



POLITICS IN IRELAND ARE DOMINATED BY SINN FEINERS

Youthful Leaders Sweep Aside Old Politicians and Boldly Strike Out to Win Separation From England.

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DUBLIN, Nov. 12.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—The Sinn Feiners are the dominant political force in Ireland today. It is the newest phase of the ever-changing cycle of public events here. It is a young man's movement, with the fire and indiscretion of youth. It has set aside the old leaders, absorbed their following and embarked boldly upon a course which is designed to lead to absolute separation from the British Empire.

England was; and of right they should and must be free. Their chief present reliance for independence, or separation, as it is most commonly called here, is the forthcoming peace conference, which is committed in advance, through acceptance by all nations of the 14 declarations, to the principle that small peoples have the right of self-determination.

Independence and a distinct national existence is the Sinn Fein goal. There is no dispute about it; nor is there concealment of their scheme of outright rebellion, which is to be the final alternative, if other plans fail. They say that any possible hope of constitutional reform may as well be abandoned, in view of the failure of all parliamentary measures, and they openly flout home rule or colonial government, or any other proposal which would hold Ireland as an integral unit of the British Empire. They are not British, nor Scottish, they say. They are Irish.

It is the Wilson idea. That is where the Sinn Feiners got it. If the peace conference rejects their pleas—well, they will carry on the war in ways they are not ready to define or divulge. And they will make, as their fathers made before them, so they say, all necessary sacrifices in life and blood until the great end shall be achieved. What matter a few thousand lives of patriotic and zealous Irishmen now or later?

Ireland was a distinct race. With the full attribute of nationhood before

the visiting American editors saw the Sinn Feiners in Dublin. They had announced in passing through the Irish capital on their way to Belfast that they would return and they would be pleased to hear what the Sinn Feiners and any others might have to say on the Irish question. The leaders of the Sinn Fein were not slow to take advantage of the opportunity. They saw,

doubtless, a way to spread their propaganda in America, and to correct what they thought were certain misapprehensions as to their motives, methods and ultimate aims.

The interview began with a statement by one of them, an officer of the Sinn Fein, as to the historic grievances and present wrongs of Ireland. He did not get justice in the courts. Not long since there was a brutal murder in one of our towns. The keeper of a public house had kicked to death an inoffensive woman, with suffering the abuses and oppressions of England and it still retained its unconquerable soul and it never would

consent to be ruled by the tyrant. There was a great deal more like it. "Let us all agree," said one of the editors, "that everything you say is true about the past and that Ireland has suffered much from English misgovernment. What about the situation today?"

"There is no intrinsic change now in England's position towards Ireland," was the answer. "We are unjustly taxed. We are denied our rights. We have no such thing as free speech or individual liberty. We are thrown into prison by the hundreds for such trifling misdemeanors as the singing of a song which England does not like. The Irish coast is a fortress and the island is a mere garrison for 200,000 British soldiers. We are denied education for our children. We are, or we have been, the victims of procured famines. We are impoverished and miserable. We have declined in population, for example, from more than 8,000,000 people to a little more than 4,000,000. Our industries languish through discriminations of many kinds. We do not get justice in the courts. Not long since there was a brutal murder in one of our towns. The keeper of a public house had kicked to death an inoffensive woman, with suffering the abuses and oppressions of England and it still retained its unconquerable soul and it never would

prisoned for 12 months, saying that he was a loyal citizen, for he had served the Empire well by zealous service in procuring recruits for the army."

"Are you pro-German?" "We are not. We are pro-Irish." "Have you not accepted aid from Germany?" "Aid from Germany admitted. Yes. But we have taken it as we have had help from America or France or any outsider. But we have incurred no obligations to Germany that we have not incurred to others who are sympathetic and disposed to lend us a hand."

"Is it not true that there was a plan to land arms at an Irish port through Sir Roger Casement?" "Was he not in the German pay?" "Sir Roger was not in the German pay."

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purpose to have no more to do with the British Empire. These 75 members will be the nucleus of a new Irish parliament. Sixty of our candidates are now in jail. But it makes no difference. We shall find ways to get them out."

"Will you not be satisfied if Great Britain gives you home rule?"

"No. First, she will not give it. Second, we don't want it, and we demand, and will have, our freedom."

"How is it that Irish sentiment has for so many years favored Home Rule, and not separation? Why the change?"

"Home Rule Means to End."

"There is no change with Ireland, home rule was merely a means to an end. A step toward the real goal— independence. We have never wanted anything else. We would never have been content with anything else. Parnell and all the real Irish leaders actually aimed at separation and a distinct nationality. We repudiate any other policy. We repudiate the so-called nationalist leaders who would give us half a loaf. They are done for, we are done with them."

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"Are you not aware that most Ulster men have signed a covenant that they will never consent to be governed from Dublin?"

"Yes. But that is mainly bluff. What are they to do but accept the government Ireland chooses to give them? They will have no alternative."

Ireland Capable of Control

"Do you regard Ireland as capable of self-government?"

"Most certainly. The days of Irish freedom from England were Ireland's most prosperous era. We have the resources to have the men, we will get the money. We want Ireland's taxes spent in Ireland. We want fiscal freedom. We are paying Great Britain in taxes more than \$3,000,000 per year. We can administer an Irish government with \$11,000,000. We would impose our own tariffs, create our own industries, find our own markets. It is true that England is now our best market. But if England lays a discriminatory tariff against us, we shall build a tariff wall against England. Why can't we sell our products to America and all the world?"

"You have only a few million people. How can you expect to maintain yourselves when you are cut from under the protection of the British navy?"

"Great Britain is the last remaining autocracy. It must go. British navalism is a menace to the peace of the world. America talks much of freedom of the seas. Some day you will be called on to bring the British navy to account. We may safely leave all that to you. Ireland is a small nation, but it is the day when small nations are coming into their own. Look at Denmark, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland. Geographically Ireland is twice as large as the next largest small nation. It should have, and will have, commensurate population and wealth."

"Have you thought about Belgium?"

"Yes. But Belgium was in Germany's road. If Belgium had given German troops right of way, there would have been no trouble."

"Is the Sinn Fein a Catholic organization? Is the Catholic Church in any way responsible for the present state of affairs in Ireland?"

"No. Ireland is three-fourths Catholic, and naturally the Sinn Feiners are mostly Catholic, as all other revolutionary movements have been. But it should be remembered that Wolf Tone, the great leader, was a Protestant, and so were most of his associates. Robert Emmet was a Protestant. The division in Ireland today is rather geographical than denominational. Many Protestants outside of Ulster are with us. Most Protestants in Ulster are against us, and doubtless many Catholics. The church follows, rather than leads, the political sentiment that prevails within its environment."

"And so the debate ran on for hours. The Sinn Feiners were earnest, enthusiastic and it may be supposed, sincere. It is not the design here to say that they were visionary, misguided or mistaken, only to reveal what is in their minds. The climax of the day was reached when the question was asked: "Is a compromise with England not possible?"

"No. England has given us the worst government in the world. But if England gave us the best government in the world, we should still fight for our freedom and independence."