" The principle I stite, and mean to stan | upon is :--that the entire ownership of Ireland, moral and material, up to the sun and 1 wn to the centre is vested of right in the reple of Ireland." Jam s Fintan Lalor.

THE IRISH WORKER Who is it speaks of I tell you a cause Is greater than defeat It is the power of And Deople's Advocate. As surely as the earth As surely as the Brings the great world

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"INCITING TO MURDER."

Great on Ind is being made out of an article that appeared in this paper on August 1996 The Independent, Irish Times, and several country papers have in fight in it. but not until after it had first been greated by the London Times. For s x wees s n ne of the Irish (?) papers could see any harm or anything objectionable in the article referred to; now they are in a -'are bordering on nervous break-Jown-mnny, isn't it?

Let us examine in detail the paragraph that has frightened them all :-

"Trade is dislocated in Liverpool. A litte work is being done by scabs under mutary and police protection. Soldiers with rates and bayonets are guarding the carts, Capital can always count on the stopert of the law and of the military. Whether the Government be Liberal or Tory it is always ready to defend capital and sheet down the workers. They tell us it is necessary to call out the military to protect the lives of a few miserable scales. They are afraid the scales would he killed. A scab is a traitor to his class, a deserter who goes over to the enemy in time of war to fight against his own people. When the capitalists go to war it is for the sake of robbery, as instance the case of the Boers. These men had right on their sides-they were defending their country from invasion and robbery. England was in the wrong. yet if a man de-serted from the British army to fight for the Burs, and was afterwards captured, he would be shot. When a man deserts from our ranks in time of war (for a strike is war between capital and labour) he on the same principle forfeits his life to us. If England is justified in shooting who desert to the enemy, we also are justified in killing a scab. If it is wrong to take a scab's life, it is right for British soldiers to desert to the enemy in wartime. Yeu can't have it both ways." We fail to see how this can be twisted into a call to shoot scabs. Taking the Government on its own ground and at its own game, we pointed out that when they go to war they do not allow their soldiers to desert to the enemy. If a soldier DOES desert and is afterwards captured, he is shot. Nobedy can deny this. If a man deserts from his comrades during a strike, he is guarded by police and military, and the striker who tries to approach him for the purpose of speaking to him-as he has a perfect right to do-is knocked down.by police, taken before a magistrate and sentenced to a couple of months hard labour. Is not this a case of "one law for the rich, another for the poor ?" If a scab does right, deserters do right, this is the only legical outcome of it. We have never called on any man to shoot another. If we thought it would be a good thing to shoot scabs, we would not appeal to others to do it for us, we would do it ourselves But if it is unnecessary to shoot a scab, in the interest of the working class, neither is it necessary to shoot down the workers for fear some poor soulless scab would get a black eye. It is Sir Wm. Goulding, Wm. Martin Murphy, Harrington, who and see. edits the Independent, and Healy of the Irish Time - who are advocating murder. The Marilys, Gouldings, Dents, and Harringic...s, want blood. They cry out for soldiers, and when the soldiers are supplied, they call on them to shoot. "What have they the ammunition for?" asks the Irish Times. "Shoot to kill" shrieks the rag that masquerades under the title of Irish Cathelic. Is this not inciting to murder? When there is fighting to be done on our side, we do our share of it. When the employers have any fighting to do they call on the Government to supply them with soldiers-men of the working class. The army, navy and police forces were not established for the purpose of acting the scab during trade disputes, yet they are being used for this purpose. They are not kept up for the purpose of shcoting unarmed workers, nevertheless they are always at the beck and call of the employers. Who ever heard of the army or navy being used to protect the working class? If an employer, or federation of employers, lock out their men, and attempt to starve them, as in the case of the Dublin Timber Importers, the Government does not step in and supply the employees with food. But when the railwaymen cease work, the capitalists, on the plea that the food supply of the country is in danger, are supplied with armed troops. If the Government is responsible for the food supply during a strike they are responsible all the year round. If it is their duty to look after the feeding of the people this week it is

their duty every week, strike or no strike. If it is their duty-as they say it is-to prevent the people being left hungry now, it is their duty to see that there are never any hungry people in the land. And, finally, if they undertake to feed and protect scabs, why not the unemployed? Did any one whisper Socialism?

Talk about Socialism, Mr. William Martin Murphy's half-penny dreadful wants the Government to run the railways while the strike lasts. The Irish Times is also asking the Government to help them to defeat a few labouring men who are discontented with the treatment they have been receiving from the railway companies. It's a strange world, my masters! The Irish Times and Independent turned Sccialists. Ye gods !

On Tuesday night last, Mr. J. H. Campbell, in a screech delivered to the Conservative workmen of Dublin (Heaven only knows what a "Conservative workman" is) said : "The latest action of this man, Larkin, had been an open and deliberate incitement to the murder of the men who failed to join the strikers. He had been perfectly frank and outspoken in his incitement, and had gloried in it." Brother Campbell is talking through his glorious, pious and immortal" hat. The alleged incitement was made six weeks ago, and therefore cannot be the latest action, seeing that Jim Larkin has caused several strikes in Dublin, one in Wexford. and one in New Ross since-according to the truthful Imdependent. It may also be worth mentioning that the "incitement to murder " was not written by the editor at all, but by the present writer, who is willing to defend it. Did Brother Campbell ever hear about "lining the ditches"? We do not deny that there is intimidation and incitement to murder in Ireland, but we do deny that it is on our side. We are not out to cause murder, but to prevent it. Our class is being murdered day and night by the system under which we live. It is an everyday occurrence to read of men and women on our railways and wharfs, or in the factories being crushed to death or torn limb from limb in the machinery, through the negligence of the people in charge to provide proper protection or allow sufficient time for care. This is not murder? No, only an accident. Thousands of people die every year through starvation and neglect. This is not murder either? Do you think we are fools, Mr. Campbell? Does Harrington think a few weeks' imprisonment will frighten us into silence? Have no delusions on this subject. We are determined to end or mend the system of society that keeps the greater part of the population always on the verge of starvation. We will, if necessary, meet violence with violence in self-defence. The working class is in revolt, and you will not ever be able to regain such a grip on their souls and bodies as you formerly held. You may as well face the fact that we are more powerful and numerous than all other sections of the community combined. Make the most of the army and navy while you have them; they'll be the next to join us; and then-? Wait

DUBLIN, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1911.

The Church and the Strike.

The following letters appeared in Monday's and Tuesday's Freeman's Journal, and we take the liberty of reprinting them. Would there were more priests of this kind in the country and there would be less strikes. We are glad to have discovered one priest who is true to his cloth and to his Master.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR-I should be sorry to think that the Dublin workmen, and particularly the rail vay workers, were under the impression that the clergy of the Catholic Church are opposed to them in this dispute. That, I believe, is certainly not the case. The clergy are, naturally, concerned for the wives and children of these men, who may be thrown upon the charity of the public during the winter, and on that account they may have thought it well, in some individual cases, to recommend the men to resume work. They are all interested likewise in the calm and peaceful progress of life among all classes of Irish-men, and, naturally, look with disfavour on anything likely to lead to deeds of violence. But it would be an utter mistake to think that they have no sympathy with the men. We have heard the action of the men denounced in all moods and tenses for striking in sympathy with their fellow-workmen, To others, that may seem wicked. To me, I confess, it is the one redeeming feature of the strike. It may be rash, it may be foolish, it may not directly achieve its purpose; but I cannot help thinking that it is noble, unselfish, and even brave. There are, indeed, very few men amongst the wealthier class the vital interests of those that are dearest to them, as well as their own, in order to help an ill-used fellow-man. Let people say what they like in England or else where, the poor Irishmen who have run that risk cut the worthiest figure of any in this dispute, and are most worthy of the support of the clergy. The poor workmen have always been kind, generous, and loyal to the clergy. They have always a kind word for them, which is more than can be said for the plutocrats, who grudge them the coat they wear. How much do the Catholic clergy owe to the Martins and the Gouldings and the Murphys? Was it the Martins that got the Catholic University for them? Was it they abolished the Coronation Oath? What distinctively Catholic work have the Martins ever had a share in ? And, as for the Chairman of the Great Southern. what claim has he and his like on the Catholic clergy? Apart from personal considerations, however, the clergy are instinctively on the side of the poor and the labour men. They are the hope of the Church. With them on our side we need fear no power on earth. With them turned against us, all is lost. We should not flatter them; we should not encourage them to commit injustice; but we should help them to secure for themselves and their poor families the decencies, and, if possible, the comforts of life.-I am, sir, faithfully yours, JASO. A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

of Leo XIII. proclaimed to all employers the world over has fallen on deaf ears in many of the cities in this Catholic country. It is time it should be re-echoed.

But to return to the strike, as the railwaymen have laid down their arms, and even admitted their mistake, it seems to me too bad that they should be now penalised. Their object in striking was not a selfish one. On that account probably Sir W. Goulding fails to understand it. But selfish or not the Great Southern Railway has no right to treat them more harshly than the strikers of the North-Eastern of England were treated by their company when they went back to work. The English Company, if I am rightly informed, wished to do exactly what Sir W. Goulding proposes. But the Board of Trade would not allow them. They had to reinstate their men. Otherwise the protection of the soldiers and police would be refused them. Have we no one in this country to make Sir W. Goulding do likewise? Where is Birrell? Where is anybody? If Goulding does not rein-state the men, and end the strike let him protect his own property and the property of John Sweetman, and not do so at the expense of the public who have very little sympathy with either of them.

I should be the last to do anything that could be regarded as setting class against class, or giving rise to feelings of ill-will amongst the different sections of the community; but there are times when one must speak out to prevent greater evils.-Faithfully yours,

A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

Battle Hymn of the Workers.



William Martin Murphy's Little Game.

WHO WRITES THE LETTERS?

In the last issue of THE WORKER appeared comments on the alleged letters appearing in the Independent from day to day attacking the Irish Transport Workers' Union and its leader. Even a slight examination of this correspondence would prove the source of its manufacture.

On Friday last, September 29th, appeared a letter from "A Cork Worker" and with the heading "Larkinism in Cork City."

In the course of this precious epistle the name of Mr. P. J. M'Intyre is introduced very favourably, and the remainder of the letter is so illuminative that I am tempted to quote it. Here is the pre-

meantime he can be seen daily in Swift's alley, off Francis street, where he keeps a penny doss-house.

defeat?

like ours :

can know-

rolls round

glorious sun

moon-wave,

won!

Must our Cause be

[ONE PENNY.

powers.

M'Intyre is supposed to have saved Cork; J. S. Kelly is taking care of Dublin. Why don't they settle the strike now? Why doesn't Kelly-whose men do not believe in strikes-work the railway? Echo answers, why?

TREATY STONE.

MR. W. M. MURPHY,

The Financial Times says :--- " Mr. Wm. Martin Murphy, J.P., is remarkable among company chairmen for the variety of the interests he represents, which include railways-both heavy and light-electric tramways, a first-class drapery house, and a group of successful newspapers; while latterly we hear that he is devoting his energies to the establishment of electric railways on the West Coast of Africa. Mr. Murphy is a prominent citizen of Dublin, where he is Vice-President of the How William Martin Murphy must have blushed when he opened his Independent on Monday October 2nd, and found his well-known modesty outraged by the publication of the above "puff." "Remarkable among company chair-men for the variety of the interests he represents, which includes railways," etc. Aye, my friend of the Financial Times, and remarkable also for paying the employees in some of those railways 11s. per week. "Electric tramways," yes, on which the unfortunate men are driven like slaves tyrannised over, underpaid, and overworked.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMAN'S JOURNAL. October 2nd, 1911.

DEAR SIR-Thank you for inserting my letter this morning. I should like to add a few words if you give me space. First of all let Mr. John Sweetman, capitalist and Sinn Feiner, not bother us about the "French Revolution." Whenever an effort is made by any public-spirited man in this country to lift up the poor from their squalid condition some resy-faced and comfortable "bourgeois" is always sure to shout "revolution." Parnell was a revolutionist; Davitt was a revolutionist; Dillon is a revolutionist. I sincerely hope there will be a good many more revolutionists of their kind to do for the poor and for the toilers what they did for the farmers : to clear the slums and the sinks. and to give the dwellers in the towns a chance as well as the dwellers in the country. The condition of the poor in many of our towns is positively inhuman. It is a disgrace to civilisation. The slavedrivers of old raised welts on the backs of their victims, but self-interest compelled them to provide wholesome food and decent shelter for their bondsmen. The wealth-owners of this country seem to acknowledge no such duty. Rural labourers have been helped and housed in spite of them. In cities the poorer classes are compelled to herd in lairs and dens more suited to wild beasts than to human beings. That respect for "the human person " which the trumpet tongue

Gaza mound gemerades and hearken to It is breaking down the barriers of capital's cruel laws,

It is wresting back our freedom from the sweaters' greedy claws---

The brave Cause that's marching on.

See the workers, grim, determined, as they hasten to the fight-To batter down the strongholds reared by hated Mammon's might-

To journey back from darkness to the glory and the light

Of the Cause that's marching on.

They are coming from the factories, sweated sore with heavy toil,

They are climbing from the death-pits hollowed deep into the soil, They are hastening to the battle, for every

man is loyal

To the Cause that's marching on.

From the horrid foetid squalor of the sordid city slum,

Pallid-faced, yet still determined, see the hungry women come:

They too, shall help to battle 'gainst the filthy, sweating scum

For the Cause that's marching on.

For a weary age they've ruled us with a hard and heavy hand,

For a weary age they've spread themselves like fever o'er the land; Now at last the battle's joined, and face to

face with them we stand

For the Cause that's marching on.

Why should we let them rule us, this idle bestial brood? Why should our lives depend upon their

every savage mood?

Those dogs who've robbed us of our allour liberty-our food

When no Cause was marching on.

We shall smite them without mercy in the conflict that's to be

We shall clean the nation of them from the centre to the sea;

From their greedy claws we'll rescue what belongs to you and me And the Cause that's marching on.

Only when the workers stand together in a compact strong

In the holy faith of freedom, in the wish to right all wrong;

Only when the fruits of Labour unto Labour shall belong Will the Cause cease marching on.

MABOUS KAVANAGH.

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"I well remember our writing to Mr. come to Cork and help us; and by he as

and right well, too; and as the quay workers of Cork are free to-day from Larkinism they owe their freedom to one man in particular who fought and killed Larkinism in Cork. That man is P. J. M Intyre, and I am glad to see he gave the Wexford workers sound advice a few days ago. I hope they will take it.

A CORK WORKER. Dublin, September 28, 1911."

How's that for high?

"A Cork Worker" from Dublin. Isn't

William Martin Murphy, tramway boss, railway magnate, drapery-house owner, exhibition boomer, etc., hard up when he has to fall back on P. J. M'Intyre. "Oh, what a fall was there, my countrymen !" In the daily "rag" of Monday appears a letter from "John Doyle, Dublin." There's an address, friends; and by a

curicus coincidence Mr. P. J. M'Intyre figures again. Now, who is John Doyle?

We all remember the story of the man who arrived in London and asked the first policeman he met, "Please sir, could you tell me where John Smith lives?"

We have decided on offering a prize of a Cameron fly bag to the first of our readers who guesses correctly the name of the writer of the letters in the Independent signed "A Cork Worker" (from Dublin) and "John Doyle, Dublin."

We will publish the name of the winner in our next issue.

Hurry up, boys! We know you are good hands at "guessing eggs when vou

see the shells." And P. J. M'Intyre, who is he? Perhaps we will tell you before long. In the

"A first-class drapery house," aye, ask the "hands" of Clery's.

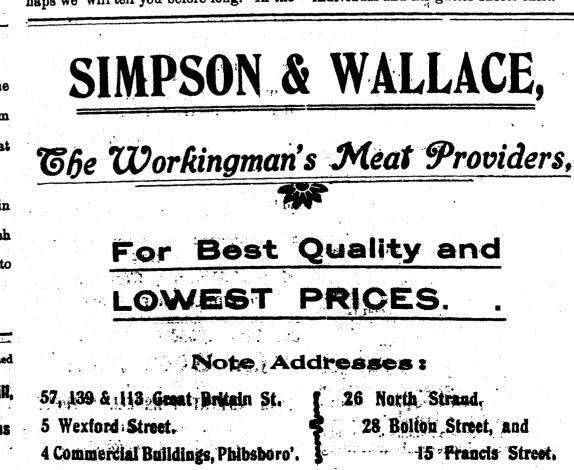
"A group of successful newspapers," ye gods, the betting Herald and the wobbling Independent, to say nothing of the "shoot to kill" Irish Catholic.

"Devoting his energies to the establishment of electric railways on the West Coast of Africa."

The white slave on the west coast of Ireland works William's railways at 11s. per week.

-What will the unfortunate nigger on the west coast of Africa get? William, you're a daisy.

The Financial Times' scribe winds up by congratulating William M. on the sterling service rendered by the Independent in the recent Irish railway strike." Well, we can promise the Financial Times and Murphy that "sterling service" will not be forgotten while that individual and his gutter sheets exist.



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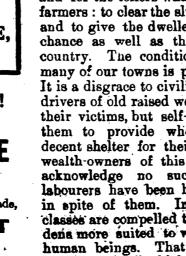
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When confectionery, in the form of cakes, &c., are being partaken of, how very few of the consumers give a thought as to the conditions under which the same confectionery is made? And perhaps it would be as well to give a few details here and now. Thompson's in Thomas street are one of the greatest offenders. The women employed in this firm work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays included. To make matters worse, the working hours of the men employed in the same firm cease on Saturday at 2 p.m., while the women are detained until 7 p m.-what for? well, to scrub the boards and utensils that have been used by the men in the performance of their duties. Surely comment upon this is not needed. It would be superfluous to give the wages of these women workers, but perhaps it would be as well to quote the case of one girl in particular. This girl spends her days working in an underground compartment, her occupation scrubbing, her wages 6s per week. The girl is pallid and sick-looking, and, in fact, from her general appearance, looks a fit subject for country air, good food, and a long rest from manual labour; but if the same girl was working under conditions more conducive to health, she would have no need of any out-of the way treatment.

Then when employers and managers are criticised concerning the hours and conditions of women workers, we are told that we are interfering with matters that we have no right to interfere with. It would be just as well for these people to understand now, once and for all, that as the Factory Inspectors do not do the duties they are paid to do, and as the employers and those in charge have not the humanity to treat their employees justly and humanely, then we will teach them their duty, and not cease interfering until the present hideous conditions of the women workers is altered. Surely it is not too much to ask-simply healthy, sanitary compartments to prevent the spread of ill-health among the employees, and a few less working hours. It is to the interest of the employers that their workers be in good health, and although this be a purely selfish motive, still it is worthy of notice.

Every now and again a great outcry is made about the prevalence of consumption in Ireland. Money is collected, sanatoriums built, and the poor sufferers sent there to finish in weariness and suffering a miserable life. To those who are really interested and desire to stamp out the germ of tuberculosis, I would advise them housed differently to the manner in which they are situated at the present time. Secondly, make it compulsory that all employers of labour provide properly ventilated compartments for the workers to do their work in. Thirdly, that fall workers be paid sufficient wages to keep them provided with good nourishing food. With these matters compulsory, we have a better chance of having a healthy, nonconsumptive nation of Irish people.

a human being. We are not asking for their luxurious houses, good clothes, splandid motors or horses, extensive lands, and all the etceteras, but simply a most natural request. Would that their own requests were as natural !

Another terrible object of pity is the poor typist, whose mental as well as physical energies are unceasingly on the highest strain. She is consequently not only unreliable, but too often unbalanced, thus proving the grave mistake of overtaxing the mind and body by long hours of hard work. If they were better paid the few extra comforts they could buy would temporarily counteract many physical and mental collapses.

Next week I shall have to deal with overworked, underpaid nurses. Whisperings of universal discontent are being borne on the breezes from the salubrious air of the Coombe and elsewhere. How can nurses tend their patients properly if their own strength is not kept up? It is a far graver crime, Shakespeare says, to neglect one's health than to pamper

The Metropolitan Water Board, and other Boards, last year came to the decision that they would employ no more female typists because they become hysterical in times of rush, and are nervous wrecks before they are two years in the firm. This is the result of working like a horse for long hours for small pay.

"This, above all things, to yourself be true, and it will follow, as night follows the day, you cannot be false to any man." -Yours truly,

ANTI-SWEATER.

Irish-Ireland Notes.

By AN SPAILPIN FANACH.

SINN FEIN.

The Annual Convention of the Sinn Fein Organisation was held on Sunday last, some 30 delegates were present and the proceedings lasted for about three hours. The resolution published in last week's IRISH WORKER from the Drumcondra Branch appeared on the agenda. It was defeated. John Sweetman did not seek re-election, and Mr. Arthur Griffith was elected President in his stead.

The Convention in rejecting the resolution of the Drumcondra Branch leaves the Sinn Fein Organisation open to the charge of taking the side of the masters against the men. This seems an extraordinary attitude for what was a few years ago a professed Labour Party.

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By supporting the policy of the Sinn Fein paper they also acquiesce in calling upon the British Government to send armed forces for the purpose of overawing, and if necessary, shooting down unarmed Irish Workers, Mr. W. T. Cos-THERE THE taken up at the Convention. *.* *

The Coming Revolution.

Shining thre' the coming future, I can see it far away.

When the light that's slowly spreading shall have broadened into day:

When the mighty giant, Labour, from his long enchantment freed

Shall arouse him for the combat, and his hosts to victory lead.

I see them swarming in their millions, from the field, the forge, the loom, From the bustling marts of commerce,

from the mines eternal gloom. From their ranks a voice arises, reverbera-

ting through the land-Those that were compelled for ages to

obey can now command.

Their lawful claims, their prayers, their tears, were scorned in the past;

And with fierce joy they find that now their day has come at last.

At last the haughty lords of wealth to Labour's might must bend,

Their empire o'er their former serfs has reached its destined end,

And long will be the reckoning that wealth will have to pay:

The wasted lives, the widespread woe that marks its reign to day;

The more than heathen selfishness that yet assumes the guise

Of Christianity, and makes it mockery and lies:

The mad idolatry that hath the voice of conscience stilled,

The long neglected duties, the stewardship how fulfilled?

W. G. B.

"An injury to One is the concern of All." ----THE-----

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HOW THE POOR WORKER IS TREATED.

John Meers was injured whilst in the employ of Moran & Sons, contractors to the Corporation of Dublin, on December 19th, 1910. He received compensation at the rate of 12s. 3d. per week for thirteen nguidation and the company the employers were insured in, the Law Car and General, also became bankrupt, and poor Meers (who has a wife and three children) since March 21st, 1911, when he got an order of Court, signed by the Recorder, never received one penny piece. The man and his children are practically starving. The contractor or his sureties are still receiving large sums of money from the Corporation on the foot of this conlract, which states that any man injured must receive compensation according to law. And mark, this is not the only case sgainst the contractor. Another man named Thackabury, wife and five children, is in the same position. No Councillor, no M.P., and none of the loudmouthed screechers have a word to say about the starvation of thess two men and their families. Now what has the Recorder to say?

women, for whose amusement race meetings are held, must accept our sincere sympathy. Of course we are sorry for that portion of the working class that gets its living by following race meetings; looking after the horses, forage, training &c., but race meetings are not run for the benefit or amusement of the working class primarily. Hunts, races, golf matches, &c., are organised to amuse that portion of God's creatures who, too idle to work themselves, are cunning enough to persuade others to work for them.

John Mitchel called his history "Last Conquest of Ireland-Perhaps." Yes, this railway strike is a defeat-perhaps. My comrades, this defeat they are rejoicing over, this so-called defeat of a section of the workers is to become an historic landmark in the rise of the common people of this country. Mark what I say, from this hour a new factor enters into the problem of the destiny of Ireland. The basic factor, that which has hitherto been ignored, now has asserted itself, felt the power, realised the possibilities. Woe to you scribes and pharisees, you have roused into life and action, the greatest power on earth, the God-given power of the common people. No longer in this land of ours (ours, mark you, not yours) will a small, privileged class hoodwink the people. Defeat, you say? Yes, the defeat of ignorance and darkness. The common people of this country were of the opinion up to and during the fight, that there was no cleavage between the people who had and those who had not. Our friends, the enemy, have dispelled the myth. The working class has felt its own power and realised the forces opposed to them, the next move belongs to the sovereign people; no longer the common people but the SOVEREIGN people, by the grace of God. Out of our way you clods, you reptiles, you sycophants. We the people are awake. No longer can the powers of darkness engulph us, the shackles of disunity enfeeble us-the People, one in purpose, one in spirit, one in unity :

'Hand in hand we will stand.

In fair or foul weather, brothers to-

gether. A people united and sworn to be free."

We apologise for having caused the War in Tripoli. You will want to know where Tripoli is. Well, Tripoli is where the clay comes from-cleaner and more useful clay than that of which some of the howling dervishes of the employing class are composed; and, further, they export onions from Tripoli. You will now see the relationship between the war and myself. The reason I compelled Italy to go to war with Turkey over Tripoli was to save our friends who have been so affected by the use of Tripoli onions, the tears shed on behalf of the poor unfortunate workers was assuming the dimensions of a flood. Something had to be done. I did ingnt, but remembering this was Saturday I have postponed said eclipse. My friends, what a feast of reason and flow of soul there has been during the past fe weeks. Columns of it in the daily and evening howlers. Dr. Jellett, master of the Rotunda Hospital, gentleman, according to the law, liar and blackguard according to the laws that govern humanity, and a cur into the bargain, having lied about a man, and he having been proved to have lied, Jellett, M.D., had not the decency to withdraw a statement which he knew to be a deliberate and calculated lie. If he is as truthful in his diagnosis as in his public statements, God help the public who have to submit themselves to his care; and what of the young gentlemen who are under his tutlege? How they must admire their master, proved to have lied. He, Jellett, repeats the lie; and then what of that other doctor gent-Dr. Laffin, of Cashel? Dr. Laffan will laugh on the other side of his face if he troubles the world with his presence for another ten years. What do soldiers carry arms for, Dr. Laffan asks. You know Dr. Laffan. I know Dr. Laffan To shoot down their fathers, brothers, and comrades, at the behest of the employing class and the Dr. Laffans. The great political funnyman, Campbell, K C., has been spitting out his dull and deadly ditch-water eloquence in York street telling the gossoons of the Conservative Workmen's Association that they were sober and responsible citizens. Oh. Campbell, sober, surely not, no sober person could listen to your drunken lying periods. Drunk as you are Campbell, with the exuberance of your own egotism you never fail to carry out the traditions of your class and tyranny that no lie is too black to utter as long as you think it will besmirch the character of a man. Campbell, K.C., you are a disappointed place-hunter, and therefore a venemous, spiteful skunk, and as you have never done a decent nor kindly action in your crawl through this life, pause, and, for the sake of a chcerless people, give US one smile. Swallow your own saliva and bring to an end an existence that is but a foul excresence on the body politic. Think of Castlereagh and emulate his ending. He sold his country, but you would sell your soul. Vale ! Jellett, Laffan, Campbell.

An Infamous Falsehood.

"Sim-The lie regarding Sir James Dougherty recommending two members of the Royal Dublin Society to obtain permits from Mr. Larkin for the transport of horses to the Ballsbridge Show has been repeated over and over again in the R.D.S., in clubs, offices, and trains. It seems hopeless to expect the Unionist Press of Dublin to do more than print Mr. Campbell's letter admitting that he was misled. In fact, in the same paper as Mr. Campbell's letter a leading article repeats the story about the Under-Secretary and Mr. Larkin.

Something stronger is needed than Mr. Campbell's letter to kill this infamous falsehood.

A MEMBER OF THE R.D.S."

[The foregoing letter appeared in Friday's Independent, without any editorial comment. The Independent has so often been compelled to make a liar of itself that it apparently does not any longer annoy the people who run it. It was a pity to explode this falsehood after Mr. Harrington had written a leading article around it; but we may confidently expect its resurrection at an early date.-ED.]

Don't forget, readers, that when the dispute occurred in the Bakery Trade the following firms settled with their employees, and have done their level best to supply the people with bread made under fair conditions :- COLEMAN, of Dorset street; FARRINGTON, of Church street : LARKIN, of Meath street ; RUSSELL, of Rathmines, and who has now opened a shop in Cornmarket; and the people's own bakers, the Industrial Co-operative Society, Church road, Dorset street, and Clontarf. Remember, in addition to giving a cheap and good loaf, and paying best wages, the Co-operative Society gives you back a share in the profits. For particulars inquire at Dorset street or Church road.

IRWIN'S, PAPER SORTERS-VACANCY FOR FEMALE SLAVE.

Woman worker dismissed last Friday. September 29th, 1911, for daring to have an independent wish. Age 24 years, wages 2s. 6d. per week.

I am quite sure there was a tremendous rush for the above vacancy, but trust there was no one seriously hurt in trying to procure it.

If any person can solve the problem of how this dismissed employee existed on the enormous amount of (to make it appear more) we will say thirty pence per week, I would be glad of the informa-

Let those who were disappointed in not being able to obtain the last vacancy keep up their hearts, as there may be another one (r two discharged shortly, when your opportunity will arise.

Remember what you will miss by not build hours wretched con-ditions—And, 2s. 6d. per week.

An Open Letter to Philip Snowden, Esq., M.P.

HONOURED SIR.-I trust you will excuse my presumption in venturing to address a few words to you in reference to your criticism of the Irish Railway Strike My only excuse for daring to trouble you is that being an Irishman, and on the spot. I know a little of the circumstances which have induced 5,500 men to "down tools." (Excuse my using this working-class erpression, sir-it means to cease from working.)

I am sure, sir, you will be pleased to hear that your opinions regarding strikes in general, and our paltry little strike in particular, are receiving some attention in Dublin. All the capitalist newspapers (we have a dirty low-down habit of calling them "rags" over here) have printed your remarks with heavy leaded headings. They are greatly pleased with them . also quite a large number of highly respectable employers (most of them keep motor cars. so you can understand they are the real thing) have expressed approbation of them. Unfortunately, however, the workers here do not seem to realise that your remarks are the utterances of an oracle. On the contrary, they express the greatest contempt, not only for your opinions but (you will pardon me, sir) for yourself.

Well, sir, I have degressed a little. I promised to let you know something about the Irish strike and I must do so. You appear to imagine the strike has been a failure. On the contrary, sir, it has been a great success. It has been in progress now on the biggest railway in Ireland for nearly a month. During that time the railway has been paraded, night and day. by 35,000 soldiers and police. Yet, the most the management have succeeded in doing is to run two or three trains a day on the main line. And of these. one out of every two, were driven by soldiers.

During the whole progress of the strike there has not been a single riot-scarcely a row. The workers have simply "downed tools," and, despite the soldiers (including the Engineers) the police, and above all. the lying capitalist Press, the railway has ceased running. This is the great thing to remember, sir, that for a month the workers have held up (without bloodshed or riot) the greatest railway in a country with a population of four millions. And, even now, the workers are not going back unless they get a guarantee that there will be no penalising. Think of that, sir. Isn't it awful. The l comotive drivers (who have been offered full reias'atement) won't go back without the porters and the linesmen and the shunters, and the cleaners, &c. And they won't go back without the drivers. Did you ever hear of such abominable, damnable obstinacy-such magnificent, heroic, godlike loyalty.

Honoured sir-There was a time when I had a profound admiration for you. I remember with what pleasure I read your speech on the Tea Duties in Lloyd George's • Budget-your splendid protest against taxing the food of the poor Contrasting that speech, sir, with your recent utterances I have been reminded of a strange cave described in one of Dante's works. You will remember that it was a cave which had this peculiarity about it-that all who entered it were turned to stone. I begin to think that the British House of Commons mast have some such qualities as this. Of course I know that the ' Terrace " is a dangerous place. I know what a flattering thing it is for a wealthy Liberal Member (a big employer, perhaps), to invite a poor Labour Member to dine with him. I can understand how gratifying it is for the latter to be called "old fellow," or "dear chap," by a man who could buy him out a thousand times. But Labour Members should take care of those things. That way John Burns fell. There are few men, sir, who can enter the "House" and leave as they went in. Only those of great will power. Parnell was one of them. He had a contempt for the House when he entered it, and a greater contempt for it when he left it; and he didn't hide it either. Keir Hardie seems to be able to resist the witcheries of the Liberals; Lansbury shows no sign of weakness. But what of you, sir, and the others? You don't like strikes, but when the workers have struck (and won) you come down and "lead" them. You remind me strongly of that versatile nobleman of whom Gilbert sang:

McCrae's. and the Irish Curled Hair Co., and others, with whom I shall deal later, seem to think their women-workers are cattle with extra tough hides.

It requires all the strength of a Hercules to make 8s. a week, by piece work; to make 10s a week is impossible. Yet those responsible at McCrae's insist that if 15s. a week is not earned, the workers will be dismissed ! This unbusinesslike severity speaks for itself. Why harass the girls like that? They are fined 3d. if the slightest mark is on a collar. They must supply every bit of thread they use; and, between endless fines and other unnecessary punishments continuously, for avery triffe, they are bothered and confused, and unable to do a stitch in peace. I fancy Dr. Faber would not have written "Labour is Sweet" if he had had the delightful experience of some of our Dublin women-workers, nurses, shop-girls, factory hands, typists, &c. "Sweet are the uses of adversity," Shakespeare says, and it has been useful to us, as it has determined us to better our present conditions, and it has opened our eyes to the fact that we were sent into the world for a higher purpose than to be trodden on; otherwise we should not have been given minds of our own. to reason and to think. The poet-agriculturist, Burns (not the steamship man) puts it very plainly :---

"If I'm designed a tyrant's slave By Nature's laws designed-Why was an independent wish E'er planted in my mind?"

Independent thoughts are planted in our minds so that we may use them for the happiness and general welfare of ourselves and those around us We all, rich and pcor, have been given the privilege of Liberty to do good, but some of us are afraid even to use the privileges which actually are ours, thus allowing misery and crime to exist, which would not be the case if we did our duty calmly and bravely. Too many honest people are cowards; they leave all the good things to the knave and the bully, and receive no thanks for having been so "soft."

We have been industricusly making the capitalists' wealth all this time back under conditions not exactly conducive to health and happiness (to put it mildly), and all we ask for is just shorter hours, better pay than the scandalous limit now existing, and conditions of labour befitting

Of course we will be told that Sinn Fein is the only genuine friend the workingman has. We will be further told that the Sinn Fein paper is not the official organ but the official exponent of the Sinn Fein policy. We will be told many things if we only listen, but "the game is up." When Sinn Fein again appeals to the workers will they respond? 'Wait and see." ***** • *

THE WORKINGMEN AND THE LANGUAGE MOVEMENT.

It must be confessed that up to the present at any rate the workingman has not been as prominently identified with the movement for the revival of our National Language as we would wish. The fault is not, perhaps, altogether due to the worker or to his want of sympathy. Somehow or other the idea prevails in Labour circles that the workers are not wanted. The workers can and ought to actively assist in the movement. While we do not expect the workingman himself to commence the study of Gaelic (those who consider themselves above the worker and who never fail to lecture them at every possible and impossible opportunity have not done that yet), we would ask that he interest himself in the question of Irish in the schools.

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LABOUR REPRESENTATION.

As "the friends of the workers" will soon be very much in evidence preparing for the coming Municipal Elections we would like to remind the workers that a little preparation on their part also might not be altogether out of place. We shall have a few words to say about the question later on. For the present "keep your powder dry."

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We are informed that the old City Branch of the Gaelic League will hold a preliminary meeting on Monday evening next to reorganise the branch and prepare for the coming session.

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Communications for this column to be addressed to Spailpin Fanach. care of Editor, IRISH WORKER.

-THE-Mutual Window Cleaning Co. 59 MIDDLE ABBEY STREET.

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REPULSED.

Having resigned the position of Chief Secretary for Ireland, in favour of Mr. Birrell, vide Mr. Campbell, K.C., one may take a look round. Well, we are beaten, so the prophets say-What funny people these penny-a-line liars, and those sweet and gentle lambs, who having dipped their pens in Hell's broth, proceed to . explain their several reasons why they lied, and still continue to lie about the cause of the workers.

According to these Gentile's the men who came out on strike are rascals of the most villanous type. Now, what was the crime of these railwaymen? Well, they refused to work. I am not aware that is a legal crime, and surely it is not a moral crime; for if so, there must be a large number of criminals in the House of Lords and Chamber of Horrors whom I could mention. These admonishers speak of the obligation the railwaymen are under to run the trains. Well, granted. Then what of the obligation the public are under to see the railwaymen paid a living wage? We never hear the butter and egg merchants, the gombeen man, the farmer. the rural councillor, town councillor, lord mayors, M.P.'s., or statesmen crying about the conditions of labour these railwaymen have to submit to. Keep the trains running, and hang the men who run the trains, eh? But they are human beings. You, my friend, say -" No, they are common workers, born, as the Press would have us believe, to pander to the wants and whims of an idle, vicious class."

The railwaymen have actually stopped the distribution of porter throughout the country. Thank God for that. It were well if we could stop the distribution of porter and all other alcohol poisons at all times, and no strike would ever be lost. To add insult to injury, the strike also stopped all the race meetings; what a curse ! The lazy idle loafers and their

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I desire to become a member of the Irish Women Workers' Union. Name... Address..... Age Occupation Where employed Address-JAMES LARKIN, 10 Beresford Place.

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CAMOGUIDHEACHT.

"On next Sunday, at Richmond Hill, Rathmines, two very important camoguidheacht matches will be played, under the auspices of the Camoguidheacht Association. The first match, Kevins v. Glemalure, at 3.15 p.m., is certain to be a fast and brilliant game, as both clubs have some fine and very capable exponents of the camog. The second match will be played between the Crokes and St. Margaret's, two teams well known throughout the country for their share in fostering camoguidheacht. The price of admission, fourpence, is certainly not excessive."

Amalgamated Society of Tailors.

TO THE TRADE UNIONISTS AND CITIZENS OF DUBLIN AND COUNTY.

The following is a Complete List of all the Tailoring Establishments in Dublin who observe Fair Conditions and Employ Trade Union Labour :---

- Robinson & Steele, Dawson street. P. Shawe & Son, Dawson street,
- Walter Conan, Kildare street.
- -C. H. Walkey, Stephen's Green, N.
- S. M'Clure, Grafton street.
- E. & W. Seale, Grafton street. Alex. Conan, Dawson street.
- -Wharton, Dawson street.
- J. B. Johnstone, Molesworth street.
- Phillips & Lane, Nassau street. R. Gall, Suffolk street.
- Switzer & Co., Grafton street. J. Deane, Wicklow street.
- -J. Jones, Stephen's green. Pim Brothers, George's street.
- Connor, St. Andrew street
- Healy, Dame street. Conway & Swan, Dame street.
- Callaghan & Co., Dame street.
- Kenny & Owens, Dame street. Jones & Son, Brunswick street.
- Boyd & Dixon, Wicklow street.
- -Michael Meers, Pembroke street. T. G. Phillips, Dame street.
- -S. M'Comas & Son, Sackville street.
- -Scott & Co., Sackville street.
- Junior Army & Navy Stores, D'Olier st. Thompson, Westmoreland street.
- Wright & Son, Westmoreland street. Pearson, Westmoreland street. P. Brown, Bachelor's Walk. D. Moran, Arran quay.
 - Todd, Burns & Co., Mary street. Henry Street Warehouse, Henry street. Arnott & Co., Henry street. Dallas, Henry street. Callaghan, North Earl street. -R. Allen, Lower Sackville street. Cleary & Co., Sackville street.

Harvey & Co., Sackville street

"In enterprise of martial kind, When there was any fighting, He led his army from behind-He found it less exciting."

You, sir, find it "less exciting" to sit and criticise the action of men who are fighting for social liberty than to step down into your proper place—the van of the fight. So far, sir, I have—as you will have noticed-observed all proper decorum. If you were an employer and I were a hungry wretch with nothing but my labour to sell I couldn't be more respectful. But I am going to drop all forms of ceremony and ask you a question. Comrade, Philip Snowden, are you going to drop from the van and the freemen, are you going to fall to the rere and the slaves? The road that Milleraud and Briand walked-are you going to walk it? The path that Burns and Bell have tradden-will you tread it? Or will you follow the old flag and fight the old fight? It is the workers, Philip, who ask the question and they who wait the answer.-Yours fraternally,

MAROUS KAVANAGE.

SILVERMINES DAIRY, 103 TOWNSEND STREET, supplies Best Creamory Butter; New Laid (Irish) Eugs and Pure Rich New Milk, at Lowest PRICES.

Saturday, 7th Oct., 1911.]

Observations by the Way.

I read my last RISH WORKER in a country lane, in the close neighbourhood of Liverpool, under conditions that emphasised the pour, and difference there is between man's natural l. fe, with all its freedom and beauty, and the artificial existence of the so-called civilized citizens of our great tiwns. It was a most exceptionally fine September day, with the birds chirping, and half tamely, although wholly as free as the air, hopping in and out of the as in our hedges that fringed the tops of the duches on either side. Amid these surroundings the paper brought pictures of the "hideous horror " of Dublin slums, of Jim Larkin and his colleagues fighting for a little more room to live, a little more of what the birds had in plenty, for the men, the women and children, who are the toilers and moilers of the city.

How pleased was I to see in the cold print of a newspaper the message of hope each line conveyed, that ere long the marshalled army of Labour will prove victorious, and the at present ignored and oppressed wage-slave will be as free to go and come all over the country-side as the birds are in that particular lane in England. How strange it is to read a newspaper where writers refuse to bend the knee to the great Mammon, the almighty god of the capitalist and commercial system, and who fear not to come out into the open to defend the weak and the poverty-stricken.

That was a good letter, that of "Marcus Kavaragh" to "John Redmond, M.P.." as in fact the whole of the contents were ; but to n y way of thinking rather too much importance was attached to the fact that one cf the teasts the members cf the Eighty Club drank was that of "The King." It didn't matter in the least as far as the "ccmmon" people were concerned what teasts they drank, or if they drank that many that they all got drunk and went home in cabs, as may be they did, though the fact is not recorded. And then, again, a little correction is needed. where Marcus takes it for granted, that under the particular sample of Home Rule we have here in England, the worker cecupies an enviable position in comparison with his brother in Ireland, because of the benefits of adult suffrage. insurance against sickness, and a few other things in hand and to come. Marcus must know-and I am sure that he will not think any the less of me for drawing his attention to the fact—that the English workers are not in anything like agreement as to the blessings Liberal capitalist legislation has conferred, or will ever contain. Many of us believe schemes emanating from that source are of no earthly value one way or the other, and are only intended as "decoy ducks," to draw the attention of the people away from he only really sure methods-such as Industrial Unionism-by which the workers' lot will ever be improved, and which, by the way, is not politics, and has nothing whatever to do with the Eighty Club, or fixion. "Mr. John Redmond, M.P." Apart from the foregoing, I was particularly well pleased with the letter, because, aided by the wide circulation of THE IRISH WORKER, it will be certain to have one very good effect—that of impressing with their normal insignificance some of these most important gentlemen who climb into public prominence by voicing some popular need of the people, and then for their own aggrandisement use that prominence to bolster up an autocratic and an impudent directorship. The members of the Liberal Eighty Club and "Mr. John Redmond, M.P," are not by any means the only or the worst members of the swelled head fraternity. They constitute a very large family, and assume to play a very important part in the public life of the nation, but I maintain that none of them can claim to speak with any authority upon the Industrial matters of Ireland. They may, I agree, claim to be thoroughly conversant with the Irish political situation, but in comparison with the just demands and the pressing needs of the people, the political situation has the savour and the importance of a music hall sketch-something to see, study, and talk about when we have nothing else to do. However the fact remains, that the words of alleged wisdom that fall from the lips of gentlemen who have dined well are listened to as if they were really the words of wise and experienced men, are eagerly snapped up by the representatives of that bogus public opinion manufacturing agency, the Press, and composed into leading articles as if there was something else other than sickening egotism and an impudent affectation of superiority connected with them. Miners, railwaymen, sailors, and every other branch of workers have, in the past, pinned their faith to the fairy promises of these gentlemen who have, when the wrinkles had been all well and truly smoothed out from that portion of their anatomy that forms the basis of all the rich man's pleasures and the poor man's woes, by the little banquets of rich foods and beaded wines provided and generally paid for by the "rates" or their equivalent by some mystic means, been enabled, it not always in a condition to speak recognisable King's English, to at least intimate to "our special reporter" their views upon the condition of the people and their remedy for existing evils, which of course had close connection to the Irish political situation. The chief object of Irish political activities is, of course, Home Rule. Thousands of pounds have been expended in chasing this will-o'-the-wisp during the many years it has been the ideal of the Irish political party, while Ireland has been steadily getting poorer and poorer, and her sons and daughters have been leaving her shores in their millions to people lands not so fair, yet one short year of

industrial "unrest" has raised the hopes of thousands, and brought the possibility of life in the old land to the front again in a remarkable degree. Organised workers know well that Home Rule. whether of the Westminster or the College Green variety, spells bludgeons and rifles for them if they object to the tyranny of railway directors, or take any manly action to assert their right to consideration. The very name itself does away with all ideas of freedom being attached to it. Why do we want rulers? The people's representatives are the people's servants. They only aspire to rule to suit their desire to keep the people in subjection.

It is about time Irish politics was placed at its proper value in the eves of Democratic Ireland. Withered hopes, blasted futures, and tyrannical rulers, have been responsible for many thousands of heart-breaking partings, for oceans of tears being shed on the deck of the emigrant ship beyond there in Queenstown Harbour. "Ireland a Nation" and similar mottoes have hung on the room walls of men struggling away back, say, in the great Homestead strike in America, and in many another industrial war in other lands than Ireland. Many thousands of Irish lads in mill, mine and factory, or bearing alien rifles across their shoulders, freely contributed, and are still so doing out of their slender store to help chase this great old fake of Home Rule, while their fathers and mothers were looking forward to the day when the Irish Political Party would win Home Rule, and their sons and daughters, who knew how to fight in other lands, could return to peace and plenty, in the dear old home.

I wonder why there was not a Jim Larkin years ago, who would have persuaded Irishmen to stay at home, and taught them, that if it was even Home Rule they wanted they could have got it in a month by organised industrial action. But I am afraid it wasn't Home Rule the people wanted so much as the right to live decent and pleasant lives in their own country in return for their labour. Political questions had nothing to do with parting the child from the parent.

It was not because of them that the Leart-strings of the Irish people were stretched to the breaking point. No, it was the money-grabbing landlords and employers, whose blighting injustice made it impossible for Irishmen to live in Ireland, though they laboured from the cradle to the grave; and you may be sure the same gang of thieves will be well represented upon the governing body whether we get Home Rule or not. The "hideous horror" of Dublin slums, and of other towns for the matter of that, is only one small portion of the heavy cross the nation of Irish workers have had to bear in the past, as through oppression and famine, and frozen love, and deferred hope, that maketh the heart sick, they wound their way up the steep side of their Calvary-like He of old-to their cruci-Let us hope that era has past and gone far ever. In the mighty force of organised labour the hopes of the past will be realized, no matter whether the Eighty Club members toast His Majesty or Mr. Lloyd George, or whether it is in whiskey, wine, or water. With the organisation of the Irish workers, nationally and internationally, the value of after-dinner speeches will considerably depreciate, and selfseeking patriots will cease to be, and in THE IBISH WORKER we have a "Dreadnought" mightier and stronger for our purpose than any of those whose snarling teeth threatened the Liverpool dockers a few weeks ago in defence of England's "Home Rule."

SOUTH DUBLIN GUARDIANS.

Mr. Mullett and Master Baker " Ratter " from Society.

At the meeting of the South Dublin Guardians, on Wednesday, Mr. Scully presiding, a letter was read from Mr. Carter, Master Baker, referring to a statement which he alleged was made by Mr. Mullett at the last meeting, and also by Mr. O'Carroll, both of whom he stated used the word "scab" towards him, the meaning of which he wrote was "a mean low coward." He had written to inform those gentlemen, that he never was, nor was he now a "scab," and in connection with the matter he enclosed a letter which he had written to Mr. Joseph Mooney, Chairman of the Board eleven years ago. The Chairman suggested that the matter should be allowed drop.

Mr. Mullett said he spoke from memory at the last meeting, but he now had the minutes, from which he found that in Sept. '99, a motion was carried suspending Carter for a month without pay for an improper letter written to the Board. The Guardians, some of whom were the ablest members at the time, including Mr. John Byrne and others, considered his conduct so bad that they suspended him. He then went to work at Johnston, Mooney & O'Brien's, which was a regular house then, and he was paying into Bridge Street Society, but until I came he had the happy knack of drawing his wages here in case of illness, and probably Mr. Lea will tell us whether he drew anything from the society. In reference to the word "scab," which is not a nice word, I did not use it, but when I was speaking I hesitated for a word and someone interjected the word "scab." I am, however, safe in saying he is a "ratter" from his scciety. He has ceased to pay to it. He has written insulting letters to members of this Board, and the sooner men of this class are given to understand that they cannot insult members of this. Board the better. Where this man's local habitation is I don't know-twelve years ago he wrote from South Dublin Union.

The Chairman-He lives in Dolphin's Barn (Several members-Oh, oh, and laughter).

Mr. Mullett.-In any case he writes now from the precincts of the Union to me and others threatening proceedings. I think the Guardians ought to come to the conclusion that the sooner we end the matter the better. The old Board suspended this man for a month for his impertinence, and he came before the Board and apologised for his letter to the Board at that time. His impertinence is going on still, and I now move that "Carter, the master baker, be suspended for three months from ray and duty, as punishment for his insults in writing abusive letters to members of the Board." One letter was sent to myself and another to Mr. O'Carroll.

BAKERS' STRIKE.

The Irish Worker.

TO THE EDITOR IRISH WORKER.

DEAR MR LARKIN,-By the time you receive this letter I hope you will have recovered from the onslaught made upon you by Henry Jellett, Master of the Rotunda Hospital. Having read in Monday's Evening Telegraph (rag) a report from a master baker (perhaps Thomas Sexton) to the effect that he and the other master bakers supply free of charge calico bags for the purpose of making bakehouse suits. Allow me to state that this is a deliberate falsehood and a slur on the bakers of Bridge street.

I have worked in every bakery establishment in the city for the last number of years and never received a currant, much less a calico bag. Calico bags, how are you! There's not one used in the trade, except an odd one containing special flour.

With regard to the wages question, the public are told that the bakers receive 38s. and 47s. weekly. If that be true. how, then, are we out on strike for 36s. and 45s. a week? In other words, after twenty years' faithful service we ask for an increase of 2s. per week, which was not granted; therefore, we had nothing else to do but come out.

Dear friends, when you come to realise the hard work and the dangers of a baker's life you will not have any illfeeling for what he has done. Just picture to yourself a man from his home night after night the year round, and on Sunday mornings, when, perhaps, you are going to have a day's enjoyment in the country or going to do your duties in religion, the baker is going into the bakery to prepare for that night's work, and without any extra pay. Then he goes in at night, and, perhaps, be twelve or thirteen hours on his feet-the same each night of the week till Friday, when he goes in at 4 or 5 o'clock, and perhaps will not be done till 11 or 12 o'clock on Saturday, and oftentimes wait for an hour or so for his money.

Then we are told by the same master that it's Germans who bake the fancy and Vienna in Dublin. What a pity they don't bring over Germans to eat it. I know some time ago a certain firm brought over a German; they thought the Dublin man was not class enough. I wonder do they think that now. The firm I allude to is supposed to be an industrial firm. I don't think.

By the way, I noticed a letter from Lorcan Sherlock in the same paper asking the bakers to go back pending arbitration. What a pity he did not bother about the bakery dispute seven months ago! Now, he would be false to his position if he did not take the matter in hands. The old saying again, "There's wheels within wheels." I wonder is it the masters he is studying or the men. What do you think, Mr. Editor? You remember our last lockout. Well, the "Dublin Six," as they are commonly called, were written to. I should like to know through the medium of your valuable paper how many of these gentlemen answered that communication. They, I am led to believe, were at Westminster. and had no time to bother about the bakers' dispute; but when it comes to the revision they have time to ask the workingman not to forget to come early and see that he gets his vote, as Home Rule is only at arms' length.

In the Interests of the Poor.

HOW THE GUARDIANS GUARD.

The following choice dialogue is cut from last week's Sligo Independent, and shows the kind of people we elect to look after the public interest. Is it any wonder the rates are high, while we get little or no return in the way of efficiency? These are the kind of "gentlemen" who have been lately passing resolutions condemning the men on strike :---

Stormy scenes were witnessed at the meeting of the Westport Board of Guardians on last Thursday week. Mr. John Walsh, J.P., County Council, occupied the chair. One of the items on the agenda was a motion standing in Mr. Carolan's name, that the rations of the two day nurses le increased, and the Chairman asked Mr. Carolan if he was going to proceed with it.

Mr. Carolan replied that the notice of motion was for that day week.

Mr. John M'Hale, County Council.-What do you want giving a notice of motion about when every member is opposed to it except yourself?

Mr. Carolan-Go along, you! You know nothing about it.

Mr. M'Hale-I know more than you do. Mr. Carolan-You know nothing about

it, you drunken blackguard.

Mr. M'Hale-Sure you are nothing but a rotten pup, a common tramp.

Mr. Carolan-You were brid out of it. Mr. M'Hale-You cockle-picker; you are only a little codger.

Mr. Flynn-He was never accused of highway robbery.

Mr. M'Hale-You dirty little pup, do you accuse me of it? I never had to leave the country, or anyone belonging to me, at n idnight through shame.

Mr. Carolan-I will dress you, you low. dirty character.

Mr. M'Hale-What about the Treenbeg school? I never lost my character or had to leave the country.

Mr. Flynn-Who robbed the poor pedlar at Newport?

Mr. M'Hale-My character is a good one.

Mr. Carolan-You drunken cur, how dare you speak at all !

Mr. M'Hale (to Mr. Flynn)-You are only a man of straw, or else I would settle you. You are only a disappointed man when certain women would not marry you.

Mr. Carolan-Oh, there are two of you in it, you dirty, drunken bosthoon!

After some further heated interchanges of a like description, Mr. Carolan rushed in the direction of Mr. M'Hale, but Mr. T. Walsh held him and prevented him from striking Mr. M'Hale.

Mr. Carolan-I never robbed "Fisty" Collins yet! Mr. M'Hale-Did I do it?

Mr. Carolan-You did.

THE FIRING LINE.

Lying little Arthur is at it again. This week's Sinn Fein contains the following :---

"In Dublin the wives of some of the men whom Mr. Larkin has led out on strike are begging in the streets. The consequences of Larkinism are workless fathers, mourning mothers, hungry children, and broken homes. The homes of families got together by years of saving are broken up or denuded of their furni ure. The pawn offices are preserving the children of some of Mr. Larkin's followers from famine. The curses of women are being poured on this man's head.

We challenge Griffith to make good his statement by giving the names and addresses of any members of the I.T.W.U., whose wives are begging in the streets, or whose homes have been broken up, "because Larkin led them out on strike." Were there never any people begging in the streets before the strike, Arthur? Never any people in the poor-houses? You should know.

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Can the "flag of the British Nation," Griffith talks about having raised, be the 12s. 6d. one that figure in the Sinn Fein balance sheet this year? * * *

Will some one kindly inform us why the amount received for subscriptions and affiliation fees was not given in the before-mentioned balance-sheet-A little bird whispers-but of course you must have guessed.

Now that the Sinn Fein Party (or what's left of it) has approved of Griffith's action in calling for soldiers to replace the strikers, we suppose they will consume double quantities of tobacco, whiskey, porter, and other taxed articles, in order to enable the British Government to further strengthen the armed forces in Ireland, so that we may be blown to eternity the next time we strike, or even make a noise.

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Apropos the bakers' strike, Sinn Fein tells the women that fresh milk, into which a little vinegar has been dropped, can be used for baking bread. There must have been more than "a little " vinegar in Arthur's cake.

Carolan M Quaide (of the kilts) is very much upset about "Larkin and the Lan-guage Procession," but, strange to relate, all his letters are addressed from Cambridge. The audacity of these imported (or is it exported) Gaelic Leaguers is astonishing. If Carolan M'.Q takes so much interest in Ireland as he pretends, why doesn't he live in it? That's a very different pair of trousers.

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Mr. Greene seconded the proposition. Mr. Crimmins—I hold that these letters are private communications outside this Board, and should not be taken notice of. They were written to Mr. Mullett, and Mr. O'Carroll in their private capacity, and any communication that passes outside this Board is null and void.

The Chairman-I rule that way.

Mr. Mullett-The former letter to Mr. Mooney, the then Chairman of the Board, is on the minutes, and Mr. Crimmins' name was mentioned in it also. . Mr. Crimmins-I don't give a straw for

any criticism of me. Mr. Cahill-When officials here like

Carter and others are put on the permanent staff they cease to contribute to their society. They become quite independent of the Board.

Mr. O'Carroll-I am surprised at the attitude of Mr. Crimmins. He wants this matter to be burked, and that men like Carter should be immune from criticism or punishment, and he has absolutely no regard for the members of this Board. It is not so long ago, however, since Mr. Crimmins was canvassing every member of this Board to defend himself in an action. He has a short memory, but he should have more regard for his colleagues and not allow them to be insulted by employees when trying to discharge their duty at the Board.

The Chairman-I intend to rule the motion by Mr. Mullett out, because it is a petty dispute.

Mr. Mullett-It is not a petty dispute. Mr. Greene-Put it to a vote.

The Chairman-I rule it out.

Mr. Mullett-Take me as objecting to your ruling.

Mr. O'Toole-We will know how to deal with Carter later on.

Mr. Raymond (to the Chairman)-If the same thing occurred to yourself you would be glad to get the Board to protect you from officials.

The Chairman-The matter is rilled now.

Mr. Raymond-It is a weak ruling. The Board by 18 to 6 approved of a notice of motion by Mr. Crimmins to give the foreman carpenter, Mr. Lambe, an increase of 5s. per week in salary.

DUBLIN PAVIORS' SOCIETY.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly presided at the last meeting of the above society, held on Tuesday evening last in the Trades Hall, Capel street. A statement from paviors' delegate in Cork with reference to paving work was read and considered satisfactory. The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. Scanlan with reference to paving of Lucan tramways. After transacting other business the meeting adjourned. Next meeting on Tuesday evening next in Trades Hall. Members requested to attend. Business important.

Trusting you will be able to give this publication, and wishing you and THE IRISH WORKER a long life.

I remain, yours fraternally, ONE OF THE HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS.

N.B.-Why don't you try and have THE IRISH WORKER out a few nights in the week?

Bakers' Wages.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH WORKER.

The information supplied by a Master Baker that operatives are highly paid in Dublin, the result of which is that bread is kept dearer in consequence, as compared with other towns, is not the case. I have to point out that more reliable information can be obtained from the Board of Trade Labour Gazette, published monthly (copy of which I enclose), which must be taken as fairly accurate.

The wages at present are 34s. ordinary hands, and 43s. for ovenmen; in timehouses 1s. extra. It has been stated that by granting the 2s. per week asked for the public would have to pay id. extra for their 2-lb. loaf. What are the facts ? At present an employer pays 5s. 8d. for every 320 2-lb loaves baked. If the demand be granted it would be 6s. per 320 loaves. Thus, to give the extra 4d. and put a id. on the loaf the employer would clear 13s. even. With a 1d. it would mean 6s. 4d.

Further, it is only right to inform the public that eight firms granted the men's demand without hesitation, and are working away. One firm, in granting, stated that Dublin bakers were underpaid.

The above letter was cent to the Irish Times for publication last Tuesday, but has not appeared up to the present. We would have been surprised if it did. ED.]

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Mr. M'Hale-I will meet you over this in another place, you dirty pauper and common tramp! I will let you see whether I did or not.

Mr. Carolan-You insulting blackguard, I will teach you what you badly want.

Mr. M Hale-You are a low, dirty pup ! Mr. Carolan here got greatly excited, and jumping over chairs, rnshed at Mr. M'Hale. Several blows were quickly exchanged, and frightful confusion reigned for the time being, the whole Board being thrown into a state of intense excitement. Eventually the acting clerk, the master, and Mesars. Daly, Kane, and O'Donnell succeeded in separating the combatants, after which several members called upon the chairman to adjourn the meeting.

The Chairman described the scene as a disgrace, and left the chair. Order was, however, soon restored, and he returned to the chair.

Mr. Carolan said he would meet Mr. M'Hale outside the door, when he would let him know something more than he got.

Mr. M'Hale-If you come near me again I will fling you out of the window, you dirty little beggar ! You dirty little tramp!

Mr Carolan-I won't let an old profiigate like M'Hale call me names. I always can get a character, not like him. The sacked, drunken organiser should be the last to talk here.

Mr. M Hale-Go along, you pup! Everybody belonging to you was on outdoor relief.

After the transaction of some other business.

Mr. Carolan remarked that he was a Nationalist, and was not paid for being

Mr. M'Hale-Oh, some people have cheap Nationality. Mr. Carolan-When the organiser was

sacked and the money was stopped the rhetoric stopped also.

Mr. M Hale-When there was something on you ran away to America.

Mr. Carolan-I deny that.

Mr. J. M'Govern (County Council)-So do I; but you, Mr. M'Hale, went to America.

Mr. Carolan-And I did not go to escape for my conduct.

Mr. M'Hale-All belonging to you are on outdoor relief. You little sheep dipper. you can get no position now. I got two or three positions for you, hand-running, you dirty little blackguard, but you were unable to keep them.

Mr. Carolan-You couldn't keep the job. you had yourself, you beggaiman and bankrupt.

Mr. M Hale-Patsheen, I will make you answer for this.

Mr. Carolan-I will meet you outside, The scone ended here, and the remaining business of the Board was gone on with and concluded.

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The Secretary of the Demonstration Committee is coming in for a lot of abuse lately, and has apparently been taking it lying down. A few years ago he was a noted firebrand. Can the volcano have become extinct?

Can anybody tell us why Councillor Doyle, who went to London to cry over Edward Rex, was not opposed in the Trinity Ward, at the last election?

Beware any philosophy of life that cannot touch, inspire, and empower the man in the ditch, or the woman at the loom,

. . . According to the Manchester Guardian

St. Francis de Sales was the patron saint of journalists. They probably refer to the English papers. Most of the Irish ones are dedicated to, and under the influence of St. Ananias.

Irish Transport and General Workers' Union.

TO THE EDITOR IBISH WORKER.

DEAR SIE-I beg to notify the members of the above Union that owing to the amount of responsibility appertaining to my office as Secretary, together with my public duties, I find it incumbent on me to resign my position. I do so, however, with the best possible wishes for the Transport Workers and Mr. Larkin, with whom I have always considered it a pleasure to be connected in the Labour Movement. I may add, in conclusion, that the interests of the workers (from whose ranks I have been recruited) shall at all times be my interest. With best wishes.-Yours truly,

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TOPICS OF THE WEEK.

Rev. Father Ronan, C.C., the Cathedral Parish, Dublin, has been writing to a newspaper on the subject of who invited Mr. James Larkin to speak at the Irish Language Demonstration. Many of the public think that the needs of the people in his cathedral parish might furnish a more engrossing sphere for his energies rather than taking sides in a controversy started for a partisan purpose, and thus himself deny the very thing that he charges the Demonstration Committee ior not having done. He has, unfortunately, an ample sphere at his door in the poverty and slumdom to which the poor workers in his parish are condemned, and one is unaware of any particular efforts on his part to rescue them from it, or to improve the status of their lives.

Mr. John Sweetman, of Drumbanagh, is a diligent student of THE IRISH WORKER. It possesses more interest for him than his subsidised Griffiths and Siun Fein, and we have the outcome of Mr. Sweetman's diligence in a long manifesto pub-lished a few days ago. When the workers of Ireland, however, require light and leading they won't go to Mr. Sweetman for it. He belie es that the Transport Union should be met as a foreign army introduced into Ireland by the Socialists of England; and accordingly he calls upon the English Government to take up the defensive. Truly, what a noble specimen of a Sinn Feiner Drumbanagh and Kells is blessed with ; and how his indignation expends itself because Irish workers have organized themselves under Irish leaders, and leaders, too, more indigeneous of Irish soil than the imported Sweetmans.

While the reporters were at it they might have given their readers the exact number of people in Dublin on Sunday. One of them gives the crowds' intensity (or density) at more than "a quarter of a million." Why not go the whole way, and say 250,001?

Parnell or King sorge of England.

parisons are odious.

BALLAGH IRISH-IRELANDERS' SYM PATHISE WITH STRIKERS. CON-DEMNATION OF RAILWAY BOSSES.

At a meeting of Ballagh Irish-Ireland Society, held on Saturday night, Septem-Boots that will give Good Hard Wear. ber 30th, Tomas O'Conchubhar presiding, Army Bluchers, 55. ; Superior Wholt the present labour upheaval formed the Back Bluchers, wood pegged, 6s.; Strong theme of discussion, the antagonistic attitude of the Daily Independent towards the workers' cause being sarcastically commented on. On the motion of Sean O'Siothchain, seconded by Tomas O'Cearnaigh, the following resolution was enthusiastically adopted : "That we consider the railway workers at present on strike have a valid grievance, and they deserve the sympathy of all workers, and, furthermore, we strongly condemn the high-handed action of the railway management in refusing the fair demands of the workers." Eamon O'Dubhir, in supporting the resolution, said that all who believed in a free and really Irish-Ireland should not tolerate the attempt of a gang of Freemasons, West-British" Cautholics," and imported English railway managers, to erect their throne of money-bags on the prostrate form of the Irish worker. Outside of a few selfish farmers, shopkeepers, and grasping shareholders, the big majority of Mid-Tipperary folk were in sympathy with the strikers, and also its popular paper, The Tipperary Star, had a good word to say for them, as they recognised that the worker was the backbone of the nation, and that in any effort to free Ireland they should rely on the workers and not on the Grand Sword Bearer of the Freemasons, or the wealthy proprietor of the Daily Independent. He would prophesy that however the present conflict would end, the sword and trowel of Freemasonry would yet be shattered in the conflict with Irish Labour. X E. O'DUIBHIR, Sec. Y

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The task, if he applied himself to it, would provide a good field for Father Ronan's unexpended efforts, and would enable him to profitably utilise that spare time that the duties of his office do not apparently absorb. It would certainly be more beneficial to his parishioners than letter-writing to the newspapers, and of the needs of his parishioners there is, unfortunately, no question.

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William Martin Murphy and his deputy editor, T R. Harrington, are on a felonsetting vendette in the vain effort to implant blackleg and imported labour in Dublin and elsewhere in Ireland, and thus deprive Irishmen of their just right in their own land. The coercive methods of the British Government in Ireland are not quite thorough enough for these precious friends of the people, and Editor Harrington, in Tuesday's issue of the faithless Independent, is perturbed because "Larkin is still at large." The sentiments of the editor are expressed in any anonymous communication published in William Martin's advertising sheet, which, by a peculiar metaphorsis, seeks to pass as an Irish Nationalist organ, but the precise value of which is measured by the tons of it consigned regularly as waste paper to rag stores across the channel.

* * * The Wexford jury has failed to fix responsibility for the murder of poor Leary. For all practical purposes the inquest might as well not have been held. From the start of the inquiry the coroner showed his active partisanship, which had its climax last Monday, when he declared that if they wished to go into a fishing inquiry into the conduct of the police they did not know where it would end; and, further, to prove his partisanship, he had Mr. Daly, the representive of the Transport Union, removed from the inquiry. If the inquest had any purpose it certainly should have been to inquire into the conduct of the baton-men, whose maltreatment of the unoffending Leary led up to his death, Coroner Firench very faithfully guarded the baton-men against the light which would have been thrown on their which would have been thrown on their endact by such an inquiry. Leary was an unoffending man, who had left his house to purchase tobacco, and returned home beals word by a haton charge, from the effects of which he died, but the coroner wasted no fishing inquiry into the circumstances, and so the inves-tigation has proved which insight indeed, to give a fresh insight into Mr. Coroner Firench.

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Under the caption "Larkin Tyranny," the Murphy millionaire organ has published a letter in which are given what are stated to be a few extracts which the writer says will make clear the temper and tyranny of what he describes as "Larkin and his tribe." The letter is published anonymously, under the initials "M.V.R.," and dated vaguely from Dublin. We however remove the mask and reveal the writer as the Rev. Miles Ronan, C.C. If Father Ronan has anything he can make clear about what he elegantly calls "Larkin and his tribe," why has he not the manliness to write publicly under his name? When Mr. Larkin delivers his criticisms and censures he does not do so stealthily under the veil of anonymity. He publicly associates his words with his personality. That, however, is not the policy of Father Ronan, who, by the use of an anonymous letter, adopts the policy of the would-be assassin, who shoots from behind the shelter of a hedge. What an exhibition of temper and tyranny Father Ronan displays by his veiled anonymity. Is it, we ask, fair, or even manly? We make Father Ronan a present of his conception of honesty and chivalry, which is certainly not that of "Larkin and his tribe.'

Dublin's famous (or notorious, if you like the word better), Shakespearian Actor was seen in an entirely new role on Sunday last. Strange to relate the Press critics did not utilise their usual supply of eulogistic expressions on the occasion. Maybe because they did not reap the harvest of advertisements, as in the case of most "things theatrical" they do. Whatever be the cause, the fact remains that John J; Farrell (Dublin's favourite acrobat) appeared as " The Popoutjay " while the Parnell procession was en route. Perhaps the papers did not see him (moryah), or they did not "tumble" to the great event that was happening in their midst?

The ballad singer was there also and entertained the musically inclined with a roll of palaver on the greatness of the Iriah Party

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Ministure models of the monument were to be had for 6d, each; but if they were more like the original a larger number of them might have been sold. Anything worth doing is worth doing well. The man who made those could have evidently made them much better; and had he done no, would have sold a far greater number.

'TIS THE POOR THAT HELP THE POOR.

Who does Ireland Lonour most? Com-

In connection with the deplorable strike of city bakers, a pathetic and at the same time a grand example of the truism which heads this paragraph) incident occurred on Saturday night. A great crowd of women and children for the most part were assembled outside a bread-shop in Wexford street, struggling to get near enough to purchase a loaf of bread ; most of the children were hopelessly unable to cope with the pushing and fighting women. Some popinjays passed along and made sarcastic remarks. A man (you would know that by the very poorness of his clothes, 'tis the clothes that makes the gentlemen; the want of them that makes the man) came along, and the pitiable plight of a child of about eight years attracted his attention. She was at the very edge of the large crowd, and had not the remotest chance of ever getting near enough to obtain the loaf which she sought. The man at once did the needful, paid for the bread himself, and gave it to the child. It appears this little child was sent for the bread by a sick mother.

QUIBBLING.

TO THE EDITOR IRISH WORKER

A CHARA-I beg to correct certain statements made in an issue of THE WORKER with reference to our Aeridheacht held recently at Croydon Park, Fairview. In the first place you are incorrect in stating that the prize offered was a £5 note, the prize being a week's holidays in Killarney or elsewhere as arranged. It is obvious, therefore, that your statements about a boy getting the money, and that it was subsequently taken from him by the parish priest, are also incorrect. There was no money whatever given to either the boy (Master Luke Dowdall) or Peader MacNiocaill. The latter, on presentation of the ticket, secured the week's holidays. -Mise, Do Chara.

> PADRAIO O RIAN, Ard-Runarde Onoigh.

We have also received a letter from Mr. MacNiocaill, saying that the prize was not a £5 note, but admitting that he gave the ticket to a boy, telling him at the same time "to bring back the prize to him (Mr. Mac N.) if he won it." Now, what we want to know is, how could the boy bring back a week's holidays in Killarney to Mr. MacNiocaill?' And supposing the winner did not, or could not, go to Kil-larney, was the alternative a £5 note? Why all the quibbling? The fact remains that a boy was given the ticket, and when it was found he had won the prize, the man who had parted with the ticket stepped in and claimed it. Mr. MacNiocailf and some others do not come too well out of the business, and it would have been better if they let it drop .---Ed.]

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