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TREACHERY CANNOT PAY

IRELAND is one of the richest countries in Europe: the people of Ireland are the poorest people in Europe.

We are the single white nation whose population is declining.

We have less than half the number of people that our land could support in prosperity.

We have a quarter of a million unemployed, another quarter of a million getting insufficient food and at least a million who are on the border-line of want and who must export their children as a farmer exports his cattle.

Irishmen are exported to England to work in the danger spots because they cost the British Government less than Englishmen.

Irish girls are being shipped to England because, unprotected and hungry there, they may become prostitutes for British, French, Czech and Polish soldiers; English women are protected by Church Unions and Social and Labour organisations.

More than half the people of Ireland live in houses that are unfit to live in while the land of Ireland is idle. More idle still are the stone and slate quarries, the lime kiln and sand-pit and the brick-yard which should be working to the limit now to provide houses.

Many hundred men are in jail, North and South and in England because they tried to change these things.

INSATIABLE GREED

But many dozen perhaps in Dublin and Belfast and London live in mansions and palaces because they will not allow these things to be changed.

In proportion, as despair seizes the worker who finds his family on the

verge of starvation, the stakes in the Cabinet Ministers' bridge parties mount higher and higher and their bets on dogs and horses increase. Such insatiable greed has hold of them that their wives compete with the children of the poor so that they may have more money for gambling and luxury.

For every Irish girl exported to England there is, no doubt, an extra bottle on the Minister's table, another fur for the Minister's wife, a higher stake to be won or lost on cards or race-track.

For every workman who sees his children go hungry and naked, the T.D. and the Civil Servant at the top will be able to get an extra gallon of petrol to bring them to the cinema or the races.

For every Irishman who, in the hot anger of his heart, curses the traitors who rule us, some illegitimate descendant of a Cromwellian chief will place himself and "his" mansion at the disposal of the Government or join the L.D.F.

Mr. Derrig, Minister for Something-or-Other, that no one remembers, states in the Senate that every year 1,000 children are sent to Industrial Schools, "90 per cent. because of the poverty of their parents." What an

admission! Every year 40 children in each of the 26 counties must starve or be taken from its parents like the beasts of the field. No wonder the Government has to shoot prisoners in the back or by a firing-squad, and imprison those who would change the present order. It would break Mr. MacEntee's Belfast heart to be reminded during his nightly dances in the best Dublin hotels that his cocktail or dancing-shoes or his wife's ball dress are the proceeds of the sale to slavery and prostitution of Irish boys and girls.

One of these days we shall have a new "map for tourists" got out by the Government through its worthy and most competent graft bureau, the I.T.A.

Here would be the literature for the map: "Blank County—Every mile has a house from which one or more children has been taken because its parents were starving; a house from which one or more sons have been taken to jail because they objected to see their brothers starve; a house from which at least one boy or girl has been sold to England; one or more houses where there is no employment; a number of houses where the total family income for a year does not equal the cost of a Minister's petrol allowance for a week."

THIS "FREEDOM" !

Mr. de Valera frequently tells the people that they must defend the freedom they have won—Freedom to starve or go to jail; freedom to support one doddering compromise in the Phoenix Park at a cost of £15,000 a year and to obey Sir J. Maffey in all that is real and vital; freedom to spend millions on little windbags who talk and talk; freedom for Mr. de Valera's gunmen to shoot unarmed prisoners and for Mr. de Valera's Ministers to cover up their festering graft, nepotism and incompetence with a censorship dictated by Britain; freedom to endure the partition of our

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Truth In The News

But Liars Need Good Memories

ENGLAND and Germany both count propaganda to be the fourth arm of a nation at war. Their rival broadcasts reach most homes in this country. Perhaps those who listen begin to think by now that they know all that is to be known about propaganda. In fact they know little or nothing about it.

The man on the hedge may be a fine hurler and see most of the game, but if he is he is also easy prey to the pickpocket. But the cleverest, most skilful sneak thief that ever slipped over from England is no more dastardly than the propaganda of which we Irish are victims. Propaganda that is recognised as such has, by that fact, lost three quarters of its power. The propaganda of which we are unconscious is the deadly sort. Let us try to look into the workings of the native variety.

To begin with, there is no official propaganda done here! How often have we heard the critics of Athlone Radio complain of this? Not only is there no propaganda but there is a special censor's office, set up at the expense of the taxpayer, to prevent the publication of propaganda. There is also an Information Bureau, also paid by the taxpayer, whose duty it is to tell the whole truth, nothing but the truth, and never to use an adjective. In addition to all these there is the well-known daily journal, "Truth in the News," and to cap the whole thing the police have been known to arrest and bring before the courts people who fancied that they had seen parachutes or balloons or the like. Some such people were actually sent to prison. Surely then, if there is propaganda, no one would think that poor Mr. George Washington de Valera would stoop to such a thing. Hasn't he done everything he possibly could to stop it? Not a word about the partition of Ireland reaches the outside world! Even to Dublin Belfast is almost a foreign country! No, surely there is no propaganda, we must look for that to the B.B.C. or Breslau!

The fact is that Irish Republicans are up against the cleverest, most

subtle, most dangerous propaganda in the world to-day, foreign radios are only "trotting after" it. Free State propaganda is not the fourth but the first weapon of war against Republicanism. Let us try to list the headings under which it works.

THE "FIRST WEAPON"

To begin with, all the I.R.A. in Ireland, except the individuals you know, are dangerous murderers with an insane hatred of their own country, their one desire to wreck and destroy. The ones you happen to know can't go under this heading so they are more or less harmless lunatics, brought to ruin by unknown bad companions, without the sense to devote themselves to making money or getting on in the world. They seem to enjoy being martyrs and getting killed and raided and shot up. Poor Mr. de Valera has to put them in prison "for their own good." "Maybe they'll learn sense and get good jobs for themselves some day!" All this is designed to conceal the fact that the I.R.A. is not an internal problem of the 26 Counties but the Irish Army whose only object is to drive the English out.

"Ireland," "Irish Government," "Irish soldiers." None of these words are ever used by Cosgrave or de Valera parties except as propaganda directed to convey that the whole of Ireland is a free country, defended by an Irish army which will fight any invader, neither of which statements is true. One-fifth of Ireland is in enemy occupation for the last seven hundred years.

The third big plank of Free State propaganda is that Mr. de Valera is a straightforward, disinterested leader who has led the people of Ireland to their freedom and is defending them and saving their lives and keeping them out of the war, and, above

all, has bestowed on them a Christian Constitution. Mr. de Valera, in short, is the George Washington of Ireland. Mr. de Valera employs a special publicity man to put this stuff over. His name is Mr. Frank Gallagher, and he writes under the name of Henry O'Neill. He is a civil servant, which means that the people pay. His latest article did not even mention de Valera or Ireland. It was about how George Washington met a war crisis in 1708 by declaring the United States neutral in the war between England and France in spite of the fact that France had helped to win the freedom of the American colonies.

GEORGE WASHINGTON

In this article, which was supposed to be about George Washington, whose birthday it was, Mr. Gallagher did not think it worth his while to mention that George Washington, even when his army was reduced to the utmost difficulties in Valley Forge, and there seemed no chance of success, refused anything short of complete independence from the British representatives. Mr. Gallagher also forgot that the eventual fruit of Washington's later policy of neutrality for the U.S.A. was an English attempt at reconquest, during which Washington City was put to fire and sword. If George Washington must be brought into the argument it should be remembered that though he started his career in a red coat he never went back to it, never accepted English king or connection, never changed his Republican allegiance.

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COAL-CATTLE PACT

"WE thus find that in all treaties of Commerce concluded by the English, there is a tendency to extend the sale of their manufactures throughout all the countries with whom they negotiate, by offering them apparent advantages in respect of agricultural produce and raw materials. Everywhere their efforts are directed to ruining the native manufacturing power of those countries by means of cheaper goods and long credits. If they cannot obtain low tariffs, then they devote their exertions to defrauding the custom-houses, and to organising a wholesale system of contraband trade."

Philanthropists At Large

Empires For Sale

IN the absence of anything more definite to say at the present, British spokesmen tell the world much the same thing as during the last war in regard to their war aims. The "freedom of small nations" has long been a good joke to Irish people all over the world, but it is as well to see what it means elsewhere.

The only small nations that Britain ever tried to maintain as "free" nations were the ones in which she had a friendly government which allowed her to invest her surplus cash.

At the moment world attention focuses on the Eastern end of the Mediterranean where, we find, Britain has **only** about £500,000,000 invested in various forms.

In 1929 Britain's adverse trade balance was £380 millions, of which £250 millions was made up by overseas investments and the rest by receipts from shipping. So they set a guard over the freedom, as they call it, of these various small nations, just as they send their gold to the banks under armed guard. They maintain a huge navy to protect these small nations from bother which might depress the receipts flowing steadily into the hands of Britain's Jews.

Fifty per cent of the traffic through the Suez Canal is British.

"HELPING" GREECE

She sends contingents of the R.A.F. out to Greece to bolster up a little longer that country's resistance to Italy and incidentally to add a bit to the Greek public debt, of which she already holds more than half or about £50 millions. In the lighting and public transport services of Athens English investors have £5 millions sunk; another £5 millions of theirs is in the Greek banks and about £15 millions in various private enterprises. No wonder she doesn't want that particular small nation to lose her freedom.

For years before the coming of Kemal Ataturk Britain did the lion's share in fleeing Turkey. Railways were built at so much a mile and

the result was that they wandered all over the country, making the most unnecessary detours, all of which added to the receipts of the builders. But Ataturk killed this kind of thing and the modern Turk, though politically friendly to England for his own sake, hates the British financier. Nevertheless Britain has £6 millions invested in Turkey.

In Syria Britain has large transport interests; in Iraq she has petroleum wells.

In Palestine her investments amounted to £15 millions invested by Jews, many of whom are living in England.

But the cream of the whole area for Britain is Egypt, where her investment amounts to more than £200 millions, which is distributed over the Suez Canal, cotton, banks, industrial plants, land companies, mines and transport. With her meagre allowance of autonomy Egypt tries to get rid of these foreigners, but there is still a large and prosperous British colony there.

From the Black Sea countries comes 7 per cent. of British oil supplies.

Cyprus, a strategically vital island to Britain's efforts to preserve the "ideal" of "freedom" in the area, was annexed after being leased from Turkey. It has since been drained by taxation which has been fiercely resisted by the natives who, in 1931, set fire to the British Government buildings in the capital. The retaliation to such acts of violence was typically British, Bishops were exiled, and the natives were governed as though they were savages.

In Malta the situation is not much better; here the British governor has had to suspend the constitution again and again until 1936, when it was repealed altogether.

So the British plutocrats howl for the "freedom" of certain small

Mr. Aiken Rides Again

AS Minister for Defence Mr. Frank Aiken spent colossal sums of money, for this country, in buying dud war material from the British. The scandal was so great that, at the moment of writing, Mr. Oscar Traynor, his successor in that office, is holding a very, very, secret enquiry. The result of this enquiry will be to produce a scape-goat against whom it will be proved that he accepted a hand-over to turn a blind eye on the quality of the aeroplanes and munitions acquired. It is not this scape-goat but Aiken himself that should be in the dock.

Now Aiken, the notorious incompetent, has been sent to America to bring off the same trick again.

POWER OR WEALTH?

"POWER is more important than wealth. And why? Simply because national power is a dynamic force by which new productive resources are opened out, and because the forces of production are the tree on which wealth grows, and because the tree which bears the fruit is of greater value than the fruit itself. Power is of more importance than wealth because a nation, by means of power, is enabled not only to open up new productive sources, but to maintain itself in possession of power and of recently acquired wealth, and because the reverse of power—namely, feebleness—leads to the relinquishment of all that we possess, not of acquired wealth alone, but of our powers of production, of our civilisation, of our freedom, nay, even of our national independence, into the hands of those who surpass us in might.—LIST.

"THERE are many things more horrible than bloodshed; and slavery is one of them."—PEARSE.

nations in fact, while ostensibly their cry comes from hearts filled with the milk of human kindness, whose emotions (they would like us to believe) are far from thoughts of money or gain.

CODDING THE GERMANS

WITHIN the last three weeks a cargo of grain came into Dublin port, was transferred from the ocean-going ship which brought it to three smaller ships, and then sent to England.

This is only one incident of many in a policy which has landed the Twenty-six Counties on the verge of famine. The right of the Irish people to import food was recognised by the German Government. For months, since the war started, ships bound for our ports were allowed to pass. Instead of holding the food and

goods imported here nothing has been done to prevent the profiteers in the business world from sending them on to England, by sea, or through the Six Counties. No sensible person could have failed to expect that this would bring all Irish ports within the blockaded area, as has now happened.

When Mr. de Valera speaks of the effects of the blockade, as they are felt here, it should be remembered that this disastrous condition has been brought about by his own neglect in controlling cupidity.

Once more the Irish people will have to bear with privation and hunger in a bad cause—that of money gains for the rich financiers.

TRUTH IN THE NEWS

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At the beginning of the Anglo-German war Mr. de Valera said that he made no secret engagements with England. A while later on he said "We have kept all our public and private engagements to England." Many other examples could be cited yet years of consistent G.W. propaganda have convinced thousands of people that they can believe his every word.

"Mr. de Valera is not interested in money." That goes over well also. It may be so, but we have no evidence of it. From the day when he ceased to teach mathematics he has had his salary without missing a week. We do not know of any other Republican or ex-republican who has such a long record of well-paid employment. He has provided for his own permanent affluence by fixing his pension in advance.

We almost forgot to mention that "poor Mr. de Valera is opposed on principle to capital punishment." Frank Gallagher is not guilty this time! He invented that one himself before he shot Paddy MacGrath and Tommy Harte.

Treachery Cannot Pay

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country and see the living hell of bigotry that is Ulster without being able to raise a finger; freedom to buy the vilest offscourings of the British Prss and its Irish counterpart, in which truth and decency are perverted and denied; freedom to provide food for Britain at whatever price Britain cares to pay for it and to receive like beggars what scraps Britain allows us in return; freedom to listen to Mr. de Valera call Casement and Pearse and Clarke and Connolly traitors (Dermot Mac Murrough is his word) while his Defence Council like his nominees in the Senate are openly as well as secretly pledged to support the only enemy this Nation has known in 900 years.

We have indeed one more form and symbol of freedom—the right to pay Mr. de Valera and his Cabinet £10,000 a year so that we may enjoy the freedom set out above.

Truly, as Pearse said, there is something worse than bloodshed and that is slavery.

Gentlemen of the Cabinet: You are muddling through under your English masters as well as slaves can ever muddle through. Confine yourselves however to "bread and a cir-

cus"; when you talk of nationality or patriotism you talk of things you cannot understand; if by some miracle Dermot Mac Murrough, Leonard McNally or James Carey were restored to life and made into a composite being, that being would envy you your depths of treachery if it did not spit upon you in contempt.

ENGLISH PRINCIPLE

"**NAPOLEON** 'You will never find an Englishman in the wrong. He does everything on principle. He fights you on patriotic principles; he robs you on business principles; he supports his king on loyal principles and cuts off his king's head on republican principles. His watchword is always Duty; and he never forgets that the nation which lets its duty get on the opposite side to its interest is lost.'"—(MAN OF DESTINY).

"**I** MAY be wrong, but I do hold it a most terrible sin that there should be landless men in this island of waste, yet fertile valleys, and that there should be breadless men in this city where great fortunes are made and enjoyed.—PEARSE.

THE WAY TO PROSPERITY

THE War of Independence of the U.S.A. cost that nation hundreds of millions, but her powers of production were immediately strengthened by gaining independence and it was for this reason that in the course of a few years after the peace she obtained immeasurably greater riches than she had ever possessed before.

—LIST.

"**W**E believe that our country ought to be free. We do not see why Ireland should allow England to govern her, either through Englishmen, as at present, or through Irishmen under an appearance of self-government. We believe that England has no business in this country at all—that Ireland, from the centre to the zenith, belongs to the Irish."—PEARSE.