

terpretation of the home rule bill is to be settled by appeal to the judicial committee of the privy council.

Senate to Be Nominated

"The Irish senate is to consist of forty-five members and the house of representatives of 164, of which Ulster is to have fifty-nine and the universities two. The senate is to be composed of nominated members. In the first instance the imperial executive is to control the nominations with a view to assuring the representation of the minority. The nominations are to be for a fixed term and as the members retire by rotation vacancies will be filled by the Irish executive.

"In case of disagreement the two houses are to sit in joint session.

"The lord lieutenant is to be head of the executive. There will be no religious bar and he will hold office for a fixed term. The authority of the executive is to be coextensive with that of the Irish parliament.

"The 164 representatives are to be elected by the existing constituencies, but no constituency is to have less than 27,000 population.

"The collecting of all taxes is to remain in the imperial service and they will be paid into the imperial exchequer, which is to pay over to the Irish executive an amount equivalent to the expenditure on Irish services at the time of the passing of the act.

"An additional sum of \$2,500,000 is to be paid to Ireland the first year, and this will diminish by \$250,000 yearly until it is reduced to \$1,000,000.

"The postal services are to be handed over to Ireland.

"The Irish parliament is to have power to reduce or to discontinue the imperial taxes excepting the income tax and the stamp and estate duties. It will also have power to alter the excise duties, but except in the case of beer and spirits it is debarred from adding to the customs duties anything which will give a greater increase than 10 per cent.

"The Irish representation at Westminster is to be 42 members, one for every 100,000 of the population."

Sir Edward Carson, the leader of the Irish unionist party, denounced the government's proposals as ridiculous and fantastic, and declared that the safeguards in the bill are delusions.

Best Yet, Redmond Declares

John Redmond, the leader of the nationalist party, admitted that a faction of the Irishmen are in favor of separation, but they are the smallest faction, and if Ireland is given the management of its own affairs this small faction will disappear. He declared that the safeguards are adequate with a nominated senate and a veto by the imperial parliament, adding:

"It is idle to say that the safeguard of the imperial veto is humiliating, when every one of the self-governing colonies is subject to it. I consider the bill a better one on the whole than the bills of 1886 and 1893.

"This is a great measure and we welcome it. The bill will be submitted to the Irish national convention, and I shall without hesitation recommend to the convention the acceptance of the bill. I believe that this bill will result in greater unity and strength to the empire, and will end suspicion and dissatisfaction in Ireland and suspicion and dissatisfaction in this country with regard to Ireland."

James Ramsey Macdonald welcomed the bill in behalf of the labor party, especially in view of the hint thrown out by the premier that home rule will be extended to other sections of the country. He believed the measure would increase the stability of the British empire and make

Ireland one of its most peaceful and most prosperous corners.

O'Brien Congratulates Government

William O'Brien, leader of the independent nationalists, thought the bill provides a large and generous measure of administrative home rule and purely local legislative power, although it does not offer anything in the remotest degree approaching national independence. He wished that the government had taken courage with both hands and given the Irish parliament complete power over the Irish purse. He congratulated the government on its determination to complete the land purchase under imperial auspices.

The Rt. Rev. Hon. Eugene Wason, chairman of the Scottish liberals, welcomed the bill, while several Ulster and English unionists opposed it.

Mr. Balfour then moved adjournment of the debate, which was agreed to.

A Statement by Redmond

Irish Leader John Redmond made the following statement to a correspondent of the New York World after his speech in the house of commons on the home rule bill:

Nothing could have been of more hopeful augury in Ireland than the conditions under which the prime minister unfolded his home rule scheme tonight.

That scheme has been accepted by the Irish party as a final settlement of Ireland's national demand.

It is a better scheme for Ireland financially and otherwise than either

of Gladstone's bills and I feel sure that it will commend itself to the good sense of the British people as just and fair.

The opposition has so far only violent, unreasoning hostility to

offer it, but when we come to hammering out the details a more rational spirit may be found to prevail.

Anyway, I feel confident that the bill will pass into law.

HOW President Taft's judicial mind has worked in politics is shown by a review of some of his acts by Amos Pinchot in Pearson's Magazine for May. If you are for President Taft for re-election this story of some of his acts will make you do a lot of thinking. If you are against him it will give you plenty to talk about that cannot be dodged. Every candidate should be judged by his public acts when that is possible. His acts are more important than his words. The right man as President means a great deal to you. Just fix that in your mind. Then see by this review of his acts if you think President Taft is the right man. Another article in the same magazine gives the written opinions of prominent Democrats from all over the country as to the availability of W. R. Hearst and other men for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

The whole series of articles on "The Usurped Power of the Courts" by Allan L. Benson has been printed in pamphlet form and will be sent to any American address upon receipt of five cents for each copy. Prices for quantities upon application.

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