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| "THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE" <br> This week the English Parliament opens, and the so-called Irish Parliamentary Party Fias arranged a series of sham fights on the F'oor of the House, in collusion with the Eritish Government and the Olster Unionitts. There is to be a great sham fight on conscription by the Party which, by the mouth of its leader, pledged itself in December, 1915, to vote for conscription if England showed it to be essential; there is to be a sham fight over the treatment of the Mrish pulitical prisoners by the Parts which helped Eingland to pass the Act under which theso men are imprisoned, and whose organ felonet them for the British Government; and there is to be a great sham fight over a proprosal to decrease "Irish representation at <br> Irish Party" is to get rid of the proposal to extend the franchise-so far as Ireland is ncerned. <br> This woek the Bill-which extends the franchise to nearly all men and many women will be on its final nay though the English I'urhiament. As the 13ill was introduced it necessarily included Ireland. If it passes as it was introduced it will add 500,000 Irishmen and Irishwomen to the existing registers. The prospect is a black one for the corrupt Pa: liamentary Party, and in a quiet been at work to hare Irelwad eliminated fiom the operation of the Bill. <br> Obviously the Party could not openly vote against the extension of the franchise in Ireland. It set to work in another may. last June it got the body which styles itself the Executive Committec of the General Council of County Councils to adopt a reso- lution asking the English Government to erolude Ircland from the operation of the Bill. The persons who adopted this resolut:on praying England not to permit Irish- men and Irishwomen the rote on equal terms with Englishmen and Englishwomen were:Coen (Westmeath County Council), John Bolger, J.P. (Wexford County Council), M. J. Nolan, J.P. (Kerry County Council), John Cullinan, M.E.P. (Tipperary County Council). J. T. Dolan (Louth Countr Council), T. J. Glarke, J.P. (Dublin County Council), <br> L. J. Cogan (Dublin County Council), and The report of this meeting was published | no, never-consent to the reduction of the Irish representation. So the twin political swindler parties in Ireland are to reach a newspaper impasse, and the English Govern ment is to cut the Gordian knot ly announc ing that, owing to the differences between the "Irish representatires," the Govern- nent will withdraw Ireland from the opera tion of the Bill. <br> That is the present plot of the Red zoondite-Cnrsonite coalition to keep $n$ re stricted franchise in lreland. On the prestricted franchise in ireland. sent franchise Mr. Redmoud's $\qquad$ <br> pble to retain six seats at a General Elec uiable to secure onc. The game weand be Westminster this week, and we ask the people of Ireland to follow with attention Bevlin, in nlliance with the Elster Linionist leaders, to lase Ireland exoluded from the new fratuchise. <br> On Thurgday night last Mr. Arthur Crillith lectured to a crowded audience in Whe Town Hall, Ballyhaunis, on the prin- t.ples and policy of Simn Fein-the Rev. Dr Dignan presiding: Mr. Grifith geographeal position of Ireland and the fac that ir was a countrr of unboundlel resources explained Englisht policy. By her her position Ireland commandeat the Antlantic trade routes, and the deliberate policy destroying lreland econonically and toliti <br> cully was coincident in its birth with the emergence of America and the West Indies <br> RS fruitith fieds for commerce and exploita- ion. The lecturer described the resurgenc <br> Cromwell's campaign, and the unavailing eforts of Eugland in the reigu of Charles It efort James II. to drive Ircland out of the 2nd norld mniket. The Williamite wars. how- <br> horld market. The williamite wars. how orer, laid Ireland ngniu prostrate at Eng lund's feet, and England, deternining <br> I:ind's feet, and England, determining neve to let Ireland rise again, enacted <br> hetween the Jears 1698 and 1770 the most diastic penal laws ngainst trade, industry. <br> and commerce ever imposed by one corintry ngninst another. Ireland was again drivel <br> out of the world-market, again confined to Fugland's market. and her <br> industry ruthlesslr C rattan and Flood, supressed. the <br> ment regained economic aud legislative free <br> ame self-supporting, and England's formid- <br> :ble competitor in the markets of the Con- tinent mid the West Indies. Grattan's fatal <br> or ror in not maintaining the Volunteers a $n$ National Army opened the war to England <br> to re-conquer lreland br the Act of Cnion, and for the third time in two centuries to |
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