IRISHMEN IN COMMON BOND

Writer Sees Peculiar Opportunity for Commonwealth in That Country, for Many Reasons.

Ireland is, perhaps, the only country in Europe in which a co-operative commonwealth has a notable chance of being realized. Few great industrial interests have been established there. The bulk of the people are small farmers whose economic status makes co-operative combinations more and more a necessity. The people have always worked well in combination from the time of the Celtic clans who so ably and for so long resisted a great military aggression to our own time when their combinations for boycott destroyed a feudal system that had the might of an empire behind it.

Such a commonwealth, democratic for production, aristocratic in leadership would move more and more toward a brotherhood. The literary movement of today may be a prophecy of or perhaps a preparation for that brotherhood. The theme of the new Irish poetry, as I have said, is a spiritual democracy.

The ideal of the co-operative commonwealth is apt to gain the allegiance of every vital force in the country. To those who would have Ireland an independent state it shows the way to economic independence; to those who would have Ireland a resurgent Gaelic nationality it shows the way of return to a Gaelic form of social organization; to those who react from the dreadful economic conditions in many parts of the country it shows the way to economic betterment.—Padrais Colum, in the Seven Arts.

PROTECTS EYES OF SOLDIERS

Chain Visor Attached to Helmet Is New Device Used by British Troops in Trenches.

A new chain visor helmet attachment to protect the soldiers' eyes is being tried by the British in France. The visor is the invention of Capt. R. R. Cruise, an ophthalmic surgeon with General Haig's forces. Around the front of the regular steel helmet Doctor Cruise has placed a slender rod, to which is attached a strip of steel chain mail, about three inches deep. This slides on the rod as easily as a curtain, and it can be drawn, like a veil, fairly close by an ingenious contrivance and fastening. The eyes of the wearer are thus protected against any flying fragment of shell, or—what is almost equally dangerous—any stone or piece of earth thrown up by the explosion of a shell. The steel mail obscures the vision to a certain extent, but not to such a degree that the soldier is unable to use his rifle. But if he wishes greater clearness of sight half the mail can be looped back and one eye will still be protected.

Rifle Range Industry Brisk.

The rifle range industry has taken on a wonderful impetus all over New York. Not only the men in uniform, but citizens of all ages and even women are priming their weather eye for emergency service against the kaiser. The little street ranges, with their equipment of stationary clay pipes, moving clay ducks and silver balls balanced on water spouts, have mushroomed their way into all the thoroughfares in which people promenade in the evenings, and every unoccupied store and booth has been converted into a spot for the testing of one's prowess with the rifle. Civilians are in a majority among those who nightly try their skill at these ranges, but very frequently a group of men in uniform will saunter up to have a little competition among themselves. The civilian marksmen on these occasions usually retire for the time being.

Saving Causes Coin Shortage.

Shortage of small coins, complained of by Minneapolis banks, may be due partly to the practice of saving buffalo nickels and the new dimes, bankers believe.

Many persons have formed the habit of putting away the buffalo coins or the new ten-cent pieces on the well-established theory that the saver can accumulate considerable sums in this way and yet do it so gradually that "he never misses it."

Bankers said the penny famine probably was due to recently instilled thrift among children. Pennies given them by parents, coins that formerly went back into circulation as quickly as little feet could flutter to the corner candy store, now find their way into the toy bank.—Minneapolis Journal.

Diseases Spread by Insects.

Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the federal bureau of entomology, declared recently that no fewer than 226 diseases are spread directly or indirectly through the agency of insects, and that 282 species of insects are guilty of some form of the deadly work. This bears out the scientific contention that insects are the only dangerous rivals of man for mastery of the earth. The present has been called the age of man and insects; and the battle for supremacy has not yet been fought to a finish. Man is increasing from century to century, but the insects are, too.

Not Doing Her Bit.

Mrs. Flatbush—So your husband has gone to the war?

Mrs. Bensonhurt—He has.

"And of course you're proud of him?"

"Why should I be?"

"Because he's doing his bit."

"Nonsense! He hasn't written to me since he left!"—Yonkers Statesman.

Who says the cattle shows and county fairs aren't educational, when the boys are getting so expert on cane ringing and throwing baseballs at the African Dodger?

The Russian army might accomplish more if they would send all the soldiers home and let the officers do the fighting alone.

SHALL HYPOCRISY AND DOUBLE DEALING WIN IN MARYLAND?

PROMOTERS OF ANNEXATION BY FORCE ARE TRUE TO NEITHER PARTY

Having caused the Republican Convention to reverse itself upon the Annexation plank in its platform of two years ago, which plank declared in favor of annexation with a referendum to the people affected, in accordance with the Constitution of the State, and is said to have been approved, if not prepared, by Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City Morris A. Soper, then holding that office by appointment of Governor Goldsborough and a candidate for re-election for the full term, they are now supporting Mayor Preston's Democratic nominees in the city, after having made the city candidates sign a repudiation of their party's platform.

THIS IS APPARENTLY IN PURSUANCE OF A PLAN OF CONQUEST, WHICH WILL GIVE THE POLITICAL RULERS OF THE CITY CONTROL OF THE STATE

By grasping one-half the population and taxable basis of Baltimore County and the richest and most populous part of Anne Arundel County through the Preston-Field Force Bill without a referendum, and then securing control of the Police and Liquor License Boards and passing a constitutional amendment giving the city proportional representation in the Legislature they can reduce the remainder of the State to the condition of a dependent province.

FROM 70,000 TO 100,000 PEOPLE IN THE TERRITORY PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED ARE MADE THE PAWNS IN THIS POLITICAL GAME.

The Democratic Party has declared in favor of annexation by a bill that would be fair alike to the city, the territory to be annexed and the remainder of the counties affected, on condition that the same be referred to the voters in the territory proposed to be annexed, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution of this State. This provision was written into the Constitution by the Republicans themselves, in 1864, and was recognized by them as necessary so lately as their convention of 1915, when they declared that a referendum was required for any annexation.

MAYOR PRESTON, FOLLOWING HIS "RULE OR RUIN" POLICY, IS MAKING A CATSPAW OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY TO DEFEAT THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES FOR THE LEGISLATURE AND THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR COMPTROLLER, SO THAT THE CITY OF BALTIMORE WILL BE ABLE TO ASK AND RECEIVE SUCH REPRESENTATION IN THE STATE CONVENTIONS OF BOTH PARTIES AND IN THE LEGISLATURE AS WILL ENABLE IT TO DOMINATE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ENTIRE STATE. DO EITHER THE DEMOCRATS OR THE THINKING REPUBLICANS OF MARYLAND, WHETHER OF THE CITY OR THE COUNTIES, WANT THIS, IN THE LIGHT OF PAST HISTORY?

THE BALTIMORE COUNTY NON-PARTISAN CITIZENS' PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE.

SHIPLEY

We are glad to hear our dear friend Mrs. Alice V. Shipley, has returned home from the hospital. Hope she will soon gain strength and health, again.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hughes had Thursday as their guests, Mrs. Mary E. Hughes, and Miss Carry Hughes, of Freedom.

Rev. W. A. Sites and sons took dinner Sunday with Mrs. Margaret Caple and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Polster entertained Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ditman and sons, Joshua and Lewis Ditman and Mr. Bankard, of Westminster; also Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bair, of Bloom, Mr. Richard Owings and Mr. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owings had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Hood, of Woodbine, and others.

Misses Birdie and Estelle Wagner returned home with Miss Hilda Haines who had been visiting them near Woodbine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Wagner and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Haines, near Woodbine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Owings entertained Sunday, September 23, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hann and family, Mis Jessie and Earl McComas, Mr. Daivis and others.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schneider had as their guest last week, Mr. Frank Frick, of New York.

Mrs. E. O. Wilhide called on Mr. and Mrs. Swartzbaugh Sunday evening. Miss Mary Swartzbaugh remained Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Zepp entertained Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William Deihl, of Windsor, Miss Bartha Stem and Elsie Lenard, Mr. Albert Lutz, William Lenard, of Owings Mills, Mrs. Emma Zepp, of Carrolton, and others.

Mr. Lewis Zahn broke his arm Sunday while cranking an automobile. At the time of the accident he was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shipley. Mrs. Bertha Zahn and family were also guests at the same place.

DRAFTED, HE ELOPES

Frank A. McCammon Takes Miss Ader To Westminster To Wed.

Eloping to Westminster, Frank A. McCammon and Miss Ella A. Ader, both of Baltimore, were married by Rev. J. Reed at the parsonage of his church last Sunday evening. The fact that young McCammon was chosen in the selective draft and was soon to go to Camp Meade brought about parental objections and they decided to elope. Several friends were confided in and they aided Cupid.

While one obtained the license, the others sought the services of a minister. Following the marriage, McCammon tendered his friends a wedding dinner at Reese, Md. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hoffman of Reese, Mr and Mrs. Charles Shipgiggle, Mr. and Mrs. John Wischhusen, Frederick Reynolds and Miss Clara Yingling, all of Baltimore. —Baltimore News.

Crowded school houses is the report from many places, but the usual attitude of the heavy tax payers in their childless homes is "I should worry".

It is claimed that wooden shoes will soon have to be used, and at least they would be useful in kicking book agens out of the door.

It is proposed that the hoboes be caught and put to work but they have heroically banded together to resist at any cost of suffering this assault on their principles.

FOR THE SOLDIERS TO DECIDE

"What are you knitting, my pretty maid?"

She purled, then dropped a stitch.

'A sock or a sweater, sir," she said,

"And darned if I know which!"

—Kansas City Star

Benjamin F. Kennerley, sexton of Riverton Methodist Protestant Church, Sharptown, Md., was badly scared Sunday night while ringing the church bell for service. A huge black snake dropped down the rope and wrapped around his neck. Shaken off, the reptile dropped to the floor and crawled into the audience room. It was finally killed.

William Stine, 26 years old, died Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Julia Stine, in Shippensburg, Pa., from hydrophobia. Mr. Stine on August 19 went to the home of a man in Southhampton township, Pa., to purchase a pup and while he was examining it the animal bit him. He continued at work and didn't give the wound medical attention.

Infuenced by the resignation of public school teachers in the last few years, because they could secure positions paying better salaries elsewhere, the Anne Arundel County Board of Education provided for an increase in salaries amounting to $50 a year. The raise will apply to the instructors in all grades.

MRS ERNEST OSGOOD PRESTON. JR.

Mrs. Frances Katherine Preston, aged 25 years, wife of Ernest Osgood Preston, Jr., died at her late residence, 5002 Ferndale avenue, Baltimore, Monday October 1st. Funeral services were held on Wednesday from the home and Cemetery. She was a daughtr of the late John F. and Alberta Virginia Parke, and a grand-daughter of the late Joseph M. Parke, of this city.

DANIEL FRANK

Mr. Daniel Frank died Monday at his residence in this county, about two and and one-half miles west of Stiltz. He was eighty-two years of age and for the past year was a severe sufferer from heart trouble, asthma and dropsy.

Mr. Frank is survived by his wife and the following children: John and Edward Frank, at home; Mrs. Frederick Stahle, Glen Rock; Mrs. Emanuel Heindel and Mrs. John Heindel, residing near Stiltz; also by two brothers, Wesley Frank, Manchester, and Thornton Frank, Beckleysville, Md., and a sister, Mrs. John Walker, residing near Hampstead.

MRS. CHRISTIAN WELSH

Mrs. Agnes Welsh, widow of the late Christian Welsh, died from a complication of diseases at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Cookson, Myers' district, this county, September 19th, aged 83 years.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Jos. Cookson, with whom she resided, a son, Sylverter Welsh, of near Littlestown, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral from St. Aloysius church, Littlestown, September 22nd, Rev. W. J. O'Callaghan, officiating. Interment was made in the Catholic Cemetery.

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Not merely have 8,000,000 primers been condemned by the army because they wouldn't explode, but several million primers are condemned by the children who have just started into school this fall.

Probably it was no objection to the second class postage tax in the minds of some Congressman, that it would bear hard on some publications that can't be depended upon politically.

Some of our public men deny that they are traitors, as they are merely exercising their constitutional right to help destroy the United States.

In the old days war paint was what the Injuns put on when they went out to kill the white men. Nowadays the girls put it on for somewhat similar reasons before going out with those killing looks.

Among others who believe in the "No indemities, no annexations" idea, is the burglar who has been caught and wants to go scot free on conditions that he give up the goods.

When a man hurries down to business now, it may be anxiety to get to work, and it may be that he merely wants a quiet half hour to read the world's series dope.

About now many people are looking over their books and generously contributing to the soldiers those they don't ever want to see again.

So far no one has opposed the suggestion that the boys be allowed to practice sharp shooting with their air guns on the thieves that are stealing vegetables from the war gardens.

The German people aren't a bit concerned over the mobilization of 500,000 of our soldiers, as they have it straight from Kaiser Bill that our boys are merely going out for a little practice at three old cat.

RED CROSS EXCURSION

TO BALTIMORE
SATURDAY

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The Thurmont Branch of the Red Cross will run an Excursion to Baltimore on the above date, train leaving Smithsburg and stopping at each station as per schedule printed below. Make your arrangements to go on this first excursion and take the opportunity and run out to

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Pen-Mar,	7.50	1.00	Detour,	8.54	"
Buena Vista,	7.53	"	Keymar,	9.02	"
Highfield,	7.58	"	Middleburg,	9.06	"
Blue Ridge,	8.00	"	Union Bridge,	9.14	$1.00
Sanatorium,	8.04	"	Linwood,	9.18	"
Sabillasville,	8.10	"	New Windsor,	9.23	"
Deerfield,	8.15	$1.00	Wakefield,	9.28	"
Thurmont,	8.30	"	Medford,	9.30	"
Graceham,	8.33	"	Avondale,	9.33	"
Loys,	8.38	"	Westminster,	9.42	"
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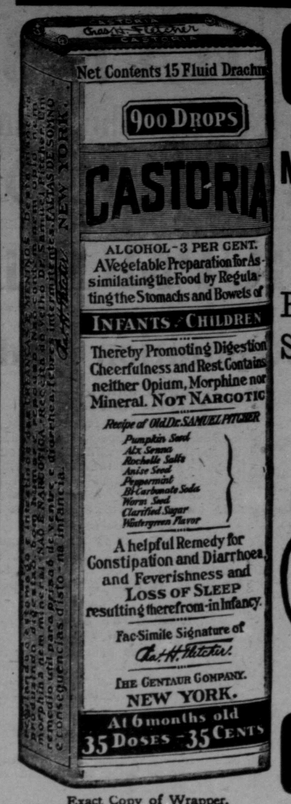
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