

Redmond's Loyalty.

To the Editor of The Post-Standard:

I noticed in the columns of The Post-Standard recently letters referring to a parliamentary election held in Ireland October 2, the results of which, must be cold comfort for John Redmond and his followers everywhere.

Three place hunters fought for the privilege of going to the English Parliament to swear allegiance to King George, and to notify his government of any wrong-doing in Ireland. The majority of the registered voters of the Harbor Division of Dublin, showed their contempt for the three candidates and their party, by remaining away from the polls. The three called themselves followers of John Redmond. The result of the polling, taken from The Irish Times, was as follows: Byrne, 2,298; O'Mahoney, 913; Farrell, 677, scattered votes, 89; a total of 3,977. The above figures tell their own story. The registered vote was 9,193, and 5,216 failed to vote. These figures show that the majority of the voters of that part of Dublin are opposed to Redmond's policy.

John Redmond is stumping Ireland as a recruiting sergeant.

Previous to his visit to Ireland, he visited the trenches in Flanders and brought back to Ireland the news that England was winning victories over the Germans. On December 3 he arrived in Waterford, in the company of the lord Lieutenant of Ireland, for the purpose of aiding the recruiting officers. Evidently, the Irish leader has endeared himself

to his English friends; by his treachery to Ireland, and his unflinching loyalty to the British empire.

The slogan "Ireland a Nation," which he used on his American trip when speaking to Irish audiences, is no longer heard but has changed to "God Save the King," and the safety of the British empire is his chief concern.

The patriotic Bishop O'Dwyer of Limerick says that home rule has been for many years dangling before Mr. Redmond's nose, like a carrot before a donkey. He gets a sufficient sniff of it occasionally to keep him draughting for the English government, and he fears now that if he attempted to show any independence as an Irishman, his English masters would throw him overboard.

England is still at her old game of sending Irishmen, who fight for her, to the poorhouse and pauper's graves. As an example, John Flaherty, who served on one of the British battleships at the Dardanelles, is now an inmate of the Athlone poorhouse, and when his case came up for discussion, at a meeting of the Athlone Board of Guardians, the chairman of the board referred to this case "as a poor wind-up for a man who had served England at the greatest danger point of the world's war."

There are two things that flourish in Ireland under English rule—paupers and taxes.

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