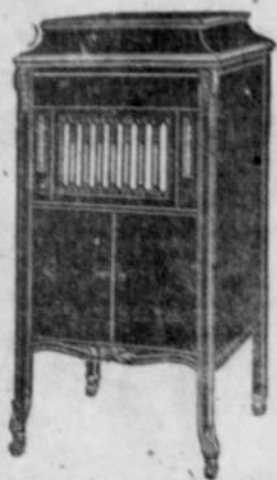


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IRELAND CLAIMS THAT GREAT BRITAIN THROTTLES COMMERCE OF THE ISLAND

By RUSSELL BROWNING
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

Cork, Dec. 11.—(U. P.)—An English writer laments that the Ireland of Celtic twilights and delicately phrased love songs has passed. The young swains have forsaken their colleens, to woo dry books on military tactics, and formerly contented clerks in the small businesses of Cork and Dublin are now dreaming of the part they will play in forcing the concession to Ireland of her rightful place in the commerce of nations, according to Liam de Roiste, Sinn Fein M. P., and president of the Irish International Trading Corporation, who explained to the United Press the trade aims of Sinn Fein.

"We seek to free Ireland from unscrupulous trade methods of British firms who are concerned in a monopoly of Irish business by underhand help of their government," said de Roiste. "We do not wish to interfere with the natural channels of commerce, but only to remove the artificial restrictions that result in profit to England and loss to Ireland and the free nations that wish to trade with her."

"At present 98 per cent of Ireland's external trade passes through British hands and makes profit for Englishmen in London, Manchester or Liverpool. Any attempt by Irishmen to take the commerce of the country in their own hands meets with failure, because of the embargo weapon, cable tapping, port regulations, regulated to suit the British corporations, and similar 'discriminations'."

"To illustrate this point: The International Trading Corporation has a consignment of twenty thousand hides produced here and we have bid on them from America that we would like to accept, but cannot because of the embargo placed on hides by Great Britain. This would be fair enough if the embargo was enforced in England also, but this is not the case. An English firm has no difficulty in getting an exportation permit. No Irish firm is allowed a permit. We can still sell our hides to America, but we must pay the English firm a commission and the freightage on these hides to an English port, although in reality the goods would never see an English harbor, but be loaded at Queenstown under the permit of the English firm."

"Further illustration of this is the closing of the port of Queenstown to incoming vessels, when we had succeeded in getting an American line to make it a port of call. Recently a merchant in Dublin chartered an American vessel for a cargo direct

from New York. When the vessel docked in Dublin harbor, it was boarded by a British customs officer, who served notice on the captain of the ship that he would not be allowed to discharge his cargo until the port of entry charge of Liverpool harbor and freightage had been paid, notwithstanding that his ship had never sighted Liverpool. When that official was asked by the consignee why he had to pay Liverpool entries on his goods when they were disembarked at Dublin, he was told that they should have been shipped via Liverpool anyway.

"We took this incident up with the United States Shipping Board but without results. However we have succeeded in getting the American Moore-McCormack line to put in a trans-Atlantic and coastwise service to Ireland and we believe that they will attempt to safeguard their interest henceforth against matters of this kind."

POLITICAL SCIENCE STARTED IN GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 11.—(A. P.)—A German school of political science, the dream of the former Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethman-Holweg, long before the world war, at last has been established in Berlin. The dedication of the new school was made the occasion for much congratulatory talk by high German officials who expressed the opinion that a line of statesmen would be developed by the new institution to direct the progress of the German republic toward its former high place among the nations.

Foreign minister Simons in an address declared German statescraft had always lacked trained leaders thoroughly schooled in political science and for that reason the people had had small faith in their officials. He hoped that the new school would help establish such a faith.

Plans are to operate the school along the lines of the Ecole Libre de sciences Politiques of Paris.

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Some men never respect the things they are unable to understand.—Chicago News.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

THE ROOSTER'S SPEECH.

Cock-a-doodle-do, cock-a-doodle-do, cock-a-doodle-do," said Mr. Rooster.

"We hear you," said the other hens and roosters.

"Then pay attention, please, to what I have to say."

"Is it of any importance?" they asked.

"Of great importance," he said.

"Why?" they inquired.

"Because everything I say is of importance," he added proudly as he strutted about the barnyard.

"Well, there might be a difference of opinion about that," said Mr. Red Top Rooster.

"Yes, there might be a difference of opinion," said Miss Fidgety Fashionable Hen.

"Just as there is a difference of opinion as to whether a caterpillar is popular or not," said Mrs. White Hen.

"Other caterpillars might say yes, people might say no."

"Ridiculous talk," Mrs. White Hen, said Mr. Rooster. "I'm surprised at you."

"You needn't be," said Mrs. White Hen.

"You needn't be surprised at anything," said Master Pig, who was in an open shed near the barn. He had gone there for he had found it cold out of doors and now he was looking under



"I'm Surprised."

the bars of his shed, putting his head way out and looking this way and that with his funny eyes.

He could hear what was going on and as there was now no food around he was quite interested.

"Of course," he explained, "I wouldn't be interested if there were any food around. I'm only a pig and after all pigs are pigs and love their food."

"I heard," said Mrs. White Hen, "that Pinky Pig was much puzzled the other day because he found his mother sitting in front of some pigweed and not touching it. He couldn't make it out because she said that she was not ill."

"And it seemed that his mother had eaten so much and there had been so much of it that she had actually gotten to the point where she couldn't eat any more. Of course Pinky was glad of that for he had a good deal extra to eat because of that fact. But for a time he was much puzzled. Cackle, cackle, that was funny."

"But only natural," said Master Pig from the shed.

"Weren't you going to say something, grunt, grunt?" he added, looking out of his funny eyes at Mr. Rooster.

"I was," said Mr. Rooster. "But I've almost forgotten what I was going to say. Maybe I was going to tell about the visit Mrs. Christopher Skunk paid around here last night and of how she gave her various warnings letting every one know she would send forth that horrible odor which is her protection. She always has a series of warnings to give first!"

"But no, that wasn't what I was going to say. I was going to speak about old automobiles which have always bothered me and my family."

"I heard that when the farmer's children visited the seashore this summer they made automobiles in the sand and sat in the sand seats they made and pretended to drive the sand automobiles along."

"That made me mad for it was paying too much attention to the old automobile and flattering it. But at last I am happy, for I hear that automobiles are very jealous of airplanes. And I prefer airplanes."

"I'll tell you one thing—they can toot their horns all they like up in the sky and we will crow and crow and never pay any attention to them."

"Ah, I'm glad that airplanes are making the automobiles jealous, silly dust-stirring things."

"Airplanes will be different. If they stir up a few clouds how much nicer that will be than stirring up dust. And we won't be chased from cloud to cloud as we are from one side of the road to the other, for we won't be there to be chased! That makes me so happy, and I can't help thinking about it over and over again. It's worth hearing over and over again too."

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"Do you think the baby will take after his father?"

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Origin of Yuletide

Yule was the name of the ancient Scandinavian festival held at the time of the winter solstice. The word is of uncertain origin, says The Housekeeper, but it probably is taken directly from the Icelandic word "Jol," meaning a feast. It is curious to note how many nations of old marked the "turn of the year"—that is, the December solstice—by festivals. The Egyptians, the Hindus, the Persians, the Greeks and the Romans all had feasts at this season, but especially the Northern nations—the Teutons, the Scandinavians, the early natives of Britain—rejoiced at the event of the sun's turn on its course. The festival was kept with much eating and drinking and noisy jollity. One of the ceremonies was the placing of an enormous log of wood—often so large that it required the strength of several men to bring it in—upon the hearth fire in the huge fireplace. The burning of the Yule log was thought to insure good fortune to the family, especially when charred pieces of the log burned the year before and kept over for that purpose were used to light it.



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