limerick and elsewhere, whose hands

are red with Irish blood. What "impression" have you formed as to the murder of Joseph O'Donoghue? He was an active member of the Irish Republican Army, was murdered on the same night as my husband, by the same gang, and now lies near my husband and George Clancy in the Republican Plot in the City Graveyard.

You stated also that an impartial public military inquiry had been already held into the Limerick murders, and that these courts are carefully chosen. Limerick citizens know, and I have already told even the English people through the press, how "public" and "impartial" it was. In answer to your offer to re-assemble the military court of inquiry, I tell you once and for all, in my own name and in the name of others wronged as I am, that our claim for justice will never be satisfied by any court of inquiry where the guilty are on the bench instead of in the dock. Irish people have learned a bitter lesson from the inquiries into the Charleville and Rathfarnham murders, and from the notorious cases of the Mallow Inquiry and the Strickland Report. Characteristically you shirked answering the straight questions I put in my letter of March 30. I expected that, but I did not expect that you would continue to defame the dead by the assertion that they were murdered by the Irish Republican Army. You go even farther: you insinuate that I, the widow of the first Republican Mayor of Limerick, live even now under the terror of the Irish Republican Army, and so cannot speak the truth. My only difficulty in making the facts known arises from your military censorship on the truth of what is happening in Ireland.—

Yours truly,

K. O'CALLAGHAN.  
St. Margaret's, Limerick, April 11, 1921.

### Lloyd George Lies Again

The Welsher made a sorry effort to reply to the charge of the Anglican bishops that he was blackening England's name by the inhuman conduct of his servants in Ireland. Instead of facing the issue he reproved the bishops for raising it at all, and went on to say:

"That there has been any authorisation or condonation of a policy of meeting murder by giving rein to unchecked violence on the other side is utterly untrue."

The best reply to that lie is to quote the heads of the Willard Report:—

1. The Imperial Government has created and introduced into Ireland a force of at least 78,000 men, many of them youthful and inexperienced, and some of them convicts; and has incited that force to unbridled violence.

2. The Imperial British forces in Ireland have indiscriminately killed innocent men, women, and children . . . have tortured and shot prisoners while in custody, adopting the subterfuge of "refusing to halt" or "attempting to escape," and have attributed to "alleged Sinn Fein extremists" the British assassination of prominent Irish Republicans.

3. House-burning and wanton destruction of villages and cities by Imperial forces have been countenanced, and ordered, by officials of the British Government: and elaborate provision by gasoline sprays and bombs has been made in a number of instances for systematic incendiarism as part of a plan of terrorism.

4. A campaign for the destruction of the means of existence of the Irish people has been conducted by the burning of factories, creameries, and crops.

5. Acting under a series of proclamations issued by the competent military authorities of the Imperial British forces, hostages are carried by forces exposed to the fire of the Republican Army. . . . These acts of the Imperial British forces are contrary to the laws of peace or war among modern civilised nations.

This American report flings the lie in the teeth of Lloyd George. He has no defence. He is tripped up at every corner. He stands for naked and awful frightfulness, and in this he is aided and abetted not only by Greenwood but by the unmanly horde of hired day-liars in every city in New Zealand to-day. He

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