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On Sunday last public meetings in support of the Sunn Fein movement were addressed at Ballyadams (King's Co.) by Measurs, Ginuell and Cole in Dulcek (Louth), by Mr. Joseph McDonagh; at Drunsan (Leitrim), by Meshams, Ginuell and Cole in Dulcek (Louth), by Mr. Joseph McDonagh; at Drunsan (Leitrim), by Messurs, Sean Brown and P. De Burca; at Clologue (Wexford), by Mr. Lennon; at Arran Quny (Dubin), by Mr. McGuinness; and at Dundant, by Messurs. De Valera, Griffith, McCullagh, Milroy and McEntee.

The Dundalk meeting was the largest held in the town for sixty years. Mr. Peter Hughes, U.D.C., presided, and Mr. Monaham proposed, and Mr. B. O'Rourke seconded, the following resolutions, which were adopted ananimously:—

1. That we, the Nationalists of Co. Louth, do hereby express our approval of the demand for Complete National Independence for Ireland, as we are convinced that this is essential to the maintenance of Ireland's Nationhood, and to her material progress.

2. That we record our unqualified endorsement of the Sinn Fein programme as adundranted at the recent Convention, and we call upon our people to extend their support to the proposal to have the question of Ireland's National Rights raised at the Peace Conference.

3. That, inasmach as the Chairman of the County Council of Louth has taken advantage of his position as a public representative to denounce Sinn Fein as a "murder organisation," we hereby call on the other members of the Council to immediately dissociate themselves from this grossly libellous and unwarranted accusation, and urge them to take such action as will render Captain Doran's services available in the close of the meeting addresses were researced to Messrs. De Valera and Griffith con the Urban Cannell and the context of the county of the counce of the meeting addresses were researced to Messrs. De Valera and Griffith

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Chauman and Towo Clerk, ing reclused to permit the text hag are behousted on the Town Hall in defiance of the wish of the Urban Council, the roof of the Town Hall was scaled by some of the younger citizens and the Tricolour nailed to the large flagstaff. Before the meeting a vast procession was formed, which marched around the town.

Speaking at Dundalk on Sunday. Mr. Arthur Griffith quated Cardinal Logue's prediction in 1906 of the future of England. His Eminence said

In the great dominion of the East Indies Britain has not yet reached the point where insurrectionaries are shot to pieces from the cannon's mouth, as in the days of Cawnpore, but the fires or rebellion nave been lighted, and they are hanging men and women for daring to counsel the neverdying doctrine of freedom. When England sits alone as the result of misgovernment of its life and its contributory possessions abroad it will be a day of reckoning for the children of the Gael, which they fought and prayed for."

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His Eminence, speaking at Mayuooth Union in June, 1907, said: "I don't like to meddle with politics. I hardly ever put a fligger into that pie that I do not get it burned"; but His Eminence at that time and previously allowed rull liberty to the prigsts of his Archdocese, and defended their right to express and uphold their political views. In his Pastoral Letter of 1891 His Eminence wrote:

"If politics consist in pursuing mere secular, earthly, personal ends, in seeking the gravification of personal ambition, in annassing wealth, exercising patronage, providing for sons and nephews and coustns to a remote degree, by passing them on as charges on the public taxes, then indeed politics would degreade the priesthood, and corrupt that which is best by the worst degeneracy. But if politics be to love one's country, to make personal sacrifices for her freedom and honour, to give her disinterested services, to strive for the enactment of inst laws, which contribute to the greater happiness or the greater number, to defend the poor, and weak against oppression of the rich and powerful, then I do not see how politics could stain the priestly robe or lead to the debasement of religion."

In the same Pastoral Letter His Eminence said that he believed Ireland would receive from English political parties "just such conversions as we can purchase by sterling service or win by hard blows; and especially the latter." In his Maynooth Union speech in June, 1907, he said that England trusted the Irish as children before whose eyes they donedly worthless tors. "English states."

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is to be found in the gloomy columns of his speech. We notice, however, that he is now a defender of the Convention, of which he refused to become a member, and which he publicly described some months ago as "the device of a hard-pressed Minister (Idoyd George) to gain time." Mr. Dillon, who denied that he ever stood on a requiring platform, with equal truth denied that some of his colletgues cheered in the English House of Commons when the amnouncement of the first exceptions in connection with the Insurrection of 1916 was made. Mr. Dillon did not happen to be prosent on the occasion. Mr. Ginnell did. Mr. Ginnell, who was there, has testified publicly to the fact-a fact of which he was an ear and eye witness, he being, as the London "Times" contarked, the only person who protected. Mr. Dillon, has never been accused of and never convicted of fulsehood. Mr. Dillon is also perturbed at the "calumnies" of Sinn Fein on devoted patriots like himself and his colleagues. Mr. Dillon knows something about calumny. The country at present is floaded with lenflets filled with falsehood after falsehood on the Sinn Fein lenders. The person who produces these leaflets is Mr. John Dillon.

Mr. John Dillon's mode of fighting in 1917 is what it was in 1881 and 1891. He himself speaks with a certain restrain in public about his opponents. In private he speaks the grossest calumnies about them, and his miserable tools send around the calumnies by word of mouth or by feaflet. Mr. Dillon modesty in the background. It is his only modesty.

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In the event of a disagreement being announced (of the Lloyd George Convention) there will be a very strong division of opinion in the Anglo-Irish governing classes as to the unantaining the convention whether that holdy was in existence or fell into abeyonce. In other words, British policy will, for international reasons perhaps, remain officially favourable to trish claims, though unable to grant them in face of the Orange minority.

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Last week an English Peer called Charnwood moved in the English House of Lords
that the English conscientious objectors
should be deported. What followed we quote
from the daily organ of Mr. Herbert Asquith,
late English Prime Minister

Lord Parmoor laid it down that deportation was unknown to the law except in
the case of "white slavers." and the law
lad given men the right of conscientious
objection. Lord Courtney deprecated persecution, and Lord Gaintord, speaking for
Quakers, and with knowledge of the Board
of Education, of which he has been President, warned the House that the entire
teaching profession would be up against
the resolution.

For the Government, Lord Sandhurst
condemned the resolution. Deportation
would be illegal, and there was no shipping
for the purpose.

The motion was unanimously rejected.
Just think over it a moment. Deportation is
unknown to the English law except in the
case of white slavers. And in 1915 the English Government began deporting Irishmen
from Ireland on political grounds. In 1916
the Same Government deported 2,000 Hishmen on political grounds: Mr. Asquith was
then Premier. In 1917, Mr. Llovd George
being Premier, some scores of Irishmen were
again deported on political grounds. And all
those deportations were illegal according to
English law, as the English Government now
declares. Thus is Ireland governed.

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The English Press agencies have been busy for some time past representing the American Government as arrecting Irishmen for their connection with the Insurrection of 1916, and insinuating that Mr. Linn Mellows has made "a confession." This is part of the game of falschood and deception. Dr. McCartan has been arrested, not by the American, but by the British authorities, at Halifax, Canada. The charge against Mr. Mellows is not one arising out of the Insurrection, but of unlawfully procuring a Seaman's Identification Certificate. Mr. Mellows is not one arising out of the Mollows is not one arising out of the Insurrection, but of unlawfully procuring a Seaman's Identification Certificate. Mr. Mellows is not one who knows anything of Mr. Mellows needs to be assured of the fact—in the allegation that Mr. Mellows made a "confession implicating other Irishmen in plans for another insurrection." We quote from the "New York American"—the only New York morning paper free from the influences of England's Golden Propaganda in the States—the following letter from Mr. Mellows:—

N. Y., 5/11/17.
Sir,

I suppose if I were a Belgian, Pole, Serb-

the effect that the use of my Cherk as a deeply impressed the Tirks. It are not a deeply impressed the Tirks, It are not a deeply impressed the Tirks, It are not a deeply impressed the Tirks. It are not a deeply impressed the Tirks, It are not a deeply impressed to the total in detail with the statements that appeared in the "World," "Sun," "Herald," "Globe, and "Tribune," except to characterise them as being damaphe lies in the main, while the tew items that hore semblance to truth were so distorted as to be unrecognisable.

'Chief Flynn's account of my activities at home in Ireland are garbled and erronents. The statement that Flynn questioned me for several hours is false. Flynn himself never asked me one single question. The text of malleged conversation between Secret Service men and myself is a fabrication. I made no "confession" of a plot, nor aunitoined the names of other men in connection with it. The effort to brand me as an "Informer" in the eyes of my countrymen betways the sinister influence of England and is quite in keeping with the tactics of the Gavernment that inspired the "Pictor" longeries.

I was arrested on the hight of October 22nd, in company with a man with whom I was casually acquainted, having met him twice at social gatherings. He is conflictly of a Foreign Power". We were taken to the Customs House, stripped, and searched. I had in my possession a Seurant's Identification Certificate, which I intended to use some day in trying to go itome to Ireland, seeiing I could not go as a passenger*under my own name. I was then interrogated by one Burke, which I revealed polymer their my own name. I was then interrogated by one Burke, which revealed polymer, least of all "plot. The following morning three secret Service gressive.

The following morning three Secret Service gressive therein, and took away some things which I kept for sentimental reasons, and of no earthly value to anyone else—an account of the Rising in Galway in 1916, containing facts, all of which have long been public property, and stole an Irish Republican Hag, the property of the lady of the house, with which flag they decorated the Secret Service Office.

That afternoon the aforementioned Burke had in a little heap before him several articles which I had in my possession when attracted—the Seaman's Certificate, etc.—but I noticed among them a small note book with a liue coloured, white grained cover, which did not belong to me and which I never saw before. Burke asked ne in these (pointing to the little heap) belonged to me. I said they did, with the exception of the small note book. He then placed the note book a few inches away from the other papers, that when gathering these latter together again, some moments later, included the note book with them. I once more drew his attention to this, reiterating that the note book did not belong to me. He said: "All right" that whether it was included in the arricles afterwards or not I don't know, as I was then romoved from the room.

I am neither afraid nor ashamed to go to jail for the "crime" of trying to get bacs to my country in the only manner left me, knowing that while legally u is the United States that convicts me it is actually the hate of England manifests itself against me in this "Land of the Free!"

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Father Matt Ryan, P.P. of Knockavilla, who is, with Sim Fein to-diry with the same enthusiasm he was with the people in the days of the Land War, writes to us:

Knockavilla, Dundrum,
Co. Tipperary,
29th November, 1917.

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It will be seen that in the past years when this Eminence was not a politician he had a clear conception of what English government are.

Mr. John Dillon performed at Castlewellan on Sundey last, and no glimmer of a policy

vals for reconstruction, is the ideal state of material civilisation—that the treater we get the more we shall have to get along on a narrow margin.

And the nation that accepts this kind of stuff as economic wisdom is the nation our supposed "practical men of husmess" in Ireland believe should rule the Irish.

It is freely rumonred that several Irish Banks have arranged to sell out to English Joint Stock Companies and to follow the example of the Ulster and Belfast Banks. The Clutching Hand is stretched out to catch the deposits and cash of our Banks, and the usual financial attractions will be offered to bribe the snareholders into yielding their consent. But the matter cannot end with the shareholders. Everyhody knows how little voice they are permitted in the management or disposal of their property. For a few paltry thousands dangled before the exist of the shareholders they can easily be persuaded to part with scores of millions of money. But the interests of the shareholders are small compared with she interests of the whole agricultural, mercantile, and manufacturing community, whose interests are very gravely threatened by the absorption of the capital funds and fundicial costal of the most dangerous of all the plots to exploit the finances of the country. The share word in the most dangerous of all the plots to exploit the finances of the country. The share word the finances of the country. The share for our railways. They have not any share hold a thing it will be to have the bish Banks taken over by the wealthy English Clearing Houses. No statement could be more remote from the land of truth. All schemes for working this country by means of British Banks taken over by the wealthy English Clearing Houses. No statement could be more remote from the land of truth. All schemes for working this country by means of British Banks taken over by the wealthy English Clearing Houses. No statement could be more remote from the land of truth. All schemes for working this country by means of British enterprise it

shares is considerably higher than the price of English ones, and this is a proof of greater stability. Money is much cheaper and more abundant, consequently, in Ireland than it is in England, There is in fact a "plethota" of money in Ireland, but a scarsity in England, and this is the real reason why the London houses want to capture the Bellast Dublin and Cork institutions. There is an element of danger to Irish commerce in this matter essably in the same way that there is a danger to our food supplies from the same wayer. England is as short of money as she is of food, and the operation of capturing our Banks is directed to securing a larger supply of that material which is the food of trade.

We turn now to examine the cash position of the Irish Banks, as promised last week

Liquid Assets, 1817.

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As compared with one tabulated analysis for 1914, we find that the seeds then only uninety-two mills. They have rosen by no less than twenty-tib millions. This is explained by the following table:—

Increase of Assets, 1816-17.

Cash, etc. Treasury Bills Bank Premises

This answers the question we put last week as to where the excess deposits, amounting to 104 millions, were placed. Fourteet millions have gone into War Lease, and Trasany Bills, to give employed by the Eritish

solar Sea vice. He reiterates his view charten new Banks should be welcomed in a friendly manner, apparently with the idea of ryungering. The east include his basis out he does not meet the dangers of the position, though he tries to guard himself as concluding that. "If I did not believe that they were coming for the greater advantage of my country, I would be one of the first to raise my raise and to see the direction."



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1917.

THE PREEDOM OF THE SEAS

For the past three years the Vatican has earnestly laboured to minigate the evils of war, and thrice it has essayed to restore peace to a distracted world. From the beginning the late Bishop of Limerick associa ted himself with the policy of the Pope, and now Cardinal Logue has announced his adhesion to the cause of peace, based upon the Pope's proposals. The proposals of His

(1) Simultaneous and reciprocal diminution armaments and the substitution of arbitration for force of arms in the settlement of

(2) The establishment of the freedom and common enjoyment of the seas.
(3 The restoration of Belgium and the

occupied French territory. (4) The restoration of the German colonies

to Germany.

(5) The settlement of territorial questions between Italy and Austria and France and taking into account the aspirations of the

(6) The settlement of the questions of Poland, the Balkans, Armenia, and similar

countries in the dame spirit.

These proposals, which were favourably received and courteously acknowledged by the Central Powers, have been ignored by the Allies. The on the discourtesy is dis-closed in one of the secret treaties entered into by the Allies, which the present Russian Government has just published. The London "Times" and other English papers prin-Treaty entered into between England, France and Russia with the Italian Government, before that Government agreed to plunge Italy into the war. Article I. runs: 'France, Great Britain and Russia take

it upon themselves to support Italy in her not allowing representatives of the Holy See to take any diplomatic steps for the conclusion of peace or in regard to matters pertaining to the present war.

Bound by this secret agreement, therefore, England and her Allies made no reply to the Popo's proposals, and bound by this agreement the English Prime Minister, on his recent visit to Rome, omitted to pay the customary visit of ceremony to the Vatican.

The objects with which this war was on-

term upon were the destruction of Germany as a cheat Power and the distriction of Germany as a cheat Power and the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary. The latter object has been the fixed policy at the Grand Orient Musons of France, Italy and the United States. With Austria-Hungary dismembered and Germany shorn of her strength, the Grand Orient, which for years past has wholly straighted the Germany set France, Italy. controlled the Governments of France, Italy, and Portugal, and partially controlled the Government of Belgium, would have been supreme on the Continent of Europe, while England would have regained her lenged supremacy of the seas. In England the Grand Orient does not rule, although through the link of the Thirty-Third Degree English Masonry keeps in touch with the organisation of which Monsieur Viviani and Signor Nathan are high priests. The dis-memberment of Austria-Hungary was not a memberment of Austria-Hungary was not a prime object of English policy, nor was there enthusiasm in the breasts of English statesmen for such an object, for the probable consequent advent of Russia as a Mediterranean Power was fraught with peril to England. The destruction of Germany as a dangerous commercial and naval rival was the impelling purpose. Between 1894 and 1913 the value of German foreign trade had increased from £367,000,000 foreign trade had increased from £367,000,000 annually to £1,071,000,000, while at the same time the value of English foreign trade had increased only from $\pm 672,000,000$ to $\pm 1,228,000,000$. In the same period German tonnage had risen from 1,554,000 to 3,154,000as against England's increase of tonnage from 8,716,000 to 12,120,000. That is, Germany had nearly trebled the value of her trade and more than doubled her tonnage, whereas England had less than doubled the value of her trade and had added less than 50 per cent. to her tonnage. Had England not made war upon Germany, then obviously the value of German trade in the present year would have exceeded the value of English trade. German tonnage would have proportionately increased, and England would have lost her position at the head of the commercial world. Had there been peace, Germany by 1925 would have pencerully acquired the position England held in Emope until 1914. in the opinion of that astute statesman the

main object with which England set out has become unattainable. His Lordship admits that the freedom of the seas has become question to be settled by Europe. Since Trafalgar the seas have been absolutely subject to England-a fact which, as Bismarck once said, has made 'l Europe an armed camp against itself. It is idle to think that Europe will enjoy permanent peace while the

seas are subject to one Power.
"We have no intention," wrote the London "Times" before the war, "of reducing our sea-power, except on terms that will perpetuate its present ascendancy. We do not expect foreign Powers voluntarily to accede to those terms or to bind themselves to a permanent naval inferiority. Those are the essential facts not only of our own position, but of the position of every Power that has built up, either by land or sen, a force above that of its neighbours and possible enemies. It would have been better to avow them frankly and officially rather than to envelop them in a cloud of sentimentalism that could only add to the national reputation for hypocrisy.'

But history has galloped since this frank avowal of English navalism was made. The United States no less than Germany demands the freedom of the seas as the outcome or this war, and it is the recognition of this fact that has induced Lord Lansdowne to advise his country to realise that Britannia can no longer continue to rule the waves-that the occans of the world must in future be free to

The establishment of the freedom of the seas will bring mankind near to that permanent peace which may herald the Millenium of the Prophets. If navies must only exist, as Germany claims, to fight navies and to convoy troops and munitions in time of war-if the seas in time of war be as free to commerce as in time of peace, and the blockade be made illegal-then the necessity for huge naval armaments disappears. If, as the United States claims, commerce must proceed in time of war between neutrals and bolligerents as freely as in time of peacethen the supremacy of a country which has created a huge navy to hold up the world's traffic in wartime vanishes. And with it disappears three-fourths of the causes of war. With the establishment of the freedom of the seas, the substitution of arbitration for force arms in the quarrels of nations ceases to be a dream. The Pope's vision of a world the material force of arms can then trans-

seas will herald the greatest revolution in

the history of civilisation for a thousand the history of civilisation for a thousand years. It cannot be established without involving, above all countries, the future of our country. Ireland is the key to the Atlantic. As England lies across the searoutes of Germany, so Ireland lies across the searoutes of England. Berchaven is the High Command of the Atlantic. The establishment of the feature of the search of the sea of the freedom of the scas is impossible with-out a re-establishment of Ireland. And the out a re-estimation of Treland will be a subject of more concern to the statesmen of Germany, France, America, Japan and England than the status and future of Belgium or Poland, Serbia or Roumania.

Saturday, December, 8, 1917.

It is for the Irish people to-day to realise that their country has become a world factor—that its future is bound up not with England but with Europe as a whole—that the cards are in Ireland's hands, and that if ireland plays them skilfully she is likely to gain from the conflicting interests of the Powers what Bulgaria and Roumania gained forty years ago. The dastards, corruptionists, and political ignoramuses who led Ireland in the past and who would have immolated her in this war are seeking to-day to make Ireland renounce her international importance and consent to regard herself as an appendage of England's Convention. But Ireland is not again to be deceived. She is going to the Peace Conference with the key of the ocean in her hands.

in her hands.

It is instructive to consider to what extent the task of the Entente will be added to if Russian makes a separate peace with the Central Powers. The latest French estimates that 80 German and 40 Austrian, Bulgar, and Turkish divisions were on the Russian front; but it is not clear whether this includes the Turkish divisions in Armenia. Assuming it does, we could say roughly that 80 German divisions would be set free for France or Italy, 10 Bulgarian for Macedonia and 10 Turkish for Palestine or Mesopotamia. Germany largely depended on troops of secondary quality in the Eeast, but the troops of ner allies were as good as any they possessed. In addition there will be released great quantities of artillery, machine-guns, and war material of all kinds. In addition it is said that the Russians hold some 1,700,000 prisoners, who would be exchanged. Of these last, however, large numbers would be unreliable Austrian troops who deserted or surrendered en masse early in the war. Still, the more dependable could be utilised and the less dependable could be employed in a civil capacity.

Thus it is evident that serious reinforcements of men and material will be forthcoming for the Central Powers as a result of Russian making peace. Probably they will nearly, if not quite, make good the wastago incurred during the present year, thus allowing the accumulation of quite large reserves of the younger classes for 1918. And the increased number of guns will help to further lusband the increased numbers of men. Unquestionably on every front the task of the Putalsfers to the Western theatres can be effected.

effected.

Moreover, the High Command of the Central Powers will henceforward have only one-front to look to—there will no longer be any dissipation of effort nor similar dislocation of the internal economics of those States. In addition, the blockade would be more or less definitely raised. Many German manufactures, German financial activities, the Baltic ports—all these would immediately benefit to a large extent. The food situation would become improved in many respects, and probably the rationing of bread stuffs and fats could be abolished. In short, there would be a boom in the Central Empires in comparison with their present circumstances.

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The general character of the new English offensive towards Cambrai can now be followed. It took place south-west of that place where the English front formed a blunt salient into the German lines. The main English effort was made at the front of this salient, where a narrow wedge was driven into German ground for some miles: subsidiary and later attacks were made with a view towards widening the wedge thus formed. The initial success, owing to surprise and good management, was considerable; but the tactical method responsible for that success was apparently answerable also for the subsequent check. There was no artillery proparation, so the troops which penetrated some miles were quite beyond artillery support once the Germans had recovered from the first surprise and had brought their local reserves into action. Thus, whereas the first day secured to the English 8,000 mm and 100 guns with small loss to themselves, the subsequent fighting produced no further important gains, while the assailants' casualties were appreciably heavier, if the German accounts can be trusted. man accounts can be trusted.

The Italian stand on the Piave has been very determined, and presumably no effort will be spared to hold that line permanently if possible. The left flank in the Alps will become stronger as the weather canditions grow more severe, and the defences of the right flank near the mouth of the river have been added to by inundating the strip near the coast. The Austro-German attacks in the mountains promised greater success at first than a frontal attack over the river. But now it is possible that the latter will be tried; for by now the bridges, etc., demolished by the Italians must be largely repaired and the heavy artillery should become available. In that case a retreat to the Brenta is likely, because it is not probable that the Italians have sufficient artillery to resist permanently. The Italian stand on the Pinye has been

The Aonach is one of the institutions of Sinn Fein. Ten years ago the first Aonach was opened by the National Council in the Rotunda. Dublin, and since then, through good and ill, the Aonach has gone on. The object of the Aonach is to demonstrate to the people of Ireland that practically all their needs in the way of produce and manufactured articles could be supplied at home; to lead them, by reflection on this fact, to substitute the use of foreign by home produce and goods, and thus to economically

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strengthen the country and, by increasing the provision of employment for the Irish people in their own country, stem the tide of emigration.

Christmastide was chosen as the season of the Aonach in Dublin, since at Christmastide the expenditure in the capital is enormously in excess of the expenditure in other periods of the year. The educative results of the Aonach wore to divert a great amount of the Dublin Christmastide expenditure from foreign into Irish channels, to advertise and familiarise to the people Irish producers, manufacturers, and traders who housestly supported the industries of the country. The sums spent at the Aonach alone annually run into thousands of pounds, and the effects outside are, in a monetary sense, tenfold. People learned at the Aonach that the goods they required could be got of Irish manufacture, and, insisting in the shops on getting them, evented a brisk trade.

Next year we trust to have an Aonach in many centres. Eventually we hope, through the Aonach, to give Ireland a modest equivalent to Leipsic Fair, where annually all Germany is producing, and views what all Germany is producing, and vigorously supports itself. This year the Tenth Aonach will be held in the Mansion House. It opens on this (Friday) evening, and will continue until Monday, the 17th.

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On Friday there will be gathered together on the various stalls exhibits of nearly all the products of our country-industrial, commercial and artistic—and the display promises to be of a meat remarkable character. In the Oak Room the Arts Section will be displayed, and this will be chiefly composed of the work of the students of the Metropolitan School of Art. The musical side will be under the control of Dr. Robert O'Dwyer's Orchestral Band and the National Choral Society. A Ceilidh Hall will be in evidence in the Supper Room under most efficient management. Tea rooms have been arranged for, and the catering there will be all that can be desired. The opening ceremony this year will be performed by Countess Plunkett.

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The Entertainment Sub-Committee of the National Aid Fund has in hands a number of interesting books, MSS., papers, etc., and, with any further gifts which may be made and which they solicit, will conduct a National Aid Residue Sale at the Aonach in the Mansion House from the 7th to the 17th. Any articles denated for the sale may be left with Messur. Fred J. Allan, Corporation Electricity Department, Cork Hill; Michael A. Corrigan. 3 St. Andrew St.; Thomas J. Cullen. 25 Suffolk Street; Michael Noyk, Star Chambers, 12 College Green; or with Leo Lawler and William Whelam, Hon. Secretaries, Entertainments Sub-Committee.

In reference to the Food Census, all Parish Committees are urged to interview each farmer in the respective districts immediately aid obtain returns as requested, the totals for each townland to be entered on one of the forms. These sheets should be retained by Local Committees, and the totals for parish entered on one sheet, which is to be brought by hand to Dublin. Parish reports should reach the elected representative in each Parliamentary Division to the Ard-Chomhairle of Sinn Fein not later than December 17th. as the first meeting of this body will be held in Dublin Wednesday, December 19th, and it is essential that all returns be submitted thereat. Officer Boards of Divisional Executives will please note the foregoing, and see that the work is completed in due time.

A public meeting will be held in Mansion House this evening (December 6th) at 8 o'clock to consider the non-exportation of oats, bacon, butter, and other food-stuffs.

The demands of the prisoners recently released from Mountjoy and Dundalk were that the agreement embodying the terms arranged with the Lord Mayor of Dublin should be printed and issued forthwith, that the dietary scale should be similar to that in force at Mountipy from Sept. ooth to Nov. 12th, th

Last week Mr. Arthur Griffith lectured on the Sinn Fein policy in St. Mary's Hall, Belfast, analysing the economic argument of Ulster Unionism for the perpetuation of the connection with England. The whole Press of Belfast united to keep any report of the lecture from reaching its readers. On Friday night Mr. Griffith lectured on the same subject to a crowded audience in St. Columb's Hall, Derry. We will get the economic facts of Ulster's decay and all Ireland's impoverishment before the minds of the duped rankand-file Ulster Unionists yet.

lone and shivering, from its uncongenial surroundings—which we find in the Astronomical
Notes of our humourless contemporary:—
The first contact with the shadow, in the
eclipse of December 28th, takes place at
8.5 a.m. Greenwich mean time. The moon
sets at Greenwich mean time. The moon
ment, so that the eclipse is invisible there.
But at Dublin the moon does not set till
8.30 G.M.T., and in the West of Ireland
she remains above the horizon till 8.45.
Therefore, given a clear horizon, a great
part of the purtial phase will be visible in
Ireland. (This special treatment for Ireland lims, no doubt, been obtained by the
activities of the Sinn Fein authorities.)
Clearly it was not won on the Floor of the
House. But as to the relative influence of
Sinn Fein and the Unionists with the heavenly
bodies, why should not the latter sign a
covenant that they will not have an eclipse
that ignores England?

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The series of lectures held in Bolton St. on Sunday evenings will close on next Sunday by a very fitting lecture on our Irish Literature, by Piaras Beaslaoi. Even Gaelic Leaguers have something to learn under this heading; the outer public, and above all our Anglo-Irish friends in the cause of Literature are invited to come and hear the story that Piaras has to relate. Last Sunday Mrs. Stepford Green delivered her capital and unique lecture on the First English King of Ireland. A traditional singing class is held every Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at 19 Ely Place, under the direction of Mairead Ni Annagain. The large numbers attending testify to the need felt in this direction. Suddenly people are all beginning to ask themselves why they neglected for so long a thing so wonderful as Irish song and music. Fee, 5/- for the whole course. The first list of subscribers to the Ashe Memorial Hall will be published in the next issue of this paper. One of the most significant signs of the times is the production of a large regular newspaper in Irish called "An Stoc," which comes from Galway, and which is announced for next week.

A Flag Day in sid of the Brian Boru Pipers' Band, much of whose property was destroyed during the Constabulary raid on the North-East Ward Branch of Sinn Fein, Cork, to which we referred last week, will be held in Cork on Saturday.

On Thursday and Friday next, the 13th and 14th, at the Foresters' Hall, 41 Parnell Square, Dublin, two of Patrick Pearse's plays—"Iosacann" (in Irish) and "The Singer" (in English) will be produced. The plays are being produced in connection with Sgort Eanna, which the dead patriot founded, and we are sure that the attendance will be worthy of the occasion.

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