

IRELAND TO ASK WORLD FOR HELP ON SOUND BASIS

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Dublin, April 17.—(Delayed.)—The "Irish republic" is about to make its appeal to the world, not upon sentimental grounds but upon the solid ground of dollars and cents. Already many of its financial proposals have become accomplished facts. But, in order to ascertain the exact position, I asked Arthur Griffith, vice president of the "republic," and, as some think, its real brain, to outline its program.

GRIFFITH STRONG CHARACTER. Griffith is, to my mind, one of the most formidable personalities in today's international politics. In the murky of the ancient Dublin room where he received me with that bland, baffling gaze behind the sheen of the round glasses, he showed himself as a rather short, sturdy, mustached man with a jaw and general expression of inflexible will.

There was, without evincing the analogy, something Napoleonic about him. And then, again, when he spoke in that low voice of his, one might have been listening to an entirely respectable bourgeois, without politics or emotion. If one had to sum this man up, one would say: "A staunch friend, but a dangerous enemy."

I opened by suggesting that the world

had had rather more than its fill of the "destructive" side of Sinn Fein—it wanted to know something of the "constructive" side.

"The latter," he replied, "is the side upon which Dail Eireann (the Irish parliament), has especially concentrated; because we Sinn Feiners are intensely practical and know full well that although the claim of Ireland to independence rests upon unassailable grounds, it is the economic side of our country which will be its final appeal and justification to the great world."

I had already noticed a curious and unexpected absence of melodrama and emotion in the Sinn Feiners I had met, which seemed to bear out Griffith's words. Bluntly, I now asked whether the "republic's" financial proposals were not still very much in the air.

FINANCIAL PROGRESS MADE. "Not at all," was the reply, given in a low, steady tone of conviction. "Many of them have already become facts."

The jaw and eye of the man before me set as he said "facts." It was the jaw and eye of a terrier when it has seized a rat.

The first task of Dail Eireann is the retention of Irish youth in Ireland. First things first. Such retention in Ireland is the greatest offense against the English government. England's chief representative in Ireland—Lord French—bluntly admitted in an interview a month ago with M. Marsilloc of Le Journal, that the aim of the English policy in Ireland was to drive the young men and women out of Ireland. In 70 years England has driven four and a half million out of the country and reduced our home population by one-half—an extermination of a people to which there is no parallel in Europe.

EXTERMINATION TO CEASE. "The result has been merely to raise up twenty millions of the Irish race as citizens of America, with all the accentuation of patriotism which comes from exile—something which does not interfere with or lessen their devotion to the United States. Ireland is no longer going to permit this policy of extermination to continue. The young men and women of Ireland have made up their minds

that Ireland is their own country and that God has placed them in Ireland to have and to hold it. Here they are, and from this time henceforth they mean to stay."

"What are your measures for this retention?" I asked.

"First and foremost, the introduction of a protective system for Irish industries and commerce by combined action of the Irish county councils, urban councils, harbor boards, etc., all these bodies being directly responsible to the Irish people and to no one else."

IRISH CONSULS NAMED.

Reliterating the assertion that Irish consuls have already been appointed and are at work in European countries, Griffith referred to the "re-establishment" of the Irish mercantile marine. Seeing the puzzled look on my face, he explained:

"You have to remember that the Irish volunteers of 1779 labelled their cannon 'free trade or speedy revolution.' Their demand was the free right, which they called 'free trade,' for Ireland to trade with any and every country in Europe—and that right was regained the next year, when Ireland did a prosperous trade with France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Portugal, the West Indies and the United States. Ireland has never abrogated that right. It is the object of Sinn Fein to make Ireland's market the world—not England."

INDEPENDENCE IS SLOGAN. "But you talk as though Ireland were an independent nation," I said.

"And she is. For 700 years she has never ceased to claim her right. She has revolted six times in the last 120 years. The Irish parliament formed on January 21 last year exists and will continue to exist. We are not beginning something—we are continuing something."

"But has the new mercantile marine actually begun trading?"

"It has. Direct trade has been restored between us and the states. We have either already extended or are about to extend its operations beyond Europe to Africa and the Far East. We have within a few months to have direct trade with all the chief continental

3 MILLION CHINESE STUDENTS STRIKE IN SHANTUNG ISSUE

By Charles Edward Hogue

Shanghai, April 18.—(Delayed.)—Three million students throughout the 14 northern provinces of China went on strike today in protest against the teaching advocating direct negotiations with Japan on the Shantung question, according to reports received here.

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Abrogation of all secret treaties is demanded by the striking students, who have promised they will not molest foreigners.

countries, as well as South America." "How about the financial side?"

"We have already floated an over-subscribed national loan of 250,000 pounds sterling which, incidentally, was widely advertised abroad in both Gaelic and English. Even the London Times admitted that the scheme of reconstruction for which the loan was raised was sober and attractive. When the proper time comes, we shall establish an Irish national bank and a national stock exchange under charter from the general council of the county councils."

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