

THE PROVINCE

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1914

THE HOME RULE CONFERENCE.

At last Sir Edward Carson and Mr. John Redmond have met and although they have had and will have the presence of others to encourage or discourage them, as the case may be, there can surely be no reason why the two leaders of the Irish parties can not come to terms. It is of course quite possible that even if the conference is successful the Nationalists and the Ulstermen will refuse to lay down their arms, but will insist on protecting themselves against each other. But if the conference comes to some agreement so that the Amending Bill can be passed both the Nationalists and the Ulstermen will find themselves without the support of the two great political parties in Great Britain. It is of course possible that they will both cry out they have been betrayed by England, and open their arms to each other for joint action against the treacherous Sassenach Ireland, with her comparatively small population, can put some 250,000 men into the field today, and has proved that real patriotism and self-sacrifice can be expected of her people when they deem their country is in any danger. They may differ as to what constitutes this danger, but they are agreed in being ready to shed their last drop of blood in defence of their rights. Great Britain should be able to make use of this admirable raw material. England has never been able to raise anything like the same enthusiasm for the Territorials despite all sorts of cajolery and payments.

However, the great thing is that King George seems to have insisted on a conference between all the leaders before the Amending Bill is sent back to the House of Lords. Mr. Asquith is able, if the Lords refuse to reconsider the amendments, to drop the Amending Bill and leave Home Rule standing. It would not become operative for a year, and there would be a general election before that time, but it would be law, and would have no ameliorating clauses regarding Ulster. To prevent this some form of amending bill must be passed. Mr. Asquith has shown himself ready to accept amendments to the Amending Bill as long as they do not destroy the principle of the Home Rule Bill. These amendments when boiled down really deal chiefly with the question of the exclusion of certain Ulster counties. Mr. Redmond may be determined that the whole area of Ulster can not be excluded, and Sir Edward Carson may be equally determined that it shall be excluded, but both will admit that there are certain counties which have a preponderating population of one faith or the other, and that these, therefore, can be at once earmarked. The County of Tyrone, it is believed, is the crux of the situation as regards exclusion.

It is hoped, however, that once the leaders can come together they may be able to eliminate all side issues and get down to business. They have a great responsibility on their shoulders. Sir Edward Carson and the Unionists will probably admit at once that Home Rule for Ireland is a fact, and will not attempt to do more than come to terms for Ulster. Mr. Redmond will also admit that in order to prevent civil war part of Ulster must be excluded. Neither party will be willing to desert its faithful followers in the areas of Ulster in which they are in the minority. But Mr. Red-

Dublin Parliament until it so desires, and the Nationalists will have won Home Rule. It may be possible during the period of Ulster's exclusion to devise some form of federation by which Ulster can have a local government at Belfast and this might serve as a basis for general federation. There are so many possibilities that it seems impossible to imagine there can not be some agreement among the leaders. They have been commanded by King George to confer, and the whole country will hold them responsible if they separate without definitely coming to some agreement. They do not confer as political opponents, but as statesmen trying to find a solution for a grave problem that places their country in danger. For once then they can lay aside political manoeuvring and talk common sense.

COMMENDABLE BRAVERY.

Fuller details of the Sunday morning attempt to take the Komagata Maru to sea makes it plain that the affair was by no means farcical. The police behaved with most commendable bravery and with extreme forbearance. They were evidently unprepared for their reception and expected to be allowed on board without much trouble. The immigration officials were prepared to take the whip to sea the moment the police had convinced the passengers that order must be maintained. The rifles were not taken out with the idea of shedding blood, but were for the specials to act as a guard for the captain and crew. The Hindus unfortunately were determined to resist any attempt by the police to get on board. They caught the police at a great disadvantage and despite the hail of missiles the police kept their heads and not a single man appears to have lost his temper sufficiently to fire a shot although they all carried their revolvers. The wisdom of the proceedings may be open to question in one or two details but, that everybody behaved with most commendable patience and bravery is undoubted. The fact remains that if the police had used their revolvers they could have got on board and clubbed the Hindus into a reasonable frame of mind. But they were specially warned not to fire on the Hindus and they were consequently handicapped from the start. They carried out a most difficult task in the best way they could. The resistance of the Hindus place them on the wrong side of the law altogether and if there is any trouble today their blood rests on their own heads.

The Rainbow is a sign of clearing weather on the Inlet.

The town of Tulsa, Okla., ought to have a clean civic government. It is provided with a municipal soap factory.

Heerta is said to have paid all his debts before leaving his native shore, but he still owes Uncle Sam that little salute.

In the event of the designer of Swiss cheese losing his job there is another opening for him in the porous clothing business.

An electric device has been invented whereby votes can be recorded by pressing a button. The old method of button holding to secure votes is still in vogue.

"Farmers must learn how to candle eggs," stated an agricultural bulletin. In this advanced age they should be given the option of electrocuting those that are too mature for the

At the Theatres

Empress.

"The Morals of Marcus," a dramatization of the famous story by W. J. Locke, which was presented at the Empress Theatre last night, gives to Miss Maude Leone perhaps the best chance that popular actress has had in this city, and the overflowing audience which greeted her return with enthusiastic applause and a small cartload of flowers, will agree with this opinion.

Some idea of the originality of the play may be gained when it is stated that a child of Asla Minor is by fate or chance set down in modern England, introduced through fortunate circumstance into the home of Marcus Ordeyne, a titled Englishman, caring little for women and understanding them even less.

This is a brief outline of the plot. From the mesh of entanglement, caused by his society friends and protesting relatives, the story moves through four acts to a happy ending, for Sir Marcus from the half-angry, deeply perplexed state of mind, regarding this strange creature that has stolen into his house and begged for care, comes to be deeply interested, and then love suddenly steals into his heart, striking with its first strong emotion, all care for convention, for anything in the big world but Carlotta, for Sir Marcus proves quite human, and philosophers have been known to love.

Especially good is the brilliant dialogue which reflects the hand of the famous novelist, to the author of this charming story and play.

Miss Leone was delightfully winning in the role of Carlotta. The manner in which she shows the awakening of real love in the soul of the child, was suggested by Miss Leone with skillful art, and it is doubtful if she has done anything better than the characterization of this Syrian wail. She received the warmest kind of a welcome on her first appearance, and was compelled by the insistent demands of the large audience, to step out of the character and acknowledge the greetings, which she did in a few well chosen words.

Mr. Del. Lawrence does Sir Marcus Ordeyne, and his conception of the titled, conservative Englishman, who suddenly finds himself with a half-grown child from the mystic east on his hands, stands out as one of the clearest cut pieces of portraiture that this actor has done here. V. T. Henderson is excellent as Sebastian Pasquale, an Italian fond of adventure and love affairs. Louis Wilson, as Wilfred, a French-Canadian, who seeks what fate gives him. The role of Antoinette gives Miss D'Avra her chance and her characterization of the old maid with a bounty of affection that extends even to a cat is markedly good.

"The Morals of Marcus" is a play that teaches in the end its own lesson, not by moral precept, but by a pretty story well told. There are many characters and all without exception finely presented. Some stunning gowns were shown by Miss Leone and the other ladies of the company and the stage settings were in thorough keeping.

Orpheum.

Gertie Carlisle and her Seven Sweethearts; Minetti and Siddell, the ludicrous comedians, and Paul Stephens share the stellar honors at the Orpheum this week.

Miss Carlisle is petite and charmingly amusing, and her seven sweethearts make a good foil for her. She is a sweet singer and a clever dancer, and her auditors laugh as much with her as at her. Her dancing won many recalls and her singing, especially in the "Bug-aboo" song, was plausibly pleasing. The men who are associated with her have good voices and their ensemble singing adds much to the success of the act. Their rendition of "The Bunch of Shamrock" was particularly good. The splendid stage setting given this turn is also worthy of mention.

Ludicrous is the world most applicable to the entertainment afforded by Minetti and Siddell. In many ways they are knockout comedians of the old school, but the audience never seems to lose interest while they hold the stage. Comedy is not all that enters into their act. They do some acrobatic work that at times keeps the audience thrilled with expectancy to be followed by outbursts of applause when clever and daring

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George Barr McCutic MacGrath have the need to be reminded Frenchwoman flourishes retaining line while Harold were youths, recall and those who reminded "Under Two

still be a rare delight matic form it has to warm-blooded appeal. Consequently it falls Shirley with her tabl the noble melodrama, arette and Bertie Co mance come true, is piece of work, Miss actresses of rare charm power and she brings the little "daughter of just the qualities nece audience to highest ei "Under Two Flags" mounted. In fact it and most elaborate p seen on a local vaude wild ride of Cigarette horse, being of its achievement for va Shirley's supporting c competent one and t in every respect is not

Second honors ar Arthur May and Sunr their clever running i sketch "A Limb of the dancing of "The Reut an especial delight to "Miss Julie Ring, pr smartly gowned, is with a delightful perfo sketch "The Man Sho adapted French farce many amusing lines a

Miss Louise DeFoggi and prattles most ente the Three Flying Kays casting act. This we bill is a capital one Graham has been high its excellent and varie

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Will Total About a MILL It Is Said

Toronto, July 21.—The late Edward C. Cox, general manager of the Insurance Company, who has not yet been tied to the surrogate court, the possession of the Natio which is acting as adm it is stated upon good the estate totals some not the very much larg to the deceased. The p to reach the succession next week. Mr. Cox's fo reaty estimated at ten

Manitoba Elers Winnipeg, July 21.—A negotiations which hav ing between the Manitob and the Grain Growers G there is every probabili company will continue under lease the Manitobr long to the governme contract expires on Aug is understood that the Grain Company is wil the franchise under cert already submitted.

Penitentiary En Kingston, Ont., July 21 make a personal inves C. J. Doherty, minister visit the penitentiary the dismissal of the