

# 1920 Diary of Sir Horace Curzon Plunkett (1854–1932)

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## NOTES

*‘There was nothing wrong with my head, but only with my handwriting, which has often caused difficulties.’*

Horace Plunkett, *Irish Homestead*, 30 July 1910

### Conventions

In order to reflect the manuscript as completely and accurately as possible and to retain its original ‘flavour’, Plunkett’s spelling, punctuation, capitalisation and amendments have been reproduced unless otherwise indicated. The conventions adopted for transcription are outlined below.

1) Common titles (usually with an underscored superscript in the original) have been standardised with full stops: Archbp. (Archbishop), Bp. (Bishop), Capt./Capt’n., Col., Fr. (Father), Gen./Gen’l, Gov./Gov’r (Governor), Hon. (Honourable), Jr., Ld., Mr., Mrs., Mgr. (Monsignor), Dr., Prof./Prof’r., Rev’d.

2) Unclear words for which there is a ‘best guess’ are preceded by a query (e.g. ?battle) in transcription; alternative transcriptions are expressed as ?bond/band.

3) Illegible letters are represented, as nearly as possible, by hyphens (e.g. b----t)

4) Any query (?) that does not *immediately* precede a word appears in the original manuscript unless otherwise indicated.

5) Punctuation (or lack of)

- Commas have been inserted only to reduce ambiguity. ‘Best guess’ additions appear as [,].
- Apostrophes have been inserted in:
  - surnames beginning with O (e.g. O’Hara)
  - negative contractions (e.g. can’t, don’t, won’t, didn’t)
  - possessives, to clarify context (e.g. Adams’ house; Adam’s house). However, Plunkett commonly indicates the plural of surnames ending in ‘s’ by an apostrophe (e.g. Yeats’).
- Initials preceding names reflect the original as nearly as possible (e.g. TP Gill, T.P. Gill, T P Gill, T. P. Gill).
- Plunkett’s symbols for ‘about’, ‘therefore’ and the ‘long (double) s’ have been expanded.

6) Text in parentheses ( ) is Plunkett’s; text in brackets [ ] is editorial.

7) Capitalisation, particularly of the letter C and common nouns, is inconsistent and has been retained if unambiguous.

8) Words crossed out in the original are usually reproduced in the transcript, as their frequency or content may indicate Plunkett’s thinking at the time.

9) Cd (could), wd (would), wh: (which) and Plunkett’s symbol for ‘about’ and ‘therefore’ have been expanded; the ‘long f’ (J) has been expanded to ‘ss’.

10) Approximate monetary equivalents were derived and adapted from Lawrence H. Officer and Samuel H. Williamson, “Five Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a UK Pound Amount, 1830 to Present”, and Samuel H. Williamson, “Seven Ways to Compute the Relative Value of a U.S. Dollar Amount, 1774 to Present”, [www.measuringworth.com](http://www.measuringworth.com), 2011. The index used was the Gross Domestic Product Deflator, a measure of average prices covering a ‘bundle’ of all goods and services produced in an economy (making it broader than just the consumer goods in the Retail Price Index). Figures

rounded to the nearest £ or \$. See website for alternative and more detailed measures of relative worth.

Although great care has been taken to ensure accuracy, some misinterpretations will inevitably have occurred in transcription. For clarification, readers are advised to consult microfilm copies of the diaries available in several libraries.

## ***Correspondence***

The diaries are associated with, and cross-referenced to, an alphabetical indexed collection of nearly 4000 items of correspondence donated to the Plunkett Foundation in the years following Sir Horace's death.

- Letters with an identifiable date are noted beside the diary entry for the corresponding day. Letters attributable to only a particular year or month are indicated at the beginning of the relevant section.
- Letters sent by Plunkett appear in Roman type, alphabetically by addressee (e.g. To Balfour, Arthur); letters received by Plunkett appear in italics, alphabetically by sender (e.g. *Fr Balfour, Arthur*).
- Letters between correspondents other than Plunkett appear in parenthesis and are filed with the letters of the first-named correspondent: (*Fr Balfour, Arthur to House, E.M.*).
- If, for some reason, a letter between two correspondents is filed with neither recipient nor sender, the file location is indicated: (*Fr Anderson, R.A. [BAL]*).

For additional holdings, see <http://www.nra.nationalarchives.gov.uk/nra/searches/> (National Register of Archives) and Archives in 'Plunkett, Sir Horace Curzon (1854–1932)', Bull, P., *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford University Press) 2006.

## ***Abbreviations***

1) Frequently occurring abbreviations and contractions:

### **Names**

Æ	George William Russell	JGB	John George Butcher
AJB	Arthur James Balfour	KW	Karl Walter
EVL	Ernest V. Longworth	Lady B	Lady Elizabeth (Betty) Balfour
F / Fs	Fingall / Fingalls	LI.G.	David Lloyd George
GBS	George Bernard Shaw	RAA	Robert Andrew Anderson
GH	Gerald Heard	SHB	Samuel Henry Butcher
GWB	Gerald William Balfour		

### **Organisations**

AAOS	American Agricultural Organisation Society	IH	<i>Irish Homestead</i>
AOS	Agricultural Organisation Society	IS	<i>Irish Statesman</i>
AOS & SHL	Allotments Organisations Society and Small Holders Ltd.	IIA	Irish Industries Association
BB Co	Berthon Boat Company	IRA	Irish Reconstruction Ass'n./ Irish Republican Army (depending on context)
CDB	Congested Districts Board	IUA	Irish Unionist Alliance
CWS	Co-operative Wholesale Society	K St Club/K.S.C.	Kildare Street Club
DATI	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction	NAOS	National Agricultural Organization Society
FO	Foreign Office	NFU	National Farmers Union
H of C	House of Commons	RDS	Royal Dublin Society
HPF	Horace Plunkett Foundation	RIC	Royal Irish Constabulary
IAOS	Irish Agricultural Organisation Society	TCD	Trinity College, Dublin
IAWS	Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society	UAOS	Ulster Agricultural Organisation Society
ICAS	Irish Co-operative Agency Society	UI	United Irishwomen
IDL	Irish Dominion League	UP	Union Pacific
		Wyo Dev Co	Wyoming Development
		WO	War Office

## General

&c	etcetera (etc.)	Gt	Great
a/c a/cs	account/s	HR	Home Rule
ADC	aide-de-camp	Inst/Inst:/Inst'n	Instruction
agricl / agric'l	agricultural	I.Q.	Irish Question
ag / agric're	agriculture	legisl'n	legislation
Amer'n	American	Ltd.	Limited
ass'n / assoc'n	association	moted	motored
ass't	assistant	MP	Member of Parliament
betw'n	between	Mov't	movement
bd	board	Nat / Nat'l	National
CC (by context)	Catholic curate	Nat's	Nationalists
	Cricket Club	o'c	o'clock
	County Councillor	Parl / Parl't	Parliament
Ch: Sec	Chief Secretary	parl'y	parliamentary
coll / coll:	college	PP	parish priest
co / co.	company or county	Powder R	Powder River
com'n/comm'n	commission	Pres't	President
Conv'n/Conv'tn	Convention	Prot	Protestant
coop/coop:	co-operative	Qn	Question
coop'n	co-operation	RC	Roman Catholic
ct'e/c'tee/c'tte/ com'tee	committee	Rel'n / Rel'ns	Relation/s
DD	Doctor of Divinity	RR	Railroad
dep't	department	R'y	Railway
Do / do	ditto	Sec / Sec'y	Secretary
ed'n / educ'n	education	Soc'y	Society
Eng'd	England	SS	steamship
Ex / Exs	Excellency/ Excellencies (usu. Lord Lieutenant)	TD	Teachtaí Delai (representatives in lower house of Dail)
exhib'n	exhibition	Tech/Tech:/Tec'l	technical
gen'l	general		
gov't	government		

N.B. The apostrophe in a contraction usually indicates that in Plunkett's handwriting the word ended with underscored superscript letters (e.g. Parl<sup>x</sup> is transcribed as Parl'y).

2) Less frequent or ambiguous contractions are expanded in brackets for clarity and easier reading (e.g. rec[eive]d, originally handwritten "rec<sup>d</sup>"). If the same usage occurs in close proximity, the expanded version is generally not repeated.

## 1920

### Events:

Mar – First RIC Black and Tans arrive from England

21-4 Jul – Disturbances in Belfast; expulsions of Catholics from shipyards and engineering works

### **Jun – First series Irish Statesman ceases publication**

Jul – First RIC Auxiliaries arrive

### **Co-operative creameries repeatedly attacked by Black and Tans**

25 Oct – Lord Mayor of Cork dies on hunger strike in Brixton prison

21 Nov – ‘Bloody Sunday’ in Dublin

11-12 Dec – Burning of Cork by Black and Tans

23 Dec – Government of Ireland Act (Home Rule) passes, provides for subordinate parliaments and administrations at Dublin and Belfast

### Publications:

- “Irish Situation Discussed by Sir Horace Plunkett” (dictated ‘interview’), *Christian Science Monitor*, 16 Feb, p. 1

- *The Irish Situation in America, at Westminster and in Ireland* (Dublin) 40 pp.; also in *Irish Statesman*, 1st series, II:4 (13 Mar), supplement, pp. 7

- Introductory note to “The Jew and the Land”, William Kirsch, *Bulletin of the American Association for Agricultural Legislation*, No. 7, May

- “Questions for the Patriotic Irishman” (letter), *The Spectator*, 19 Jun, pp. 822-3

- *The Peace Conference and After* (Irish Dominion League circular, Sep.)

- *England’s Irish Policy During and After the War* (Dublin) 11 pp. (reprint of two letters to *The Times*, 8 & 17 Nov

- *Irish Homestead*:

Letter to Editor re international agric’l co-operative conference, XXVII:11 (13 Mar), p. 182

“The Destruction of the Creameries”, reprint of 19 Aug letter to Sir Hamar Greenwood, XVII:35 (28 Aug), p. 646

“The Wrecking of Creameries”, reprint of 26 Aug letter to Sir Hamar Greenwood, XXVII:36 (4 Sep), pp. 662, 664

“The Burning of Creameries”, reprint of 18 Sep letter to Sir Wm. Rycroft, XXVII:39 (25 Sep), pp. 712, 714

- *Irish Statesman*:

Address to a banquet in his honour, 4 Mar in Dublin, 1st series II:4, (13 Mar), supplement

“The Lesson of Kilmallock” (unsigned), *IS*, vol. II:50 (5 Jun), p. 532

Letter to W.A. Duncan, *IS*, vol. II:51 (12 Jun), p. 575

“*Vale Atque Ave*” [Farewell and Hail], 1st series, II:52 (19 Jun), pp. 577-8

- *Irish Times*:

“An Irish Settlement” (letter), 11 Mar, p. 6

“An Irish Settlement”, 6 Aug, p. 6

- *The Times*:

“Coercion & Crime” (letter), 29 Mar, p. 10

“The Irish Bill: A Venture without Precedent” (letter), 31 Mar, p. 10

“Irish Chaos – A Demoralizing Impasse” (letter), 2 Jun, pp. 17-8; reprinted as “Irish Chaos: the British Cause and the Irish Cure”, (Dublin) pp. 8

Letter to the Editor, 26 Jul, p. 10

“Irish Creameries: The Continuance of Reprisals” (letter), 7 Sep, p. 6; reprinted in *Irish Homestead*, XXVII:37 (11 Sep), pp. 678, 680

“Party Politics – What They Have Done for Ireland” (*Sunday Times*), 10 Oct, p. 10

“Irish Creameries – The Demand for Redress” (letter), 26 Oct, p. 11; reprinted in *Irish Homestead*, XXVII:44 (30 Oct), pp. 792, 794

“Irish Policy – ‘The Result of Broken Pledges’” (letter), 8 Nov, p. 8

“Chances of Mutual Concessions – A Nuclear Association” (letter), 18 Nov, p. 8

### Government:

*President of Dáil Éireann*: Eamon de Valera (Sinn Féin)

*Prime Minister*: David Lloyd George (Liberal/Conservative coalition)

*Chief Secretary*: James Ian Macpherson to 2 April, Sir James Hamar Greenwood

*Lord Lieutenant*: Viscount French

**Approximate monetary equivalents** (2010): £1= £35; \$1 = \$9

<b>Correspondence [Notes]</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>Diary Entry</b>
<i>Fr Balfour, Lady Betty (n.d. – re destruction of creameries)</i>		
<i>(Fr Bryce, James to Fingall, Lady Elizabeth (Daisy))</i>	1 Jan, Thu	After a poor night reached Battle Creek in a snowstorm & near zero temperature. A ruffian of a reporter who failed to get a ‘story’ out of me in New York reported me dead. Whereupon my London lawyers cable the Proprietor of the Sanitarium as my “personal representatives” to know what is being done about my remains.  I am very depressed from insomnia and drugs to get dearly bought sleep. I shall have a miserable couple of weeks getting rid (I hope) of both.
	2 Jan, Fri	Dr. Kellogg took my case & then handed it over to Dr. Knapp – a good man I think but not as sympathetic as Dr. Riley who is away – they put me to bed for a rest cure, on a milk diet. Began with an almost sleepless night.  My obituary notices appeared in all the London & I presume other British & Irish papers yesterday!
	3 Jan, Sat	A miserable day without any drugs. Nervous irritation. Worried with wires & cables.
	4 Jan, Sun	All day in bed. After a sleepless night they decided to try Veronal 2 gr[ains] at 7, 8 & 9 P.M.
	5 Jan, Mon	Another sleepless night and violent diarrhoea, the result of giving up morphia.
	6 Jan, Tue	Conditions the same but less acute. A lady journalist came from Detroit for New York American – a Hearst paper. I refused to see her. Then she put me 17 written questions to answer about Ireland. Still obdurate. I daresay I shall be killed again, or made to answer the 17 questions & many others in that unscrupulous journal.
	7 Jan, Wed	Still in bed on milk diet. Very weak but getting over the worst of the nervous irritation.
	8 Jan, Thu	Got up and felt very woe begone.
	9 Jan, Fri	[No entry]
Fr Bryce, James	10 Jan, Sat	Resting
	11 Jan, Sun	Resting
Fr Bryce, James Fr Dublin Chess Club	12 Jan, Mon	Resting.
	13 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	14 Jan, Wed	[No entry]
	15 Jan, Thu	Sleeping better but not yet independent of drugs. Decided stay another week.
	16 Jan, Fri	Partly in missionary spirit, more in gratitude to the Sanitarium I spoke on the Irish situation in the Parlor to a good audience for 1¼ hours! It was a terrific effort helped with drugs & perhaps not justified. But I worked out a new attitude to the Irish situation – the recognition of the elimination of all political forces in Ireland except the Northern & Southern extremes and the necessity for

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		<p>setting up a body of moderate opinion. This is obviously then the Irish Dominion settlement &amp; for this I must work. I must as soon as I feel fit for work try to get support in America for the I.D.L. &amp; Irish Statesman.</p> <p>Wired Doheny when would he be in New York &amp; he replied possibly about middle Feb[ruary]!</p>
<i>Fr National Board of Farm Organisations</i>	17 Jan, Sat	<p>K. Walter joined me and we decided not to go home before Feb 14 by Adriatic.</p> <p>Heard from Bryan that Raymond Barker had summoned him on Jan 1st &amp; told him the contents of my will.</p>
<i>Fr National Board of Farm Organisations</i>	18 Jan, Sun – 20 Jan, Tue	[No entry]
	21 Jan, Wed	Wm. K. Michael of the Reciprocal News Service (Kansas City) came to discuss work on the Irish Question.
	22 Jan, Thu	<p>Decided to employ Michael to get support for Dominion Plan from representative Americans &amp; spent the day briefing him.</p> <p>Conrad Young arrived.</p> <p>Walter spoke on America &amp; England in the Parlor very well. He dealt chiefly with England's method of handling Labor problems common to both countries.</p>
	23 Jan, Fri	Michael left.
[gap in original]	24 Jan, Sat	Conference with Judge Lacy of Detroit (who had got his partner Mr.        to arrange an interview with Ford in Detroit on Monday or Tuesday on my way to N.Y.), James Cleary Battle Creek lawyer, formerly a Co. Tipperary cooperater, & Walter about an Irish propaganda. If I see Ford it may lead to cash for the I.D.L. In any case it will lead to a propaganda in Michigan.
	25 Jan, Sun	I have now finished by Battle Creek cure & am not cured. My nerves are badly damaged and I fear I shall never get them quite right again. But I am much better than when I came.
	26 Jan, Mon	<p>Left Battle Creek alone 20 hours in advance of Walter to spend 24 hours at Detroit where I am to try Henry Ford for Irish work. A very upsetting beginning. Great difficulty in getting into a Hotel &amp; missed connections with the people (unknown to me) I was to have met tonight, Irish lawyers Judge Lacy had wired &amp; telephoned to.</p> <p>Not discovered by Press, however.</p>
	27 Jan, Tue	<p>Henry Ford's car arrived (an hour late) at 11 A.M. &amp; jolted me out to the Tractor works at Dearborn of which I saw nothing as I spent my whole time with Ford, E.G. Liebold, his private secretary and Judge Alfred Murphy one of his lawyers in the office. They were all bitterly anti Sinn Fein and very angry with those Americans who support an Irish Republic. But Murphy was almost Carsonite! "Ireland should have gone into the war when we did instead of plotting with Germany." This made me angry and I replied that the American war record was much worse than the Irish.</p> <p>Ford was interesting. He is a genius in mechanical invention &amp; in business organisation. His education is narrow I should say but he is capable of broad views. His impulsiveness has survived even</p>

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		<p>his "Peace Ship". He is a <u>good listener</u>. I purposely based every aspect of my mission upon Rural civilisation. His car is the John the Baptist to his Messiah the Tractor: "The only thing that worries me is how to fill up all the time the farmers will have on their hands when they utilise machinery. They must have some other occupation."</p> <p>He told me (not for repetition) that he was going right ahead at Cork where he found the labour quite as good as anywhere. He will make tractors for the U.K. &amp; the continent there.</p>
	28 Jan, Wed	<p>Arrived at Godkins shortly after noon &amp; found mountainous correspondence and a pile of obituary notices from the Old Country papers of Jan. 1st &amp; contradictions in those of Jan. 2nd.</p> <p>Dined with the Foreign Press Bureau of which I found I was a British Associate! Had a very interesting talk on the Irish Question as a factor in Anglo-American relations. Walter was with me &amp; was pleased with what I said.</p>
	29 Jan, Thu	<p>McCarthy &amp; his wife called early &amp; he gave me a most interesting account of the Sinn Fein organisation in Washington. They have large funds and a splendid Press agency. They are in close touch with Congress &amp; are unquestionably a powerful factor in <del>the</del> blocking the League of Nations.</p> <p>Dined with J S Cullinan and had a long discussion on the Irish Question in U.S.A. I think he will help the I.D.L.</p>
<i>Fr National Board of Farm Organisations</i>	30 Jan, Fri	<p>Mostly preparing for speech tomorrow. Dined with Ernest Poole &amp; met many of the New Republic crowd. Was dull.</p>
	31 Jan, Sat	<p>The League of Free Nations Assoc'n's luncheon was held in a huge banqueting Hall at the Hotel Commodore. It was a \$2.00 ticket meeting &amp; about 750 people, sexes about equal, or perhaps 3/5ths female (now voting). I refused to come in for the lunch. When I arrived de Valera had already arranged the order of the speaking. He was to open &amp; close – the Chairman Lawson Purdy, explaining to me that this was fair as St. J Ervine would support me. I was struck with de Valera's fighting spirit but did not feel convinced that he was sincere. He spoke poorly considering his practice. He rather formulated than argued the case for an Irish Republic in his opening statement. I followed but managed my time badly. I was told by the Chairman I had only 5 minutes more when I was about half through. I was conciliatory &amp; constructive and had a great ovation. St. J Ervine was too bellicose. After attacking de V. he called upon him to join hands all round &amp;c. He was clever &amp; perhaps helped in giving those who came to see a row a little satisfaction.</p> <p>J.S. Cullinan was present &amp; sat next to Walter. He drove me home and I got to his mind. He wants to help &amp; get help for my Irish plan. <u>But</u> it must subserve the ends of 'big business'. So I must show that the Irish are not Bolshevists.</p> <p>There called on me at the Century Club in the evening Robert Wilberforce with Monsignor The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kelley, Ed[ito]r of Extension Magazine (the biggest R.C. circulation 300,000), Lemoyne B-. Chicago. He was <u>very able</u>. On the Church's support of S[in].F[ain]. he was frank. S.F. is winning. Its policy is absurd and if there were any organisation with a good alternative it would smash S.F. in America &amp; then the R.C.</p>

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		Church could support it. The most interesting thing he said was that Eastern Canada will undoubtedly become French because the French families are large the Anglo-Saxon small. Western Canada will become more & more American owing to its cheap land attraction.
	1 Feb, Sun	<p>Conrad Young for final business talk. Francis Hackett (to whom a very straight talk upon his political behaviour – he supports de Valera blindly or rather with his eyes purposely shut) and Gifford Pinchot for 1½ hours (he having come from Philadelphia to see me before going to Florida to recover from slight pneumonia which has obviously shaken him) upon the superiority of economic &amp; social work, in his &amp; my case, over political.</p> <p>Took 3 P.M. train to Boston. Engine trouble. I was in hot storage 10½ hours &amp; arrived after 2 A.M. at Lowell's.</p>
[gap in original]	2 Feb, Mon	<p>Lunched with Mrs. Cunningham, Godkin's friend, who if all had gone right would have make [<i>sic</i>] him her second husband, and discussed his affairs to no conclusion.</p> <p>Wrote many letters with the help of that excellent stenographer of Lowell's Miss Dwyer. She had become a violent Sinn Feiner not as an Irish R.C., nor in anger with the Government so much as from the infection of race hatred. "The intolerant assumption of supremacy, the contempt with which they regard us" &amp; so forth. I shall probably get her back as far as Dominionism.</p> <p>Saw Wm. F Fitzgerald who got me into a mess last year &amp; he is to get some business men to meet me. He is scared in his pocket.</p> <p>Bp. Williams of Michigan, Sidgwick Ed[ito]r of the Prof'r. Munro (History) &amp; Miss F Curtis dined. All are moving towards Sinn Fein.</p>
[Calvin Coolidge became US Vice-President in 1920; President 1923-9]	3 Feb, Tue	<p>Wrote a long letter to J S Cullinan asking him to help the Dominion Plan financially.</p> <p>Lunched with Mrs. Fanny Curtis to meet a Judge Sullivan whom I converted from S.F. to Dominion. Called on the Governor of Mass[achusetts] Coolidge a cold, shrewd politician. To dine Frederick Dixon, Ed[itor] Christian Science Monitor. He promised to give me help in his paper if I would give him an "exclusive" peg to hang articles on.</p>
	4 Feb, Wed	<p>In the morning Wm. F. Fitzgerald 'phoned me that the business men he had asked to meet me at lunch feared to be seen with me, such a tyranny had S.F. established over priests &amp; politicians. But they would meet privately and consider any document I put before them! He was very apologetic &amp; ashamed. I told him I quite understood &amp; got to work on a document. It took me the whole day &amp; I could not get it typed in time to sign it before I left at midnight for N.Y.</p> <p>A professor J.D.M. Ford (son of a Fenian refugee &amp; strong Nationalist) with whom I had a talk on the Irish situation agreed with my views &amp; offered not only to correct the typescript but to take it himself to Fitzgerald. I am not sure that I have not accomplished my purpose.</p> <p>Called on Mrs. Osgood, a wonderful old lady, Mrs. Erskine</p>



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		Childers' mother. More talks with Lowell who is with me on Irish policy now. He reminded me of his prophecies about the collapse of Wilson who in April 1918 had told Taft & him that Germany could not be beaten!
<i>Fr National Board of Farm Organisations</i>	5 Feb, Thu	<p>Arrived in an awful snowstorm – taxis being as unobtainable as gondolas. Got to 36 W. 10 &amp; met Walter. We went together to lunch with Cullinan who was stirred up by my letter of 3rd. He wants to help &amp; went into details. But Wall St. is in a frenzy. The £ down to \$3.19 yesterday.</p> <p>Met P.J. O'Farrell who promised £100 for the I.S.</p> <p>Dined with New Republic crowd. They were not interesting.</p>
	6 Feb, Fri	<p>Lunched with W F Bullock of the Times &amp; Daily Mail to meet John Quinn. The latter is very keen to help me with rich men in N.Y. &amp; made some excellent suggestions.</p> <p>Dined with James Byrne to say goodbye to Mrs. Byrne who leaves for France tomorrow.</p>
[Skibo – Carnegie's Scottish castle]	7 Feb, Sat	<p>At Breakfast with Poynton at Brevoort met Allen T Burns who wanted me to advise upon a plan for [incomplete]</p> <p>Two very interesting interviews – with Col. House, Walter present &amp; Mrs. Carnegie, young Root (her lawyer) &amp; Poynton present.</p> <p>House (whose talk I told Walter to record) told us the history of his Peace Conf[er]ence policy. He backed Wilson[']s linking of Peace Treaty &amp; Covenant but wished to follow the 1871 precedent &amp; make a rapid peace with Germany – army, navy, rough outlines (i.e. minimum) of territorial concessions, maximum of indemnities &amp;c. This could have been done in a few weeks and then the allied representatives could have taken a rest &amp; returned later to the economic readjustments. Had this been done the world could have got back to business and the inter-Allied debts would have been regarded as war costs in beating Germany. As things developed at Paris it became a Peace Treaty betw'n the Allies!</p> <p>There is a complete breach betw'n the Colonel &amp; the White House the barrier probably being Mrs. Wilson whose jealousy of the Col.'s influence would doubtless be fostered in her breast by Tumulty.</p> <p>House thinks Hoover still a possible Democratic nominee (he can no longer get the Republican nomination) &amp; he would back him if he approved the platform. McAdoo is too busy making money to have Presidential ambitions. No other Democrat yet in sight. Lowden probably Republican nominee.</p> <p>Walter asked House if he would accept if asked &amp; he made the usual denial. But he was very interesting on the office &amp; how he would run it.</p> <p>Mrs. Carnegie consulted me upon the disposal of Skibo. She is prepared to <u>give</u> it to a public purpose and I outlined to her a scheme of a Rural life institute in the building and a cooperative self-supporting colony upon the lands. She was delighted but I do not know whether the dream will last!</p>
<i>Fr Wilson, Mrs. Woodrow</i>	8 Feb, Sun	Dined with Ray Stannard Baker (an <u>honest</u> journalist) who is a bit

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		<p>too pro-Wilson but otherwise very informing. He is working for the Evening Post &amp; may be sent to Ireland. He is sound on Ireland &amp; might help towards an understanding of Dominionism.</p> <p>Lunched with Pritchett &amp; called on Helen Armstrong (née Byrne) in a Hospital.</p> <p>Night train to Washington.</p>
<p>[S]</p> <p>[Billy Sunday – fiery fundamentalist evangelical preacher]</p> <p>[<i>a fortiori</i> – even stronger reason]</p>	<p>9 Feb, Mon</p>	<p>Walter &amp; I were put up at the Cosmos Club and began our day with a couple of hours at Nat. Bd. of Farm Organisations. Lyman &amp; Holman were there but so also was Charles F [sic] Barrett &amp; two other agric'l leaders of sorts. I spoke fundamental principle &amp; Barrett harangued à la Billy Sunday.</p> <p>Lunched with Willert who is giving up the Times job. He thinks the Irish situation has gone so far that it is doubtful whether a Dominion settlement would now be accepted. He was eloquent on the inefficiency of the Americans, a common and not wholly unjust criticism.</p> <p>Called on Mrs. Wilson at the White House whom [I] had told I should like to see. She received me to a tête à tête tea. I gathered that the President was still very ill. She did not say so, but she excused his refusal to see Grey when he was leaving on the ground that if he did this he would a fortiori have to see the ambassadors &amp; ministers who were here all the time. A pleasant undistinguished lady, with no intellectual gifts but lots of common sense. I spoke nicely of House, admiringly of Hoover. She agreed but did not rise.</p> <p>Dined with the Arthur Bullards &amp; met the Hoovers. He is <u>very</u> able and I made up my mind that he would make the best President of all the possibles. I think he will get there. I talked agriculture coop'n to him. He like everyone else I have talked to agrees that the Anglo-American feeling is worse than ever &amp; thinks England mad not to settle the Irish Question.</p>
	<p>10 Feb, Tue</p>	<p>A talk with Samuel; Gompers (to whom later I wrote, at his suggestion, the substance of our conversation) on Labor &amp; cooperation &amp; the advisability of organised labor &amp; organised agriculture getting together to fight the high cost of living.</p> <p>Lunched with Senator Arthur Capper at the Senate. Met Senator Warren &amp; talked old Wyoming days. Also Senator Walsh of Massachusetts who told Walter that (though he leads for de Valera in Mass[achusetts] &amp; at Washington) he is for Dominion Home Rule.</p> <p>Worked at the Nat[ional]. Bd. of Farm Organisations. Called on Senator Phelan of California who told me he was for Dominion Home Rule but could not say so till after the election! Left at midnight after seeing many people, getting few fresh impressions but confirming the gloomy ones I had formed of the political situation over here as it affects the peace of the world including Ireland!</p>
	<p>11 Feb, Wed</p>	<p>Back to N.Y. &amp; worked for Irish Statesman. Cullinan had George E. Roberts of the City Bank to meet me at dinner. He was very sympathetic &amp; will advise Irishmen who consult him to help me. Most of day struggling with accumulated arrears of correspondence.</p>

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Fr Bryce, James [alternative spelling of Korea]	12 Feb, Thu	<p>Robertson Scott, now a journalist in the Far East, called &amp; told me that Corea is being treated by Japan exactly as Ireland by Britain. I must ask him to elaborate by letter.</p> <p>S.K. Ratcliffe, very interesting English Radical journalist, called with Walter.</p> <p>Had a conference at Cullinan's rooms, J Quinn, JJ Hayes with two New Orange Nationalists present. We got the exact situation on "The Oranges" of Sinn Fein. Supported by the masses under political and R.C. pressure and under mortal protest. Knowledge of the Dominion plan would immediately result in a swing of opinion.</p> <p>Quinn &amp; Cullinan differed as to method of running a campaign for the I.D.L. the former preferring secrecy the latter publicity. Sullivan, however, promised me £1000 for the purposes of the I.S. but said he would not go further without a plan he could approve.</p>
	13 Feb, Fri	<p>Had an hour on the Irish Dominion League with John D Ryan millionaire Copper King (Anaconda Copper Mining Co. 42 Broadway). A fine fellow. Refuses to subscribe to de Valera but is fiercely hostile to the British Gov't &amp; has been very near coming out for the Irish Republic. I left him with the papers – my speech, the Pope Hennessy pamphlet, the Amer'n number of the I.S. (Dec 13). I think he will come in later.</p> <p>Met Ernest Barker at a very learned supper at the Faculty Club, Columbia University. We both spoke – he well, I poorly – on labor cooperation &amp;c. I dealt with the subject in its Irish bearings, he in its English. C.E. Delbos came to see me. I called on B. Cockran at his office &amp; we were not friendly.</p>
<p>[“Irish Situation Discussed by Sir Horace Plunkett”, <i>Christian Science Monitor</i> (16 Feb), p. 1]</p> <p>[<i>tote coelo</i> – entirely, utterly]</p>	14 Feb, Sat	<p>The usual desperate rush. At 9 A.M. I dictated a long interview (questions and answers) to the Christian Science Monitor reporter. I condemned Lloyd George's Bill (reserving judgment, if it should differ <i>tote coelo</i> from his speech of Dec 22) and argued the Dominion plan. Got Walter to put my baggage on board the Adriatic &amp; dictated a dozen letters at Byrne's office. Cabled (in response to cable from Cruise O'Brien) naming “about March 4” for a meeting of the I.D.L. Then dragged my weary limbs on board the big ship. It was crowded as never before in my travels. I got a good room (rather noisy) but no bath – they were all taken by profiteers &amp;c.</p> <p>I feel I have given the Dominion solution a big lift. But I do not know whether I can ‘put it over’. I fear the task is beyond my strength.</p>
	15 Feb, Sun	<p>295 At table 2 White Star chiefs, the second Lady Ashburton (of the variety stage), Hon. Horace Woodhouse (son of Ld. Terrington, a good Liberal lawyer who did good service in Food controls &amp;c but I think should have served in army) an interesting fellow, Sir George Parish who has been gassing rather on economics in U.S. &amp; Maitland Kersey whom I dislike rather.</p> <p>Moreton Frewen on board.</p>
	16 Feb, Mon	380 Met Ian Hay Beith & told him what I thought of his <i>The Oppressed English</i> a tirade against the Irish! A nice fellow.
	17 Feb, Tue	386 Met Perry Belmont – a bore, but interesting reminiscences of

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		Congress 3 or 4 decades ago.
	18 Feb, Wed	396 Have failed to sleep without drugs. Minimal morphia, an aspirin & Veronal, with daily bromide all failing to get sleep except the morphia 1/12th gr[ain].
	19 Feb, Thu	380 A talk with Sir George Parish on the Irish Question. He sees the enormous importance of a settlement and would have England ultra-generous in the financial terms of which he speaks with some authority.
	20 Feb, Fri	360 J.J. Broderick for some time commercial member of the staff of the B[ritish] Embassy at Washington spoke hopefully about Irish commercial prospects under Home Rule.
	21 Feb, Sat	352
	22 Feb, Sun	382 – 263 to Cherbourg.
	23 Feb, Mon	<p>Cherbourg 9 AM, Southampton 3 PM, London 7 PM. In train Capt. Ian Hay Beith to whom I spoke frankly on Anglo-American-Irish situation and hope put him wise on the heresies of his clever anti-Irish book “The Oppressed English”.</p> <p>At Waterloo Monteagle, Henry Harrison, Mrs. Walter &amp; ?Bryan, Gerald Heard and Curtain. Found a mountain of letters. Called on Mary &amp; Conny &amp; got Tom Ponsonby on telephone. Chief news in a long letter from R.A.A. – a jeremiad over the Irish Statesman – and one from Cruise O’Brien &amp; Daisy. They are getting up a dinner to me to boom the Irish Dominion League. But the chief promoters are one Mercier whom nobody knows and E.A. Aston whom nobody trusts. Daisy doubts whether I should accept.</p> <p>The Times contained a good letter from Monteagle and the news of a military sentence of 3 years p[enal].s[ervitude]. for Bob Barton.</p>
[query in original]	24 Feb, Tue	<p>Started work with my new Sec’y Gerald Heard. Monteagle, H Harrison, the Pope Hennessys &amp; Agnew came during the day. I went to House of Commons to see Shortt about the monstrous sentence of 3 years penal servitude to Bob Barton. He agreed absolutely with me &amp; ordered the Home office to report <u>to me</u> on the prisoners behaviour (?hunger striking) and condition and forward a letter to B.B. in which I personally requested him to postpone (or suspend) hunger-striking until Tuesday in order that I may have time to see members of the Government.</p> <p>Saw in House of Commons Devlin, W. Redmond, MacVeagh &amp; TP O’Connor who told me he had received £15 for writing my obituary for the Daily Telegraph. I gather it did not appear as he says they will keep it for my next death.</p> <p>Met “our Nancy” (Lady Astor) at H of C. She was clever &amp; “braight” “good life” (Western Bourgoisese [<i>sic</i>]) as ever.</p>
	25 Feb, Wed	Met Tom Ponsonby at Carlton Club & found him less intransigent [ <i>sic</i> ]. Saw Phillips at F.O. with Walter & had a good talk about the American situation as affected by the I.Q. Saw Philip Kerr for a moment as he was too busy to talk. Dictated at 10 Downing St. letter to P[ri]me.M[in]ister. about Bob Barton M.P.’s case. Had meeting at Tom Spring Rice’s flat of London C’tee of I.D.L. Ld Morris of Newfoundland, Capt. Maurice Healy, Frewen, the Pope Hennessys & Monteagle (in the chair)

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		<p>present. Agreed to guarantee £400 towards expenses of a big London meeting if Asquith who had been today declared the winner of a fine victory at Paisley would speak at it.</p> <p>Dined with S Armytage [sic] Smith to say good-bye to him on his departure for Persia (Teheran) as financial adviser to the Persian Gov't.</p>
	26 Feb, Thu	<p>Took Walter to Sidney Webbs where we met Bernard Shaw. They told me how to approach the Labour party on the Irish Question. I have now made up my mind to try and combine the Labor, Liberal &amp; independent Tory M.P.s against Lloyd George's H.R. Bill &amp; in favor of a Dominion settlement. The Labor delegation to Ireland reported well in today's papers. I called on them in the House in the evening &amp; found that they knew nothing whatever about their report. It was evidently written (or rewritten from a very crude document) for them. The men I saw were Adamson (Scottish miner I think) Royce, Lindsay &amp; a few others. They were bitter over Asquith's victory at Paisley. I had no difficulty in persuading them that A. had adopted their Irish policy.</p> <p>I talked about America &amp; found that they had a contempt for the American Labor unions &amp; leaders who they said had no policy whatever.</p>
	27 Feb, Fri	<p>Began day with ½ hour with Asquith. The N.Y. correspondent of the Times had a declaration by Card[ina]l Logue in favor of D[ominion].H.R. &amp; against both the Irish Republic &amp; the LI.G. Bill. This may kill both. I called Asquith's attention to this radical change in the situation &amp; also told him of my negotiations with Labour M.P.s last night. I said they were bitter against him over Paisley but that I got them to see that <u>he could fight their Irish policy</u> in the House; they could not. I asked him to speak (presiding or naming a President) at a big IDL meeting in London at his own date. He asked whether I thought before or after the second reading would be the better. I said before as after it had been carried we might lose many supporters of our policy who would not wreck the Gov't if they could help it. I explained fully the pos[iti]o[n] in America &amp; Ireland.</p> <p>Lunched with Bernard Shaws, meeting Pope Hennessys and Walter who came in after &amp; denounced GBS's connection with the Hearst papers. These gave him 2/- a word! But he will I think give them up.</p>
	28 Feb, Sat	<p>Lunched with Dominick Spring Rice who is very anxious to help the I.D.L. with its financial proposals.</p> <p>Got Massingham to write me a letter urging Asquith to agree to the London Irish meeting.</p> <p>Went to an At Home at Sidney Webbs to meet Labour folk. There Middleton (permanent sec'y of Labour Party?) who quite agreed that in Irish matters Labour should accept Asquith's leadership and promised that his organisation would do its best to make the meeting in London a success if it comes off.</p> <p>Dined with Bryan &amp; Dorothy. He has command of his Regiment at Colchester.</p>
	29 Feb, Sun	<p>Lunched with Arthur Vincent &amp; wife (at Ritz!) They told me that down in Kerry the talk in the pubs is, of all subjects, on the Irish Exchange which would under Republican form of gov't be</p>

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		<p>favourable, the £ being worth at least 23/- because the DATI exports &amp; imports returns showed the now unique condition in Ireland of an excess of exports. So I at once sought Dominick Spring Rice whom I had seen going into ?Brooks for lunch &amp; asked him to give me a memo. My own op[inio]n is that the only thing that matters is our trade with England.</p> <p>Got Arthur Murray to call on me to help in getting Asquith to speak at the IDL meeting.</p>
<p><i>Fr Seton, Sir Malcolm C.</i> [Macmillan] [J.M. Keynes – <i>The Economic Consequences of Peace</i>]</p>	<p>1 Mar, Mon</p>	<p>Called on Maurice MacMillan, [sic] showed him Heard's excellent review of Keynes' book in the I.S. Bought copy of Henry Adams' <u>Degradation of the Democratic Dogma</u> &amp; sent it to Arthur Balfour.</p> <p>Lunched with Asquith (who subsequently had a triumphal procession to H of C where he took his seat) &amp; discussed with him, Mrs. A, Violet &amp; Elizabeth the Irish situation. Talked it over with Robert Cecil who agreed with me absolutely on the case of Ireland against England and only differed on the Ulster question. He however agreed that there was nothing to be said for the six county exclusion – I think he will vote against the second reading.</p> <p>Meeting of I.D.L. London C'tee at which I explained the situation as betw'n Liberals and Labour in the matter of joint action in a public meeting. Walter was present &amp; will manage Labour.</p> <p>H.A.L. Fisher turned up &amp; drove with me to Mount St. whence I had to fly to the train on arrival. He tried to get me to support the Government of Ireland Bill and I frankly told him I could not. To Ireland by night mail.</p>
	<p>2 Mar, Tue</p>	<p>Many friends genuinely glad to see me back. Had to work hard at the speech for Thursday. Daisy came &amp; was helpful.</p>
	<p>3 Mar, Wed</p>	<p>All day working at speech &amp; only got 2/3rds of it done.</p> <p>Monteagle &amp; Tom Spring Rice came to dine &amp; sleep.</p>
<p>[Address to banquet in IS, 1st series II:4, (13 Mar), supplement]</p>	<p>4 Mar, Thu</p>	<p>The dinner came off at the Gresham Hotel. About 200, 2/3rds men, attended this 30/- a head affair. Monteagle was an excellent chairman &amp; insisted on drinking the King's health, notwithstanding warnings from cowards. He spoke with great feeling in proposing my health. I spoke for an hour, rather bitterly against the Gov't. but charitably to all others &amp; was very well received. Of course I shall have trouble over the speech &amp; yet I had no doubt as to the duty of making it. I addressed myself to America &amp; to Britain more than to Ireland which knows my views.</p> <p>I made a mess of the Press arrangements &amp; did not give the outside press the facilities they required to do the speech well.</p>
<p>To Bryce, James</p>	<p>5 Mar, Fri</p>	<p>Deadly tired. The Dublin Press was good to me except the Irish Times which kept silence.</p> <p>Went in to Dublin to write a few letters. Sir Henry Robinson was very bitter about my speech for increasing the difficulties of the Government.</p> <p>Sir Lucas White King &amp; Lady King called. He is a retired Indian civilian, she Northcliffe's sister. He seemed to favor Dominion</p>

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		self-government but felt that we should try to amend the Bill. Stephen Gwynn is working in the British Press for the Bill & I think that has been a great help to the Coalition Gov't.
	6 Mar, Sat	Daisy left & Miss Moody & Hetty came. I worked at I.D.L. & I.S.
	7 Mar, Sun	Tried to relax & the reaction was painful. I cannot sleep without drugs & shall I fear have to undergo a rest cure shortly.
	8 Mar, Mon	Worked hard at I.D.L. & I.S.
	9 Mar, Tue	The same.
Fr Bryce, James  [DORA – Defense of the Realm Act]  [“An Irish Settlement”, <i>Irish Times</i> , 11 Mar, p. 6]	10 Mar, Wed	Ld. French wrote through his Secretary to know whether my speech on Thursday last was accurately reported. I gather that he means to remove me from the Privy Council for attacking the Gov't. I consulted Sir J. O'Connell solicitor, who took Counsel's opinion as to whether I had offended against Dora. It seems I have not. But God knows what the law is now!  Wrote a letter to Dublin press in answer to John Dillon who in today's papers has a malicious, but fortunately weak attack on my proposal for constituent assembly.
	11 Mar, Thu	Sent my reply to Ld. French (or rather to E. Saunderson who may not have shown his dishonest letter, enclosing a copy of my speech with certain passages marked but not their necessary context – to his boss) accepting the report as substantially correct.  Worked hard all day at I.D.L. & I.S. My letter to Dillon in the Dublin press read well.
	12 Mar, Fri	Characteristic letter from Asquith. “Opinion crystallising against the Bill and Constituent assembly”. So he will move rejection of former & see how cat jumps about latter. Wrote to him & Adamson M.P. (Labor leader in House) fully on Irish situation.  Long meeting of Irish Statesman Board. Wells & Cruise O'Brien very unsatisfactory in dealing with the situation of the paper. No candour. Gerald Heard very helpful.  Dined with Mrs. Coffey who had a party of people to welcome me home who could not consistently with their principles (mostly Sinn Fein) meet me in public! Colonel Maurice Moore (who told me his brother George's books bore him) Gordon Campbell the Ld Chancellor's son (who has a Government job in the Labor Department!) & his wife Miss Elvery, RAA, Smith Gordon & his wife, E Childers, Douglas Hyde, James MacNeill brother of the S.F. President emeritus, a Mr. Watson, the widow Green, Dermot Coffey & myself made the strange party of Revolutionaries manufactured by Lloyd George.
[“The Irish Situation in America, at Westminster and in Ireland” in <i>IS</i> , 1st series, II:4 (13 Mar), supplement]  [Letter to Editor, <i>IH</i> , XXVII:11 (13 Mar), p.182]	13 Mar, Sat	Very tired & rather sick but had to take stimulants to enable me to work off big arrears of correspondence so that I might possibly rest next week.  'Cis' Robinson (R.M. in Louth) came & poured himself out on the state of the country. He has managed to keep his head & his post & has not antagonised the people, so understandingly does he discharge his difficult duties.
	14 Mar, Sun	The Gaisford St. Lawrences, White Kings & Hammond lunched. I hope I moved them a little towards a sense of the urgency of

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		<u>doing</u> something to save the situation.
	15 Mar, Mon	Attended a meeting of a C'tee of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Gov't of Ireland Bill. Set them thinking along some useful lines.
	16 Mar, Tue	Wrote many long letters – To Agnew, Mrs. Pope Hennessy, Asquith, James Byrne, J S Cullinan, John Quinn, Shane Leslie & many others – hoping to secure a complete rest for a few days beginning with St. Paddy.  Monteagle came for a dine & sleep – I hope to keep him longer.
	17 Mar, Wed	Hoped for a complete rest. But I had to give the Irish Independent an interview on the International Agric'l Congress Lloyd George prevented being held in Dublin last year & which both the Americans & Irish wish to be held this year. Mrs. Martin came to discuss the H.R. Bill before crossing to London tomorrow where she is to see Philip Kerr. No real rest.
	18 Mar, Thu	Still no rest. I had to go in to see the Irish Statesman to the Press. It was going to play the devil with the I.D.L. by its silly flirtation with Sinn Fein. I hope I have stopped the mischief, but I did not see more than the first leader.
	19 Mar, Fri	Writing I.D.L. letters most of day. Mrs. Pope Hennessy, Henry Harrison, K Walter &c.
[Ld. Mayor - Thomas MacCurtain]	20 Mar, Sat	Worked again all day. The week gave me no rest & I had to take drugs.  Another ghastly murder. The Ld. Mayor of Cork's house entered by armed ruffians who shot him dead with a 2 months old baby in his arms. He is an out & out Sinn Feiner & the murder looks like a nihilist one. The country's future gets ever darker.
	21 Mar, Sun	Wrote a long letter to Asquith & sent copies of it to Agnew, Pope Hennessys, Henry Harrison, Monteagle & K. Walter, Miss Nora O'Brien breaking the Sabbath with me.
	22 Mar, Mon	A straight talk with Cruise O'Brien who promised that he would <u>work</u> . A Capt. Denis Keegan came to the I.D.L. office & offered help. He is in the Indian Army but has some months' leave yet. Got him out to Kilteragh & liked him much. D. Coffey, Smith Gordon & Lennox Robinson came to supper to talk over Carnegie Trust affairs.  Gerald Heard is turning out trumps.
	23 Mar, Tue	Hard work at IDL & I.S. Wrote much for latter.
	24 Mar, Wed	Wrote a lot of stuff for the Irish Statesman.
	25 Mar, Thu	This week I had to write a large part of the Irish Statesman & today we got to Press.  Lunched J E Healy at Club. He admitted that he was not in agreement with the Southern Unionists whose fatuous politics he has to express in the Irish Times. He hopes they may gradually come round.  A meeting of the Exec C'tee of the I.D.L. The O'Conor Don, Esmonde, Dr. Crofter (who after giving trouble gave £10) & Sir J O'Connell the only attendants. Got through some business.



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	26 Mar, Fri	Tried to write a letter to the Times on the H.R. Bill. But during the day another horrible murder upset me. Alan Bell R.M. an active Castle agent in tracking Sinn Fein plots was foully murdered in broad daylight by a gang of armed roughs who dragged him out of the Kingstown Dublin train at Ballsbridge at 10 A.M. and coolly walked away unchased & unalarmed. It is now Martial Law or self-government.
	27 Mar, Sat	Today's <u>Irish Times</u> contained a letter from Dunraven in today's <u>Times</u> in which he asks me what I think of the present situation in Ireland, whether I really propose removing the Army and whether I seriously believe in Dominion H.R. I decided to send two letters in reply, the first dealing with law & order, the second with the remedy. Tom Ponsonby, Daisy & Shane Leslie came to Kilteragh.
	28 Mar, Sun	Ld. Bellew ("Buldo") came to lunch. A delightful personality. He had fought in the earlier wars of my lifetime with distinction. He then retired to his property (Jenkinstown in Co. Kilkenny) where he drank a bit & lived a useless life. But he is charming & interesting – an excellent raconteur & a quite shrewd talker on public affairs. He is a great friend of Tom's. I wrote hard all day & left by night mail for London.
["Coercion & Crime", <i>The Times</i> , p. 10]  [ <i>coûte que coûte</i> – at all costs; come what may]	29 Mar, Mon	Very tired after night journey. My letter was in Times. So was another from Dunraven and a 3 column article by [prob. Richard J.] Shaw on the Bill. I tried to get off my second letter but was too tired.  I called on T.P. O'Connor in the morning & lunched with K. Walter & his brother (who is scene painter & actor in the "Old Vic" which I went with him to look at, as the Carnegie Trustees are subsidising it. They play the best plays at the cheapest rate – and, I fear, sweat the players in the good cause. But the scene behind the scenes is inconceivable chaos for want of room. We must help them more). T.P. was preparing a speech. Saw Harrison & Pope Hennessy & went to the House where I talked to Jerry M[a]cVeagh. They are going to ram the Bill through <i>coûte que coûte</i> .
	30 Mar, Tue	Frankly, I made a mistake in trying to stem the Coalition tide in Irish affairs. The murders, absorption in other affairs, the absence of a visible alternative to the Coalition government make a defeat of the Gov't.'s Irish Bill impossible. I must take a rest & go to work <u>in Ireland</u> .
["The Irish Bill: A Venture without Precedent", <i>The Times</i> , p. 10]	31 Mar, Wed	House met at 12, Carson rescued the debate in a fine speech – the best in the debate by a long way. Adamson Labour leader replied (after some small fry at luncheon time) & made a hopeless mess of it. The murders play into the hands of the Gov't & Lloyd George wound up the debate with a clever speech to the effect that all the opponents of the bill were at sixes & sevens (which is true) & that there was not alternative. The second reading of the worst of all the Home Rule Bill[s] was carried by the largest majority – 254.  Left for home by night mail feeling ill in body & mind.  My letter appeared in <i>The Times</i> . It was not good.
	1 Apr, Thu	A poor night, but worked hard before what I fondly hope will be a

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		10 days holiday, with Walter tomorrow & the Bernard Shaws next week.  Wrote a very long letter to Betty Balfour who had written highly approving my letter to the Times of Mar. 29 on "Coercion & Crime" giving her my general review of the Anglo Irish situation after the 2nd Reading debate. I did it partly to try the general argument on a really understanding but very English mind – partly to have my own mind put away in cold storage till I can take it up again.
	2 Apr, Fri	K. Walter came. Tomorrow I hope to begin to rest. Today I had to work.
	3 Apr, Sat	Worked hard all day writing for I.S. & I.D.L.
	4 Apr, Sun	Anderson, Walter, Heard & I played garden golf nearly all day. I was very sick but did not let them know it.
	5 Apr, Mon	The Bernard Shaws came.
	6 Apr, Tue	Walter left. Again I had to work hard at the I.S.
	7 Apr, Wed	Rev. R de Bary dined & slept. Still hard at work.
	8 Apr, Thu	Struggled with a letter to American capitalists asking help for the Irish Statesman and Irish Dominion League. Had a Chicago Tribune journalist to lunch & put him wise.  Daisy dined with the Arnotts meeting Middleton, Desart and other S. Unionists. They are, I think, coming over to the Dominion plan – slowly.
	9 Apr, Fri	Still working at I.D.L. & I.S. much too hard. Decided to take a complete rest next week.
	10 Apr, Sat	Mrs. Osgood & Erskine Childers lunched & Harrison spent the whole day with me. I engaged him to act as Secretary of the I.D.L. I guaranteeing him £300 a year provided I might at any moment terminate the engagement if the funds were not collected.  I did not get the letter to Americans finished but hope to tomorrow.
	11 Apr, Sun	My last day's work before the rest. Wrote the rest of my letter to the American millionaires.
	12 Apr, Mon	Had to do another day's hard work. The Sinn Fein prisoners, some 100 of them, are on hunger strike in Mountjoy gaol and as they are not only untried but even uncharged they certainly should be treated as political prisoners. So I wired Lord French as a Privy Councillor my protest. If one of them dies there might be a very grave situation and much bloodshed.  The Bernard Shaws left, he having helped me very materially in approaching wealthy Americans for cash for the I.D.L. & I.S.  Tomorrow I start my drugless struggle with insomnia.
	13 Apr, Tue	A general strike and conditions reminiscent of Easter 1916. No communication except by wire telegraph & 'phone. Sent Monteagle to morning mail to London. Got off my letters to Quinn, Cullinan, James Byrne & Prof'r. Ford of Harvard (asking for \$200,000 for Irish Dominion League & Irish Statesman) off by night mail by taking them myself to Kingstown P.O.

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		Miserable day & worse night giving up drugs.
	14 Apr, Wed	Miserable day. Did nothing but mope. The Government released a lot of prisoners & the strike ceased at midnight.
	15 Apr, Thu	Very very miserable after a second almost sleepless night with poisonous sleeping drugs of Moorhead's.  Steele of the Chicago Tribune writes from Belfast after making an inquiry on lines I suggested. He reports that the Belfast people are delighted with their Partition Bill. They had a deadly fear of the whole Province being thrown into Northern Ireland. In that case the Carsonites would have had a dangerously narrow majority and an united Ireland might at any moment have supervened! The planners of the Bill (Big Business) have profited so fabulously that they no longer fear any boycott from the south of Ireland.
	16 Apr, Fri	Moorhead told me that there was no possibility of getting my nerves into a state where I could sleep without drugs (last night, again sleepless till 3.30 AM when I took 1/12th [grain] morphia & slept till 7.30) unless I stopped work for 3 months at least. He was very definite about it & I fear he may be right. The only doubt is whether he does not suspect me of taking larger quantities than I admit. Quite lately I have slightly increased my 1/6th gr[ain] a day, but never have I exceeded 1/3rd. Most people addicted to the drugs advance rapidly & cases of 60 gr[ains] a day are on record! But his opinion must be weighed.
	17 Apr, Sat	Still undecided whether I will make up my mind to forsake my public work now in order to resume it effectively like an old pygmy refreshed 3 or 4 months hence. I feel very helpless without drugs & some time of course that condition must be ended or it will end me.
	18 Apr, Sun	Desmond Fitzgerald M.P. leading Sinn Feiner and a French journalist Jean Vignard were brought to see me by Mrs. J.R. Green. I gathered from the S.F.er that they would accept Dominion Home Rule very gladly.
	19 Apr, Mon	Shaftesbury dined & slept. Delightful as ever. He has gone over to Carson but honestly. He believes there is no conceivable way of getting "Ulster" to have any association with the Dublin Parliament now.
	20 Apr, Tue	I.A.O.S. quarterly meeting of Gen'l. C'tee. It was fairly well attended & absentees had all good excuses. Very remarkable is the even turn of the Society's way through all their <del>desperately</del> revolutionary episodes. This afternoon I had to represent the I.A.O.S. at a conference called by the Department to deal with Labour's hold up of Irish food exports on account of excessive prices charged to the Irish consumers. Labour dominated the proceedings: dictated its terms which were quite reasonable and showed that its politics are as real as those of Sinn Fein are visionary.
	21 Apr, Wed	Not at all well & had to work at correspondence. I have almost made up my mind to take a longish rest – somehow.
	22 Apr, Thu	At an Irish Dominion League Exec C'tee meeting (present Esmonde, Sir J O'Connell, Miss Cunningham, Dr. Crofter & R.A.A.[]) Harrison was appointed Secretary in place of Cruise O'Brien. He, poor little Bohemian, is I fear bankrupt financially

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		& morally – he has collapsed & given up the fight for independence apparently – confessed to me his sad state. The real fact is he has been living on me for <u>several</u> years & I am getting tired of the burden. He has a wife & child.
	23 Apr, Fri	After a hard morning & afternoon at I.D.L. matters motored down with Heard to Dunsany. Eddie is almost insane with egotism. His plays have been translated into 14 languages and yet not even his own county (Meath!!) realises his greatness. He is full of praise of the Americans. They are far ahead of the English in civilisation apparently because they received him well, though not as well as Charlie Chaplin. I know his up-bringing and that excuses almost anything. But what a tragic waste of real powers.
	24 Apr, Sat	Walked about the place. Saw old Reid who does not expect to live another year. He is as stout an Orangeman as ever. He told Eddie that his cricket ground might be ploughed up any day or night. Eddie said the people about liked him. “Don’t believe it[?]” he said. [“]The very men who are working for you are wanting your land.[?”]
	25 Apr, Sun	Back to Kilteragh where Tom Ponsonby & R Hart-Synnot slept en route to England.  Lunched at Killeen & had a long talk with MacMahon the Under Secretary who told me the whole amazing story of the Castle – or rather the Vice Regal Lodge – under French. A little junta of anti-Irish officials – E[dwar]d Saunderson, Sir Henry Wynne (Crown Solicitor) Sir John Taylor (Walter Long’s protégé) with Sir Henry Robinson running in & out intriguing are “carrying on”. MacMahon is pushed aside. Appointments are made in the Ch Sec’s office of Ulstermen (chiefly from the Local Government Board) without the permanent Under Secty’s knowledge. There is a direct telephone wire from the Vice Regal Lodge, not to the Irish Office in London but to the Admiralty where Carson was & Walter Long is!! MacMahon who a few days earlier had told Daisy F. that the Bill would pass is now doubtful.
	26 Apr, Mon	This morning’s papers bring news of two policemen ambushed & foully murdered in Co Cork where murders are now 1 per diem! Another young man found dead at Blackrock, <u>possibly</u> a suicide. The state of the country is indescribable.
	27 Apr, Tue	Six men several weeks ago in Co Cork held up a Bank Manager going to a fair with some £20,000 of which they relieved him. These men’s houses were raided in the early hours of yesterday morning & they were taken away to some unknown prison presumably by the government de facto, Sinn Fein!!
	28 Apr, Wed	A desperately hard day finishing up before leaving for the Caterham Sanitarium where I am going to try & get drugless sleep. Wrote endless letters, had a meeting of the Irish Statesman to which only R.A.A., Wells & Cruise O’Brien came. Decided to cease publication on May 15 if fresh money did not come by then. Left by night mail for London.
[ <i>Morituri te Salutamus</i> – those who are about to die salute you.]	29 Apr, Thu	Two Colliery meetings (Bowes & Pelton) at which our attitude to Labour was “ <i>Morituri te Salutamus</i> ”. We declared, however, big dividends. How I hate it all. I feel the injustice of the whole system & wish I had felt it before when I could have done more for future generations. My Irish work has some good lasting

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		results, I think, to show – that’s comforting anyhow. Went in the evening to Caterham Sanitarium, a miniature Battle Creek to see whether I can there get sleep without drugs.
	30 Apr, Fri	A miserable day. The doctor (F.C. Shone) it appears has a practice in London & only comes here twice a week. The baths & massage are fairly good, the diet excellent. Otherwise one must <u>not</u> have been at Battle Creek to appreciate the place.
	1 May, Sat	Called on Prebendary Heard, father of my private secretary & his wife. Very nice people. He is a mechanic, an Alpine climber and an all round good fellow. But I should say his profession sits lightly upon him!
	2 May, Sun	The doctor turned up, examined me, found me in a very low nervous state, sleeping hardly at all & prescribed an opium pill. I told him I had had to take Veronal, when he said “that’s worse than morphia. Old men are much more likely to get a Veronal than a morphia habit.” I don’t believe him.
	3 May, Mon	The news from Ireland gets no better & I don’t see how I can take the 3 months rest Moorhead prescribes. I know I want it.
	4 May, Tue	An S.O.S. call from Cruise O’Brien for money. I wired Anderson to give him some. Still very sleepless with a strong desire for drugs which, however, I am reducing to a minimum.
	5 May, Wed	Went for a walk with a Mr. Allen (aetat 70) born in Warwickshire but spent most of life in New Zealand. Now globe trotting & looking after his health. Did Battle Creek on way through America. Interesting view of men & things.
(Fr de Bary, Richard to Ld. Shaftesbury)	6 May, Thu	Seriously interrupted my cure by going to town to attend Carnegie UK Trust meetings (Library & Exec.) & see a few Dominion League folk – Monteagle, Mrs. Pope Hennessy & Walter. Listened to Midleton & Birkenhead (all I could stay for & only ½ the latter) on Irish disorder in the Lords. Chief work of the day urging the Carnegie people to build upon the I.A.O.S. foundations in Ireland.
	7 May, Fri	1/6th gr[ain] morphia at 5 P.M. in hope of getting sleep & got next to none. I am in a very bad nervous condition & fear my nervous energy may not come back to me.
	8 May, Sat	Another bad night. I am getting depressed naturally.
	9 May, Sun	John Wallace M.P. called on me at the instance of Sir William Robertson of Dunfermline (which is in Wallace’s constituency) to talk over the Home Rule Bill. Naturally I put him wise from the Dominionist point of view. He is a Coalition Liberal but agreed with everything I said to him. The doctor took my blood pressure. It was down to 108. They say one should add 100 to one’s years to get the normal.
	10 May, Mon	Had a talk with Dr. Shone, who had said nothing to me about my case. I asked him to be frank. He told me my trouble was a breakdown of the whole digestive machinery. He had examined my abdomen at length. I asked him if there was any stoppage. He

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		thought not but much too slow & weak movement. Hence constant “poisoning” from the lower intestines. To this he attributed my insomnia & finally said I ought to see a specialist. I suggested that he should write to Moorhead which he said he would do. I also wrote to M. & said I did not want to have my colon excised, or any such operation until natural remedies had been given every chance.
	11 May, Tue	Slept 4 AM to 6 AM & that was all. Took a 3 mile walk in the morning & Prebendary Heard motored me through this lovely country in the afternoon. We called on a parson & his wife at a nearby Parish whose name I forget & had tea. We saw their church. The Lord of the Manor is a Leveson Gower & evidently they & their retainers are the Parish. A nice little church was furnished almost exclusively with monuments to recently departed Leveson Gowers & the seats of living L.G.s. The Shilcocks (I think that was the name of the Parson & his wife) had a nice Rectory, had sons in the army (1 in Air Service) & with 120 parishioners lived chiefly in their motor car. American regime!
	12 May, Wed	Another miserable day after 3 hours sleep!
	13 May, Thu	Slept 4 hours last night. K. Walter came for a few hours & cheered me up. Moorhead writes advising me to come back to Kilteragh – if I will rest. No half measures!
[New Testament, Mark 9:44-48]	14 May, Fri	Prebendary Heard motored me to the Kenley aerodrome & Chaldon Church. In former I saw the latest ?pictures of flyers and saw several ‘planes land. Very interesting. The church is famous for its frescoes – grotesque pictures of Hell with devils pitch forking sinners into caldrons &c &c. How I recall my own upbringing with the worm that dieth not & the fire that is not quenched &c &c.
	15 May, Sat	Getting on slowly. Sleep still very shy. No drugs in day time but minimal doses still necessary to start sleep.
	16 May, Sun	Daisy, who arrived this morning at Mrs. Willie’s came by an early train to Caterham. Surely the best friend I have in the world. She told me the news from Ireland – all bad.
	17 May, Mon	[No entry]
	18 May, Tue	Finished my Caterham experiment. Very dull but I think successful – I am much better than when I came but not alas yet able to get enough natural sleep.
	19 May, Wed	Found on arriving early in London that I could not do two days strenuous work I have allotted to myself without drugs to stimulate. Therefore I must have at least a month’s rest. But how in the present state of Ireland?  Capt. Walsh called to discuss the Pelton & Bowes business & I agreed with him to have a consultation with Gardiner tomorrow.  Called on Philip Kerr to discuss the I.Q. He adhered to his defence of L.I.G. who had been consistent throughout to three fundamentals, (1) England must get out of Ireland (2) Ireland must remain in the Empire & (3) Ulster must not be coerced to come under an Irish Parliament. I told him that there was for the Gov’t only one fundamental – Ulster which under the powerful

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		<p>advocacy of Carson upheld and could subvert the foundations of the coalition.</p> <p>Had Agnew to lunch, “Baffy” Dugdale to tea, ALP Dennis (of Wisconsin) also calling.</p> <p>Went in evening with Walter to the “Old Vic” where I came to the conclusion that the Carnegie Trustees should not have touched the institution unless they were prepared to place it in a position to treat <del>employ</del> workers in the higher theatre fairly. That it is not profit making does not justify sweating &amp; unsanitary (i.e. crowded &amp; restless – no room to sit behind the scenes –) conditions.</p>
	20 May, Thu	<p>Had Bullock &amp; Walter to lunch at Club &amp; discussed Irish situation. Bullock offered to come over &amp; help me taking his holiday at Kilteragh I <u>must rest</u> &amp; shall accept offer.</p> <p>Long talk with Sidney Webbs. They are hopeless of near future in British politics. No alternative to the Coalition! Left by night mail for Kilteragh.</p>
	21 May, Fri	Home again at Kilteragh. Whether I shall be able to rest here remains to be seen. I began with awful arrears of correspondence.
	22 May, Sat	<p>A very hard days work writing to Irish Americans to support the Irish Dominion League &amp; policy.</p> <p>Saw Wells and told him I disapproved strongly of some passages in today’s Irish Statesman.</p>
	23 May, Sun	Resting. Sunbaths. “Old man golf” and mild work. Sleep shy.
[Prob. French social scientist and philosopher Gustavo Le Bon]	24 May, Mon	<p>Daisy arrived from London with no news &amp; in bad spirits. Poor Hetty is again ‘queer’. I am afraid she will never be quite normal.</p> <p>A Major Rich of the U.S. Army called for tea &amp; supper. He was sent by Columbia University to study “group psychology, with special reference to the control of mobs” &amp;c. He had no thoughts of his own &amp; showed complete incapacity to understand or utilise those of others. A characteristically American student-teacher. I should like to hypnotise him &amp; make him begin his first lecture on his return to America as Hannay heard a brother Canon of St. Patrick’s begin his sermon. “This passage I have never been able to understand or even explain.” Only instead of an obscure passage from a minor prophet the text should be from Le Bon whom Rich swallows whole.</p>
	25 May, Tue	<p>Three glorious sunny days in succession &amp; I have taken a “sun bath” on the roof each day. But I have to take some sleeping drug each night.</p> <p>Gordon Campbell &amp; wife dined. He is intimate with Irish labour conditions &amp; tells me that there [is] no fear of Ulster Labour (only 30% of which belongs to any union!) signing the ?-e-ies of government in Carsonia. On the other hand the distributive trade of Belfast are bitterly opposed to any partition of Ireland.</p> <p>Gen. Hammond dined &amp; slept.</p>
[H.] [Sir Thomas George Shaughnessy, Irish-American president of	26 May, Wed	Charles M [sic] Grasty & wife tea’d & supped. He is studying Ireland for N.Y. Times. Ld. French looked in on his way to England.

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Canadian Pacific RR]		Wrote to Ld. Shaughnessy asking him to support the I.D.L.
	27 May, Thu	Shan Bullock arrived. He is to take his holiday with me & I hope he will help me to wind up the Statesman & generally carry on my work without effort.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i>	28 May, Fri	Steele of the Chicago Tribune called on me. He had attended Sinn Fein “courts” in the west & was greatly impressed. He had also interviewed the new Chief Secretary Hamar Greenwood & found him absolutely without ideas – or knowledge.  Shan Bullock is beginning to get interested.
	29 May, Sat	[No entry]
[John Henry Thomas, Trades Union Congress president]	30 May, Sun	MacMahon Under Secretary called. He thinks the Gov’t may drop the Bill. He told me he believed the police – or rather policemen, probably Belfast Orangemen – murdered the Ld. Mayor of Cork! He is optimistic about the change coming over the Ulster mind. The most interesting thing he told me was that J H Thomas threatened a railway strike all over England if the Gov’t did not release the Mountjoy prisoners.  Mc M. [ <i>sic</i> ] recognises the immensely superior strength of Sinn Fein to the Castle.
	31 May, Mon	Spent the whole day writing a letter to Times which I sent off hoping to get in [ <i>sic</i> ] in on Wed[nesday] when Parl’t. resumes the Irish Bill debate. I think I made a good statement of the case against the Government’s Irish policy.  Joseph W Grigg of New York World called & interviewed me.
	1 Jun, Tue	Meeting of the Irish Statesman Board. Definitely decided to stop the paper on the completion of its first year June 19.  Meeting of the Irish Dominion League C’tee, Monteagle, Harrison, O’Conor Don, D. O’Brien, Miss Hayden, Sir J O’Connell & self only present. Discussed Bill to be introduced by Monteagle in the Lords.
[“Irish Chaos – A Demoralizing Impasse”, <i>The Times</i> , pp. 17-8]  [Poss. leader titled “The Mentality of Southern Ireland”, <i>IS</i> , II:51 (12 Jun 1920), pp. 555-61, signed “A Resident in Kerry”.]	2 Jun, Wed	My letter was duly published in The Times who in a leading article called it “a powerful protest against the Irish policy of the Government” & say it is “timely and largely justified”.  Wrote a leading article for the Irish Statesman on Sinn Fein’s persecution of the Irish police which I think will do good.
[“The Lesson of Kilmallock”, (unsigned) <i>IS</i> , vol. II:50 (5 Jun), p. 532]	3 Jun, Thu	Wrote leading article for the anti-penultimate issue of the Irish Statesman a good deal but found it not good. Still it may do good. I would give a lot to get S.F. to spare the police.  Swore in Sir John Anderson at Privy Council. There met Nevil Macready who declined to notice me!
	4 Jun, Fri	Had more worries over the I.S. & shall be thankful when it is dead & buried.
	5 Jun, Sat	Got Shan Bullock to write a letter to the Times answering



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		Hutcheson Pöe's silly criticism on my letter of Tuesday. TP Gill came out for the afternoon & was tedious but interesting.
[KCB – Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath]	6 Jun, Sun	Sir John Anderson K.C.B. lunched & spent the afternoon. He has been sent over to improve the administration of the Castle. I think I persuaded him that it was useless or worse fiddling with a regime which must go.
	7 Jun, Mon	Wrote a statement for the Philadelphia Public Ledger & other papers which may affect American opinion on the Irish Question & possibly get support for the Dominion plan.
	8 Jun, Tue	A hard day at the penultimate issue of the Irish Statesman.
	9 Jun, Wed	Same as yesterday. When is my <u>rest</u> coming?
	10 Jun, Thu	I.D.L. worries this time. Harrison is trying to get me to be active on the platform.
To Bryce, James	11 Jun, Fri	Meeting of Directors of Irish Statesman. Decided not to have a formal winding up as I am paying all creditors, but just to cease operations.
	12 Jun, Sat	Wrote for the last number of Irish Statesman.
	13 Jun, Sun	Drove Gogarty down to Killeen where I called on George Murphy who is a miserable paralytic in an arm chair before a June fire. I am sorry for the old squireen. He was a good citizen according to his dim lights. Walked over the farm with Fingall. He is gallantly toiling at a job he hates. I urged him to sell all his outlying lands & even the Castle and demesne if he gets a buyer for such a white elephant as the former.  Poor Hetty is I fear not going to get better. Her mind is distinctly astray.
[“ <i>Vale Atque Ave</i> ”, <i>IS</i> , 1st series, II:18 (19 Jun), pp. 577-8; “Questions for the Patriotic Irishman”, <i>Spectator</i> , 19 Jun, pp. 822-3]	14 Jun, Mon	My old neighbour at Foxrock & my best fishery Inspector in the Department, my comrade in the Easter Rebellion adventure & one of the best sanest men in the south of Ireland lunched with me at K.S.C. today. He was wretched at the state of things in Cork & doubted whether he could “stick it[”] down there much longer. He was never an alarmist & he depressed me.  Wrote hard for the Irish Statesman last issue & a reply to Decies in <i>Spectator</i> of this week.
Fr Bryce, James	15 Jun, Tue	Rt. Hon[oura]ble Sir Stanley Harrington Bart!! chemist of Cork had me to lunch at St. Stephens Green Club to discuss the Irish situation. He is convening a private meeting tomorrow which I shall attend.  Meeting of Office & Finance C'tee of I.A.O.S.
Fr Bryce, James  [poss. Miss Louie Bennett – Gen'l. Sec'y., Irish Women Workers Union]	16 Jun, Wed	Finished my work for the Irish Statesman. Attended an abortive meeting of business men convened by Sir Stanley Harrington. Ten came 5 left after first ½ hour.  Miss L Barker executive officer of womens training & employment committee arrived to discuss -----t-- work with Daisy who also arrived.
To Bryce, James	17 Jun, Thu	The last number of the Irish Statesman went to Press – another little chapter closed. I wrote some good advice to my countrymen in the paper I think.

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		Moorhead & Greene examined me, both the abdomen where they discovered nothing serious, the latter the bladder. The prostate gland is no worse.
	18 Jun, Fri	Went in to Dublin & finished up the Statesman work – I hope. I hope now to rest – but I must be of the wicked! Heard that Bryan Stapylton had brought his regiment (The Cheshire) to Dublin & got him on the telephone. Poor fellow how he will hate the job!
To Leslie, Shane	19 Jun, Sat	Wanted to begin resting & found that Monteagle & Walter had determined to give the boldest advertisement to a quite wrong Dominion policy to be embodied in Monteagle's Bill in the Lords. But the Government is going mad over Ireland & I fear the worst. Wrote hard nevertheless.
To House, E.M. Fr House, E.M.	20 Jun, Sun	A wire from Monteagle & a copy of his Bill, frankly partition in a worse form than the Government's made me work all day writing to him & Walter. When shall I rest[?] Daisy & Fingall motored up with a sad tale of Hetty. She poor child has gone off again to the private asylum at Lucan – a very good establishment – but how sad! F. went to London to vote against the Divorce Bill as a good R.C. Daisy put up for the night at Kilteragh.
	21 Jun, Mon	Sent Harrison to London to try and get Monteagle not to play the devil with the Irish Dominion League by introducing a Bill with Two Nation theory as its basis.
	22 Jun, Tue	Saw Lombard Murphy about the Irish situation, the Independent (which I wanted him to employ Cruise O'Brien on) & other things. Monteagle had a letter in the Times exonerating me & the IDL from responsibility for his Bill which he introduced in the Lords today.
Fr House, E.M.	23 Jun, Wed	Tried to write a foreword for a pamphlet republishing my letter to Times of June 2nd. Failed.
	24 Jun, Thu	A busy day. Harrison returned from London. Smith Gordon, Lennox Robinson & I had a pow-wow on the affairs of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust in Ireland. I wrote many letters & generally wore myself out.
To House, E.M.	25 Jun, Fri	Wrote a long letter to Colonel House putting him wise on the Irish situation & telling him my plans. He has just arrived in London on some political errand I doubt not. Bryan Stapylton came to dine & sleep with a brother office[r] Major Brian Cuff. They are billeted on Avondale House. Had interesting talk. Bryan told me that Sir Henry Wilson is not, as I thought, a soldier politician of the Lloyd George variety but an extremely able & far sighted <u>statesman</u> soldier.
	26 Jun, Sat	JM Mitchell the new Secretary of the Carnegie UK Trust arrived & I liked him greatly. In the evening Bryce & Daisy arrived.
To House, E.M. Fr House, E.M.  [In Britain 'bogey' was	27 Jun, Sun	Coey Bigger, Lennox Robinson, Smith Gordon, Mitchell, RAA & Lord Bryce made a typical Kilteragh Sunday. I listened, discussed, wrote to Col. House, Monteagle, Walter & many others. Daisy charming & helpful with the large party.

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still the term for a round shot at 'par'.]		I golfed in the rain doing my longest garden course in bogey with one club. Good discourse – healthy exercise.
	28 Jun, Mon	Meeting of IDL C'tee Bryce attended, Carrigan & Dr. Crofter only attendants – latter left the room & the League! R.A.A. & Harrison helped to make a stage army.  Delightful talks with Bryce. Lunched Bernard & Mitchell at St. G[eorge]s Club to talk Carnegie matters. Miss Cunningham dined.
	29 Jun, Tue	Bryce left after a most interesting visit. I worked at the I.D.L. and with Mitchell on the Carnegie Trust.
	30 Jun, Wed	Mitchell left. Charles Barton son of the Dunsany steward called on me with his sister Emma, his N.Y. wife & 6 children.. They have come over to see their grandmother, aet 86.  Carl W Ackerman of the Phila[delphia] Pub[lic] Ledger came to see me with a note from Col. House who is supervising the Foreign service of the Curtis Publishing Co. (owner of Sat[urday] Evening Post, The Ledger & many other widely circulating papers[]). House sent Ackerman over to see me about the Irish situation & the possibility of his arbitrating betw'n the British & Irish Governments (or peoples?)
To House, E.M.	1 Jul, Thu	Wrote a long interview for the Phil'a Ledger, which the interviewer sent over to House [who] will submit to him before publishing it. Henry Negre special correspondent of "L'Echo de Paris" after Ackerman left interviewed me verbally.  Lord ffrench supped & I had a hard day. Tomorrow I meant to rest – then comes an invit[atio]n to lunch with Sir J Anderson tomorrow to meet Macready.
(To de Bary, Richard fr Bigger, F.J.) <i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	2 Jul, Fri	Lunched with Sir John Anderson to meet Sir Nevil Macready, Commander of the Forces in Ireland (after being in charge of the London Police). He seemed sensible & sympathetic.
	3 Jul, Sat	Worked at home at an article Walter wanted for the American Press.
	4 Jul, Sun	A day of comparative rest. Daisy, Heard, R.A.A. & his son. No visitors except the Robinsons.
	5 Jul, Mon	Worked at many current jobs.
	6 Jul, Tue	Got off a longish letter to the American Press backing up Monteagle & his Bill.
[ <i>Cui bono?</i> – Who benefits? What's the point? ]	7 Jul, Wed	Wrote many letters on the state of Ireland to people who mattered.  But cui bono?? In today's papers was reported the breakdown of the Waterford assizes both grand & common jurors being terrorised against appearing by Sinn Fein!
	8 Jul, Thu	Poured all last night and <u>all</u> today. Wrote. Wrote. Wrote – among other letters a long one to H.A.L. Fisher. Monteagle arrived by Day Mail.
	9 Jul, Fri	I.A.O.S. Quarterly – good discourse. John A. Poynton came to dine & sleep & told me Mrs. Carnegie is keen on my Skibo scheme.

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	10 Jul, Sat	Worked at I.D.L. chiefly.
Fr Bryce, James	11 Jul, Sun	With Heard and Ogilvie to Killeen to buy a sow. Daisy & I called on George Murphy – an errand of mercy as he is near his end. Returned without the sow.
	12 Jul, Mon	Usual last day before leaving for London by night mail. R.A.A. leaves on 17th for 10 weeks in Canada, the I.D.L. had to be provided for & I had to try & get a letter off to the Irish Press (which I failed to finish) calling upon the business men to support my policy.
	13 Jul, Tue	The faithful Walter called first & then I spent nearly the whole day with the Carnegie Trustees. I had arranged with the secretary that I should suggest an Irish C'tee to advise on the Trust operations in Ireland and should urge that these do aim at rural reconstruction. Sir Wm. McCormick attacked me. Rural reconstruction was a mere abstraction. He would rather have a report from some competent outsider e.g. Prof'r. Adams. And so the matter rested! Saw James Byrne who gave me gloomy account of situation in America. Labour, badly organised but angry at its own impotence is individually more bitter against capital than over here. Oswald Villard had been touring the Western states against universal compulsory service. He found Labour wanted it in order to get the arms & learn to use them. Called on the Lawrence Lowells who are coming to Ireland later & had interesting first talk. He cannot understand position of Lloyd George for whom nobody has a good word!
	14 Jul, Wed	Mooned about most of the day & went to Eton for a meeting of "Pop" the Eton Debating Society to whom I talked much too long on Ireland. Mr. Blakeston was my & the Society's host.
	15 Jul, Thu	A full day. Breakfasted with H.A.L. Fisher who had Sir Hamar Greenwood to meet me. Both praised my unique knowledge & displayed their own abysmal ignorance of Ireland. Neither has a single argument in support [of] the Irish policy of the Gov't & the Canadian did not attempt any. He is the most grotesque figure which has ever appeared in the British Cabinet. A typical Colonial "statesman", bluff, hearty uncultured, socially a bounder, probably a war profiteer. I was quite frank & did not yield a single point. I <u>demand</u> ed the release of Bob Barton. Greenwood said "the difficulty is he threatened the reigning Viceroy". "Then you must get another viceroy" I said. "I quite agree with you."!  Lunched with Col. House who is deeply convinced that Ireland stands in the way of Anglo-Amer'n accord & so of Western civilisation's progress. He wants to help but has not the necessary knowledge to be safe either in S.F. or Ulster discussions. Still he may be brought in if I can think out a plan.  Dined with Pope Hennessys & met Alfred Spender & other less interesting people. Learned nothing from A.S. who has a purely critical mind.
	16 Jul, Fri	A meeting of the London Committee of the I.D.L. Present Mrs. Dominick Spring Rice & a Mr. Berkeley (new to me), Pope Hennessy, Agnew, Lady Byles & Walter. We agreed to try & have a big campaign after the Summer holidays.  Met A.D. Hall who tells me building for agric'l labourers & small

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		holders costs 5 times pre war rate.
	17 Jul, Sat	Went with James Byrne to Mrs. Blair Campbell's house at Henley for the afternoon. Found Sheila & Beatrice Byrne & their young men very happy & felt young!
	18 Jul, Sun	Not well but wrote a long letter to Irish business men asking them to subscribe to the I.D.L.
	19 Jul, Mon	Lunched Robert Wilberforce an English R.C. who was during the war in America for the F.O. & is now on his way to Rome doubtless in hopes of influencing the Vatican against Sinn Fein. I don't pretend to know where he or His Holiness stands on this ultra secular invasion of the Popes from [where] I stand.  To Dunstall for tea & Dinner both in the open air. Eddie was writing a play in a tent on the hill when I arrived. He talked brilliantly. His egotism is awful but of his intellect I grow more astonished every time I get a real talk with him.
	20 Jul, Tue	Tagore, his son & English secretary came and talked for 2 hours on cooperation for India. A wonderfully clear brain & practical – another Æ.
[NUR – National Union of Railwaymen]	21 Jul, Wed	Long talks with Philip Kerr, Sidney Webbs and Frank Hodges of National Federation of Miners all on Ireland. P.K. as trainer of L.I.G. is too quick on his feet for me. His view is that there are 3 irreconcilables – S.F., Ulster & the British people. Of course the obvious situation is that there are not 3 but 1 irreconcilable – Ulster. So to Labour who must be brought to see what Carson stands for in the political game – capital. Hodges advised me to get at [J.H.] Thomas before he sees L.I.G. next week with the leaders of the N.U.R.  To Newcastle on Tyne by night.
	22 Jul, Thu	Bowes Board, Gardiner, Walsh & Sir Lindsay Wood & Edward Western, away sick. Bainbridge, the two Palmers, George Western, Farebrother & Armstrong inspected half the collieries.
	23 Jul, Fri	Visited Dipton, Burnopfield, Marley Hill (coke ovens & Bye product works) & Kibblesworth Collieries of Bowes & Pelton, the last with Col Preston who met me there & Henry Armstrong.
	24 Jul, Sat	Distributed over 600 medals to the Pelton Coll[iery] Miners (& their widows) of whom 686 enlisted & 100 were killed in the War. Made a bad speech in the open air, inspected all sorts of irregulars but I think pleased the audience. The feeling betw'n the Pelton workers & the owners appears to be admirable.  Left in afternoon for London.
[Letter to the Editor, <i>The Times</i> , 27 Jul, p. 10]	25 Jul, Sun	Wrote a letter to Times pointing out why Sinn Fein would not negotiate with the Gov't (1) because the negotiator would be put in gaol (2) because they did not believe in Gov't's good faith. It was a propos of Labour's offer to L.I.G. to negotiate a settlement & L.I.G.'s reply that he would negotiate direct. I suggested that the Irish might listen to a representative of the British people not of B[ritish]. Gov't.  Had a talk with Col. House who told me that Lloyd George (to whom he offered his services as an intermediary in Ireland) said his hopes were rested on Labour!

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		Left by night for Ireland.
To Bary, Richard de [Letter to <i>The Times</i> (no title), p. 10]	26 Jul, Mon	A big rush of correspondence tired me out. Daisy came.
	27 Jul, Tue	Wrote a circular to business men, a last appeal to them to assert themselves in favor of a compromise between the two extremes. Fleuret the N.Y. World correspondent came again and told me his impressions of the Ulster situation which seems as hard as ever. Montegale came in the evening.
	28 Jul, Wed	Meeting of Council of Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Irish situation. The members present showed some public spirit & adjourned till tomorrow unable to get their scattered thoughts into a resolution.
	29 Jul, Thu	The Council of the Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution in favour of a full measure of Home Rule. Three of Midleton's Convention followers – A Jameson, Andrews & Goulding voted for it! Things are moving.  Desmond M[a]cCarthy came to supper & was interesting about Sinn Fein – especially the young people in it to whom “the Republic” is a fetish. They would die for it as it contains Ireland's soul!
	30 Jul, Fri	Began at last to rest but not without drugs. Tomorrow & tomorrow & tomorrow!!
	31 Jul, Sat	Daisy & Fingall came for week end. I rested.
	1 Aug, Sun	Rested absolutely.
	2 Aug, Mon	Called on “Larky Waldron” at his Killiney Villa in hopes I could get him into the I.D.L. I fear there is no chance of getting any public <u>work</u> out of the likes of him. The Fingalls returned to Killeen.
	3 Aug, Tue	Bryan & a brother officer called in for lunch. Also W.T. Green of Cork who promised £100 for the I.D.L. I wrote a short letter to the Dublin Press in its favor.  Sent Henry Harrison to <del>Lloyd George</del> in London to watch a deputation of business men, chiefly from Cork, to Lloyd George.
[wife – Signe née Toksvig]	4 Aug, Wed	Francis Hackett & his Danish wife, Lennox Robinson & James Douglas dined & we had a great Irish pow-wow.  I sent off an interview to the N.Y. American (a Hearst paper) and wrote many letters to possible Dominionists.
[“ An Irish Settlement”, <i>Irish Times</i> , 6 Aug, p. 6]	5 Aug, Thu	Result of my appeal for funds for the I.D.L. a big correspondence with people who subscribe or give reasons for not subscribing but in any case expect me to argue with them. Also I am asked questions in the Press, e.g. by Prof'r. Culverwell in the Irish Times today whom I had to answer. The Dominion idea is booming – largely as the result of my money. It is gratifying the numbers of people who were “always for it”. I shall get no rest I fear.
	6 Aug, Fri	Harrison came back from London & had a good report of his own work. The Cork Deputation had a good Press for the Dominion

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		scheme. I ought to have been with them for the sake of the League but I was not up to it.  Garden Party at Lady Ardilaun. She is a Sinn Feiner now!!  W.T. Green & his wife supped. He is helping me to get money for the I.D.L.
	7 Aug, Sat	Finished up a very hard week by writing many letters to possible Dominion Leaguers & one long letter to Dr. Kelly Bp. of Ross on the attitude of his church to Irish self gov't – especially on the education issue.  Jim Byrne & Sheila (his beautiful daughter) came for the Horse Show. So also the Fingalls.
[wife – née Maud Bourn]	8 Aug, Sun	“Major” Arthur Vincent whose rich American wife bought Muckross Abbey from Ld. Ardilaun spent the afternoon. I tried to “enthuse” him. Jim Byrne & I visited Boss Croker & his squaw. Both have aged a bit.
	9 Aug, Mon	To Leopardstown races after a morning dictating letters.
[ <i>Tempora mutantur – times change</i> ]	10 Aug, Tue	Tempora mutantur – but not the Dublin Horse Show. My party did it – I didn't. I wrote many people about the I.D.L.
	11 Aug, Wed	Same as yesterday.
	12 Aug, Thu	Wrote a good deal for the I.D.L. It is beginning to look up.
	13 Aug, Fri	The Byrnes left & Monteagle came. We had a meeting of the I.D.L. committee & determined to call a meeting of moderates, not under I.D.L. auspices, but using I.D.L. office to organise it.
	14 Aug, Sat	Mrs. Norman Hapgood & Fleuret the N.Y. World representative called. Killeen left. I think he is considering Sheila Byrne & also one Jessica Hughes, not nearly so fair to look upon but with better prospects. She is one of two, Sheila one of five! But the boy is not mercenary & I think in every way nice.
	15 Aug, Sun	Rested. Sir John Anderson, James MacMahon joint Under Secretaries & Mark Sturgis (I think Sir J.A.s private sec'y) lunched & played vigorous garden golf. The only news the Castle had was that Bonar Law was going to announce a new Irish policy tomorrow, but that as the Freeman's Journal had got word of it he could not now do it!
	16 Aug, Mon	The Fingalls left & the Walters arrived. I worked at I.D.L. & Irish Peace Conference for 24th August.
	17 Aug, Tue	Same as yesterday but rested half day.
	18 Aug, Wed	Worked at I.D.L. &c.
Fr Bryce, James	19 Aug, Thu	Chief business writing a letter to the Chief Secretary calling for action in the matter of nearly 20 creameries destroyed by the military & police!
	20 Aug, Fri	Lawrence Lowell & his wife arrived. I am very glad to repay a debt of much hospitality in part. He always welcomes me to Harvard and my visits are of great value to me as he has a first class political brain.  Daisy took away Mrs. Walter & the two children.  At night Adams came for a very brief visit. He leaves noon

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		tomorrow! He comes to report to the Carnegie Trustees on an Irish policy after consulting me.
	21 Aug, Sat	The morning with Adams & the rest of the day with the Lowells storing my political batteries.
	22 Aug, Sun	James Campbell Ld. Chancellor, George O'Brien, Æ & Susan Mitchell came during the day to talk to the Lowells. An interviewer came from the London Evening News. Not restful.
	23 Aug, Mon	Monteagle came for tomorrow's meeting. Dr. Michael Cox, one of Lady Aberdeen's Privy Councillors (& Dillon's medico) consulted me as to whether he should give up his Privy Councillorship as a protest against the existing regime! I advised him to wait a while & see if the Gov't listens to the 'moderates' who seem at last to be moving.
	24 Aug, Tue	The Irish Peace Conference was a success. It was a ticket meeting of some 600 pretty representative people from all over Ireland. Shaftesbury came from England to say a word of peace from Ulster (but on his own). I tried to keep out of it but was called for & made a short speech. I was very well received.  The Agnews came for a 6 days stay.
(To de Bary, Richard fr Bigger, F.J.)	25 Aug, Wed	Went on two deputations to Nevil Macready first as Commander of the Forces & secondly as Lord Justice (with Campbell Ld. Chancellor) to convey the resolutions of the Peace Conference. I fear the Philip Kerr policy of encouraging a bloody fight between Ulster & the South & hoping that they will then shake hands over it is bound to be worked out.
To Bryce, James [Ld. Mayor – Terence MacSwiney]	26 Aug, Thu	Harrison is rushing things & leaving the I.D.L. to take care of itself. Today a wire to the King about the Ld. Mayor of Cork. Bryan Stapylton spent part of the day at Kilteragh.
	27 Aug, Fri	More of Peace Conference aftermath. Had a meeting of its Standing Committee. Daisy, Mrs. Walter & the children came. Monteagle left.
[First paragraph apparently inadvertently written opposite 25 Aug.]  [“The Destruction of the Creameries”, in <i>IH</i> , XVII:35 (28 Aug), p. 646] [Two shillings sixpence]	28 Aug, Sat	A gloriously fine summer day. Had a golf & Dramatic Fete at Kilteragh the golf being in the Garden where I have 9 holes (averaging 70 yards!!) and the drama Eddie's "A Night at an Inn" done by Lennox Robinson & Abbey Theatre players. Made £50 or so for the Dublin Hospitals.  The Fête came off. It was a glorious day & I think those who came enjoyed the Golf, the Band, the tea & all for 5/-) and the Play – Eddie's "A Night at an Inn" (2/6). Bryan Stapylton gave us free the Band of the Cheshire Regiment.  13 Professionals competed for good money prizes over my garden golf course which I think I have made really first rate short golf. Holes – the regulation 9 – average 70 & range from 106 to 45. The games were A.1. They did not play as well as I do – at my rare best.
Fr Bryce, James	29 Aug, Sun	Two typical Middle Westerners – W.J. Coad & wife of Omaha, friends of Conrad Young spent the afternoon & evening at Kilteragh. They were very interesting on the American political situation. The Agnews left.
[In Britain 'bogey' was still the term for a round	30 Aug, Mon	Very tired & took drugs to combat a vile head ache. Went out to play garden golf after & did my course in bogey, 7 3's, a 2 at the



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shot at 'par'.]		4th & 4 at the 5th hole.
	31 Aug, Tue	<p>A deputation (which I introduced) from the Irish Peace Conf[eren]ce Standing C'tee to the Castle. Sir John Anderson &amp; two underlings Cope &amp; Sturgis. A long wrangle over the Ld. Mayor &amp; other Cork hunger strikers.</p> <p>Edmund Roche &amp; an elderly woman whom he had married (presumably for her money) fetched up in Dublin &amp; I brought them out to Foxrock for a few days. Had a good talk on old times on Powder River.</p> <p>Did the garden golf course in 25. The first 5 holes in 3, 6th in 4 &amp; 7th, 8th &amp; 9th each in 2! I doubt if I shall ever beat this. Yet the 6th is an easy 3.</p>
	1 Sep, Wed	<p>Wrote a letter to Times on the burning of the Irish Creameries.</p> <p>Moorhead called on me to discuss the Dublin Hospitals finance problem. He asked me about my health &amp; I told him it was first rate but dependent upon morphia of which I am taking ½ gr[ain] a day &amp; thereby getting sleep,. He advised me to keep on small doses until I could have treatment &amp; stop work for 3 months!</p>
To Bryce, James	2 Sep, Thu	To Killeen for Tom Leonard's funeral tomorrow. He was 79! How time flies! Brought Walter with me & took him to Dunsany en route. Eddie & Beatrice were very hospitable to him.
	3 Sep, Fri	<p>Wrote this day's record over page by error.</p> <p>Tom Leonard's funeral was a most unimpressive affair. I never saw so little grief or even interest in such an event! The country folk were almost unrepresented beyond his actual employees.</p> <p>Back to Kilteragh taking Daisy with me.</p>
["The Wrecking of Creameries", in <i>IH</i> , XXVII:36 (4 Sep), pp. 662, 664]	4 Sep, Sat	<p>After a morning dealing with enormous correspondence went up 3 Rock Mountain with the Walters &amp; their children.</p> <p>Fingall came for the week end.</p>
[ <i>Temps</i> – Times]	5 Sep, Sun	The correspondent of the Temps came to lunch. Otherwise I worked at another appeal for support for the I.D.L.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i>	6 Sep, Mon	Worked in Dublin half day. R Hart Synnot came for a week to help me.
["Irish Creameries: The Continuance of Reprisals", <i>The Times</i> , 7 Sep, p. 6; reprinted in <i>IS</i> , XXVII:37 (11 Sep), pp. 678, 680] [prob. Sir T.C. Macardle]	7 Sep, Tue	A meeting of the Standing C'tee of the Peace conference – Pöe, Gwynn, McCardle [ <i>sic</i> ], Swayne K.C., Harrison, Gen'l. O'Gowan & Everard in chair. I managed to get them to postpone the deputation to Lloyd George. They have nothing to propose.
	8 Sep, Wed	Worked at I.A.O.S. on burnt creameries &c & at I.D.L. Had Cope & Sturgis, Sir John Anderson's underlings to lunch. They are both Dominion Home Rulers at heart. Got them to send orders to the local police that the Foxford nuns are alarmed by the Police & military reprisals & fear that their woollen Factory may be attacked.
	9 Sep, Thu	The murders increase – 6 more today. Lloyd George has declared

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		that the hunger-strikers must die. The Military Authority are evidently upset by my letter in last Tuesday's Times, accusing the soldiers & police of burning the creameries & they have called on me for evidence. This I am collecting.
To House, E.M. [Rycroft]  [battle-dore – an early form of badminton]	10 Sep, Fri	Saw General Rycroft [ <i>sic</i> ] at G.H.Q. He brought out my letter to the Times & was very angry about my references to the soldiers. The Police he had nothing to do with. When I go to the civil authorities they have nothing to say to the soldiers & it is a regular game of battle-dore & shuttlecock. But the whole story is a miserable muddle. One never hears both sides. Did my garden golf course in 26 & 27.
	11 Sep, Sat	Half days work in Dublin. Then quiet afternoon. Lady Byles came for the week end.
[“Wee Frees” – a group of anti-Lloyd-George ‘Independent Liberals’ (named for a strict breakaway minority of the Free Church of Scotland)]	12 Sep, Sun	Worked most of the day at a circular to the I.D.L. For the rest talked to Lady Byles who is a “Wee Free” in politics & is terribly disillusioned about Asquith!
	13 Sep, Mon	Meeting of the I.D.L. Committee. Everard, Miss Cunningham, Gen'l. Hammond, Harrison & Carrigan K.C. the only ones present! Decided to struggle on & adopted my circular to members.
	14 Sep, Tue	Meeting of Office & Finance C'tee of IAOS chief event. Also worked at redrafting the letter I yesterday got the I.D.L. Exec C'tee to approve!!
	15 Sep, Wed	Worked all day at the I.D.L. Joe Devlin called & we had a long talk on the Belfast situation. I think I almost persuaded him to join the I.D.L.
	16 Sep, Thu	Same as yesterday. Monteagle came up. Dear old man he rather bores me at times. But a better soul does not exist. I owe him much.
	17 Sep, Fri	Finished & sent to printer a long circular to the Irish Dominion League which I think may move thought. I called it The Peace Conference & After & argued that the I.D.L. must not be absorbed but continue its independent existence – working harder than ever.  We had a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Peace Conference. Never did I hear such talk talk talk, & nothing doing.
	18 Sep, Sat	Monteagle left me after telling me that the difficulty of the ‘Moderates’ was my quarrel with Harrison. So I went into town & had a talk with him. I also wrote to Everard & had Carrigan K.C. out to talk the situation over. The issue is as usual – Ulster. I am against the six county concession to Carson & mean to fight it to the end.
[ <i>saeva indignatio</i> – savage indignation]	19 Sep, Sun	P.A. O'Farrell came to dinner & “gassed” a good deal. But he knows many influential Irish Americans & Canadians (e.g. Ld. Shaugnessy) & must be fostered.  Erskine Childers also came. His <i>saeva indignatio</i> against England makes his great ability a grave danger. It was bad that he should be used by the Bp. of Raphoe to wreck the Convention. Now he is

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		being used by the Irish extremists to make their case to the world. He justifies the murder of police! Yet he is as honest as he is brave.
	20 Sep, Mon	The murders (on both sides) increase alarmingly. Had a meeting of the inner circle of the Peace Conf[eren]ce standing committee – Swayne K.C., Shandon, Harrison & Gwynn. Held out obdurately against the six county partition.
	21 Sep, Tue	My old friend Nugent Everard came to me & I indoctrinated him with Dominion Home Rule.  A meeting at the Mansion House to try and unite all creeds & parties in Dublin in helping the sufferers in the Belfast Sectarian Riots. Of course wild speeches were made & I was sorry I had promised £100 beforehand. News today very bad from all over the country.
	22 Sep, Wed	Another meeting of the Standing Committee of the Peace Conference & I got them to adopt an approximation to the I.D.L.'s policy.  RA Anderson returned from his Canadian trip much less ill than I had feared from his letters & a Marconigram from his ship.
	23 Sep, Thu	Work at IDL & I.A.O.S.
	24 Sep, Fri	First meeting of Dublin C'tee for relief of Belfast &c sufferers – chiefly victims of furious bigotry but also of the madly criminal assassination of District Inspector Swanzy in Lisburn.  The situation gets rapidly <u>desperate</u> & God knows how it will or can be cleared up.
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i> [“The Burning of Creameries”, in <i>IH</i> , XXVII:39 (25 Sep), pp. 712, 714]	25 Sep, Sat	The Hannays came – also Desmond M[a]cCarthy for the week end. He is studying Ireland for the <i>New Statesman</i> & writing also for the <i>Manchester Guardian</i> .  Spent the day trying to prevent Harrison resigning secretaryship of Irish Peace Conf[eren]ce because the Standing C'tee would not let him publish in their name a resol[utio]n denouncing reprisals by the Gov't without a meeting of the C'tee. Found a way out.
	26 Sep, Sun	Mrs. J R Green & Æ to lunch. Desmond M[a]cCarthy & I talked the I.Q. ad nauseum. But he is serious about it & not a mere journalist.
To Bryce, James	27 Sep, Mon	Meeting of Standing C'tee of Peace Conference chief event of day.
	28 Sep, Tue	Feel very seedy & cannot sleep without morphia. I badly want a complete rest & I see myself being dragged willy-nilly into this thrice accursed Irish Question – the creation of British party crooks!!
	29 Sep, Wed	Began circulation of my memorandum on the Irish Dominion policy which should have effect.
	30 Sep, Thu	Motored 137 miles (driving myself about half the way) to Newport in N Tipp[erary] to inspect the creamery destroyed by the military about which I wrote in the <i>Times</i> of Sept 7 & was interviewed by Sir Wm. Rycroft at GHQ on 10th inst[ant]. I met the creamery's solicitor & counsel who are to bring the case before the county court tomorrow at Nenagh & took them in to

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		interview the witnesses. The chief one Fr. Duggan CC was an obvious liar. But the manager of the creamery Ryan whose letter I quoted in the Times was thoroughly honest – indeed a very fine fellow. There is no doubt that it was a reprisal by the Military. It is a cruel blow to the farmers.  Slept with F---e (now Major, R.M.) Dease at Nenagh.
	1 Oct, Fri	10 AM went to Court House. Sat in sun on steps till 12.45 when the Newport case was reached. Judge did not take it till after lunch. 2.15 to 4.45 sat through it. Dudley White K.C. was acting Co. C[our]t Judge & did fairly well. I gave evidence on consequential damages which the solicitor & counsel did not understand, not being cooperators. Was glad I came down. In the end the judge awarded – or levied on the County which won't pay – ample compensation. The Gov't will have to pay the amount if we succeed in working public opinion up against them. Our case is absolutely good.  Got back to Kilteragh after 10 very very tired. What a joy it would have been to have plunged into this work 30 years ago when I had strength to go through with it.
	2 Oct, Sat	Dorothy had arrived last night, before I got back she had retired. She looks fresh & well.  Worn out & rested.
	3 Oct, Sun	Bryan Stapylton came for a 24 hours visit. Hammond spent afternoon. Rested – part of day!
	4 Oct, Mon	Piles of letters – among them an important one to Sir Wm. Rycroft on Newport Creamery.  An amazingly informed journalist came to interview me & Heard & I interviewed him on every interesting country in Europe.
["Party Politics – What They Have Done for Ireland", <i>Sunday Times</i> , 10 Oct, p. 10]	5 Oct, Tue	Tried, without success, to do a promised article for The Sunday Times on the Irish situation.
	6 Oct, Wed	A meeting of the Standing C'tee of the Irish Peace Conference. Endless talk & nothing done. Wrote a bad article for Sunday Times but get another day's grace.
	7 Oct, Thu	Unwell – morphia.
	8 Oct, Fri	Harrison went into a nursing home to be examined. I engaged myself for a meeting at Manchester – a Dinner at Reform Club on 26th.
	9 Oct, Sat	Wilfrid (brother of Karl) Walter was brought by Daisy from London for a rest here & at Killeen. He served well in the war & his work now is scene painter and actor at The Old Vic. He seems nice but I don't know him yet.  Met Nevinson the journalist in Dublin & Desmond M[a]cCarthy came to lunch at Kilteragh. Lloyd George today made a bitter anti-Irish speech in Wales & the outlook is gloomy beyond words.
[Reference to 1880]	10 Oct, Sun	W.B. Yeats supped and was very interesting. He had been talking

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election in which Gladstone's speeches on ethical foreign policy won him the Midlothian district.]		to Asquith & wants Æ & me to stir him to a "Midlothian Campaign" against the "Irish atrocities". Alas Squiff is not Gladstone!  Lloyd George made yesterday a vile anti-Irish speech.
	11 Oct, Mon	A rush day and to London by night mail.
	12 Oct, Tue	Carnegie United Kingdom Executive Committee. I managed to get £20,000 for 2 years work in Ireland "along Library lines". I shall be able to do something civilising with the money – if I live. Meeting (well attended) of Irish Dominion League's London branch.
	13 Oct, Wed	Nearly all day writing on Carnegie Trust business and on Irish situation. Dined with Pope Hennessys & had sad discourse on Ireland. Lady Gregory's widowed daughter-in-law was there.
	14 Oct, Thu	Had Pentland & G O'Donovan to lunch at St. James Club. Hard ½ day at letters & then to Bryce at his lovely retreat at Forest Row for a dine & sleep.
	15 Oct, Fri	Morning with the Bryces. With him Fred Stimson & wife U.S. ambassador to Argentine. Bryce was ready to come out on the Irish situation, but I asked him to hold himself in reserve till the effect of Grey's & Asquith's pronouncements have been ascertained.  The coal strike was decided upon today. It is to begin tomorrow unless a miracle happens. Took Mary, Walter & Sir Wm. McCormick to the Theatre to see Lennox Robinson's excellent farce The Whiteheaded Boy. It is paying & I am very glad as I hope great things from The Lynx as we call him in Ireland.
To Bryce, James	16 Oct, Sat	Had Sydney Brooks, K Leyes [ <i>sic</i> ], Pope-Hennessy & Lord Coke (whom S.B. brought) to lunch at St. Jas. Club to discuss the Irish situation. Supped with K. Walter. Wrote furiously & tried to get mind down to important speech I am to make on Tuesday next but failed.
	17 Oct, Sun	To Adams for a day & night. Met his neighbour Bridges, poet Laureate, a craftsman in poetry I am sure but too hopelessly unattached to life to be a poet in the sense I alone understand the class. Dined with Gilbert Murray. Good discourse all day.
[Michael Fitzgerald]	18 Oct, Mon	Back from Oxford. Had Dr. Joseph Redlich to lunch. He had a wonderful knowledge of European politics & interested me greatly.  The first hunger striker's death in Cork after 67 days' fast!
	19 Oct, Tue	Spoke with Sir John Simon to a big meeting at the Central Hall Westminster. Had a good reception but spoke much too long & discursively. Simon was excellent.
	20 Oct, Wed	A worm after yesterday. But with help of drugs got through the days work which consisted of an interview with Shortt, Home Secretary, former Chief Secretary for Ireland, who is a mere lawyer on the make (a judgeship being the objective) via the Irish Office. He gave me two very interesting & important pieces of information (1) The outrages of the Black & Tans cannot be restrained because the police forces would resign!! (2) The Carsonites are now in a state of exaltation over their six county Parliament. They say they can make it work. My pamphlet

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[ambiguous – Plunkett knew widower Sir Ernest Cassel, but his married nephew Sir Felix was Judge Advocate General]		<p>Dominion or Downfall is surely timely.</p> <p>Dined with the Pope Hennessys. Met Lady Carnarvon, Sir Ernest Cassel, Judge Advocate General &amp; his wife &amp; Sir Hugh Bell. With the last I had good discourse. He is a great Iron &amp; coal man, a scientist I believe and a wonderfully informed man. He was a cheery pessimist. The inherent deep down common sense of the English people will pull them through again. But when I pointed out the unprecedented complexity of the problems they have to solve &amp; the need for quick decision if this nation is to be saved from financial – aye &amp; moral – bankruptcy he was at a loss for hopeful suggestions. He says the miners are right in the present demand for an extra 2/- though the industry can't pay it.</p>
[“Wee Frees” – group of anti-Lloyd-George ‘Independent Liberals’]	21 Oct, Thu	<p>A dull Bowes meeting. The Palmers on the coal strike were not illuminating.</p> <p>Lunched with the Wee Frees &amp; spoke for ½ hour on the Irish situation. A small band of disheartened &amp; quite out of it politicians. But some journalists (AG Gard[i]ner &amp; A Spender) were present &amp; I think I did good for Ireland.</p>
	22 Oct, Fri	<p>All miners thoughts are concentrated on the industrial situation. Walter who is in close touch with Labour at Woolwich keeps me informed of the feeling of the masses. It appears to me that we are in for a <u>bloody</u> conflict betw'n capital (too clearly represented by the Gov't of Lloyd George) and Labour fooled &amp; fooled again by that arch trickster. Probably the final conflict betw'n the old &amp; the new regime will be deferred till labour is better organised and has absorbed &amp; placed in power the intellectuals increasingly working upon its problems. But the Gov't with Winston &amp; W Long at the head of the two fighting services may provoke a conflict which they can win before Labour is ready. The coal strike is on &amp; the railwaymen &amp; transport workers are considering still whether they will join.</p> <p>Had a talk with TP O'Connor (no good) and Devlin (who lunched with me after) on the Irish situation. Persuaded Devlin to come with me to Manchester.</p>
[From the poet Horace: <i>Post Equitem Sedet Atra Cura</i> – Behind the Rider Sits Dark Care]	23 Oct, Sat	<p>Nothing done worth doing. Many letters.</p> <p>Heard today a good story. Sir Thomas Lipton being congratulated on his popularity in America replied, “Me &amp; the Americans are as thick as thieves in Vallunhosa”. To S. Brooks who told me this over the phone I gave back Fr. Finlay's boy's glorious mis-translation of <i>Post equitem sedet atra cura</i>. After horse-riding the dark lady sits with care.</p> <p>In asking the Reform Club yesterday by wire whether I might bring Joseph Devlin with me it appears I left out the surname. They welcomed Mr. Joseph. The Manchester Guardian inquired of me who was this mystery man. On putting the matter right with the Club they decided against asking “Wee Joe”. He was very nice about it.</p>
	24 Oct, Sun	<p>Spent my 66th birthday at Fishers Hill. The Lyttons were there &amp; I had long talks with him, Betty being absorbed in a swarm of children &amp; Gerald “spooking” in his study.</p> <p>The coal strike looks like being settled &amp; the Railroad strike averted – or rather both look like being postponed.</p>

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[“Irish Creameries – The Demand for Redress”, <i>The Times</i> , p. 11; reprint in <i>IH</i> , XXVII:44 (30 Oct), pp. 792, 794]	25 Oct, Mon	<p>Another long talk with Joe Devlin. He is a really big man. With no education but a great gift of oratory – with all the equipment of a demagogue but with a real love of the depressed humanity for which he cares. He attended a meeting of the National Peace Council – I don’t know who they are – &amp; spoke brilliantly. We met at the Committee Room at H. of C. I find myself much in the public eye just now, though my appearances are rare. I have worked hard &amp; long for Ireland. I don’t know how people know it but they do.</p> <p>Wrote a short letter to <i>The Times</i> charging the Government with lying to both Houses of Parliament about the destruction of creameries.</p> <p>The Ld. Mayor of Cork died of his hunger strike.</p>
	26 Oct, Tue	<p>Up early, rushed off a lot of letters &amp; then with Ld. French to Manchester where we both made, as Irish moderates rather strong speeches against the Irish Government’s Irish policy. I sat next C P Scott of the <i>Manchester Guardian</i> &amp; he told me my speech would do good. It took a lot out of me. Owing to the coal strike only one boat goes to Kingstown &amp; now to Dublin. So I had to travel by the night mail after a very tiring ordeal.</p>
	27 Oct, Wed	<p>The day began in the Night Mail. About 2 hours sleep &amp; 5 hours yawning.</p> <p>Had Erskine Childers to lunch at Stephens Green Club. He is the most dangerous man in Ireland from his utter incapacity to see any wrong on his own side, because on the main issue between England &amp; Ireland, Ireland is right.</p> <p>Meeting of the Standing C’tee of Peace Conference. A poor lot of politicians, though honest!</p>
	28 Oct, Thu	<p>Wrote a letter for the Irish Peace Conference Standing Committee to send to Lloyd George. Attended a meeting of the Belfast Sufferers Committee at the Mansion House. A Belfast Protestant worker who sympathised with the R.C.s who have been disemployed in the worst outbreak of religious bigotry in modern times gave us an awful account of the savagery of the pogrom in the Ship Yards. He says some 30,000 people of the labouring class are affected.</p> <p>Sir John Keane came to tea &amp; supper &amp; agreed to join the Committee of the I.A.O.S.</p>
	29 Oct, Fri	<p>Meeting of I.A.O.S. (quarterly) C’tee. Corpse of the Ld Mayor of Cork was to have been carried through Dublin. The Gov’t sent it by long sea to Cork. No disturbance but nearly the whole of Ireland stopped work.</p>
To House, E.M.	30 Oct, Sat	<p>Worked hard at home all day writing political letters.</p> <p>Alice came by pony trap from Youghal. She had stopped with friends on the way. Plucky girl.</p>
	31 Oct, Sun	<p>Neville Anderson brought his fiancée to lunch with her father ?Carton O’Meara. Came also W. E. Callan. But I spent the whole day writing a long letter to Lord Curzon about his assertion in the Lords on Oct 20 that there was no evidence that the Black &amp; Tans were burning my creameries! Ld. Loreburn is going on Tuesday next to bring the matter up in the Lords.</p>

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	1 Nov, Mon	Work at I.A.O.S. over reprisals against its branches & a lunch with James MacMahon at the Stephens Green Club. He told me nothing new but gave me a complete picture of the present Government of Ireland. Greenwood told the House of Commons a few days ago that he had got the better of Sinn Fein. Some six murders in the papers today!
	2 Nov, Tue	The murders go on – and the reprisals. I fear the worst. The armed forces are quite out of hand and more will have to be sent over if the country is to be held by England and those failing to preserve order will have to be withdrawn if it is not. I think the latter the more likely – and what then? It would be Ireland’s chance – will she take it?
<i>Fr House, E.M.</i>	3 Nov, Wed	The Lords Debate yesterday was a perfect farce. Ld. Buckmaster whom we had coached & briefed on reprisals did not speak. I am getting down hearted about it all & don’t feel at all fit for my work.
	4 Nov, Thu	Worked at I.A.O.S. – Reprisals &c. Wrote part of a letter to Times on Irish situation.  Had the O’Conor out to my house for tea & supper. A nice fellow.
	5 Nov, Fri	Worked all day at a letter to The Times on our present discontents & didn’t finish it. Bryan Stapylton came to lunch & stayed to supper. He was very helpful with his clear views but rather depressing. His loathing for the politicians based on their utter untrustworthiness is alarming.
	6 Nov, Sat	Spent whole day on letter to Times & found two letters required to cover the ground. Sent off No. I & began No. II.
	7 Nov, Sun	Spent whole day on letter to Times to follow that which they will publish tomorrow. Failed to finish it.
[“Irish Policy – ‘The Result of Broken Pledges’”, <i>The Times</i> , p. 8]	8 Nov, Mon	My letter appeared in the Times & I tried but failed to get off a sequel to it. Worked hard at it too.
	9 Nov, Tue	Again failed to write the letter I wanted to the Times. Attended a meeting of the Carnegie Trustees Advisory C’tee. & did good I think. Sent off the letter to Times in bad shape.
	10 Nov, Wed	Lloyd George yesterday made a speech which made me wire to recall my letter to Times. I shall send it for Saturday’s issue rewritten.
	11 Nov, Thu	Worked all day at letter to The Times & was disappointed with it.
<i>Fr Bryce, James</i>	12 Nov, Fri	Utterly worn out. Shall have to go to America for the sake of the sea voyage & Battle Creek!
	13 Nov, Sat	Bryan Stapylton & Daisy came for week end.  My letter to Times was sent back by Wickham Steed Editor saying he would publish it but asked me to reconsider it.
	14 Nov, Sun	Rewrote half of the letter to Times.
	15 Nov, Mon	Wrote rest of letter to Times & sent it off.



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		George Murphy was buried in Dublin & I attended the funeral. Another link with the past snapped.
To Bryce, James	16 Nov, Tue	IAOS Office & Finance C'tee. Was to have spoken to Thomas Davis Soc'y on Dominion Home Rule but was too seedy.
To House, E.M.	17 Nov, Wed	Very miserable over my nervous state – no sleep without drugs.
["Chances of Mutual Concessions – A Nuclear Association", <i>The Times</i> , p. 8]	18 Nov, Thu	<p>A meeting of Council of Chamber of Commerce with representatives of most of the other chambers (Belfast, of course, excepted) to discuss England's economic strangle hold on Ireland now intensified by the Railway situation. The workers refusing to carry troops, police ammunition &amp;c, the Gov't dismiss the workers &amp; stop the trains. A crisis surely!</p> <p>My letter appeared in today's Times. It was a bit long but will help the Independent Liberals &amp; Labor men to understand this complicated situation.</p> <p>Saw Moorhead about the morphia. His advice is definite. No use attempting to work without the morphia as the nervous strain would lead to a nervous breakdown. But the quantity must be kept down to ½ gr[ain] a day. When I can take a 3 to 6 months rest I can stop the morphia – not before. A gloomy look out.</p>
	19 Nov, Fri	Coop. Reference Library meeting and talks with Æ on rural problems.
	20 Nov, Sat	Began my Sidney Ball lecture.
	21 Nov, Sun	Awful news by telephone from Dublin. A dozen murders of servants of the Crown & horrible reprisals by armed troops on a football crowd. All trains stopped & telephone intermittent.
	22 Nov, Mon	Trains still stopped. Motored into Dublin & found people amazingly calm. The <u>daily</u> murders have been accepted as inevitable.
	23 Nov, Tue	<p>In Dublin things were outwardly normal. But the murderers are active on both sides. I see no end to it yet.</p> <p>James Douglas, Quaker, pacifist, Republican, honest, shrewd &amp; knowledgeable lunched with me. He too is hopeless after Red Sunday as it is called already. Today the soldiers shot 3 prisoners in a Dublin prison in cold blood. It is said &amp; nobody can deny it that they tried to run away!</p>
	24 Nov, Wed	Worked all day at Oxford address.
	25 Nov, Thu	De Valera has approved the murders!!
	26 Nov, Fri	Penultimate day before departure for London, Oxford & America. Worked at Oxford address (Sidney Ball).
	27 Nov, Sat	<p>A cold wet day which I spent packing for London, Oxford &amp; America! Left by night mail – the last boat of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Co to carry the mails. My mind travelled back 60 years when on Oct 1st 1860 my father – not long widowed brought his seven children over in the first trip of one of the famous Ulster Munster Leinster &amp; Connaught paddle boats. They were the last word in naval architecture of that day. They did the passage in 4 hours &amp; weren't too uncomfortable! Sick [<i>sic</i>] transit.</p> <p>Spent the day between packings struggling with my Sidney Ball</p>

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	28 Nov, Sun	Norman[,] Harrison & Pope Hennessys were my only human connections as I had to work at my Oxford address. News came that the Sinn Feiners have started arson on a big scale in Liverpool. The outlook for poor Ireland is desperate.
	29 Nov, Mon	To Oxford where I stayed with the Warden of Wadham, Wells (Mrs. W. a delightful & kind hostess) for a public Meeting of Protest against the Irish policy of the Gov't. and then Sidney Ball lecture on Wed[nesda]y.  Sir J Simon & Ld. Henry Bentinck were the chief speakers – I in the chair. I was brief & well received. Simon very clever, Bentinck simple but not at all clever. The meeting was in the Corn Exchange & was crowded. Large numbers turned away. It was not unacrimonious but fair & I think I helped to make it calm by my appeal for conciliation.
	30 Nov, Tue	Worked all day at my S. Ball address – the Oxford part of it which I could not write till I had conferred with Orwin, Ashby & Adams.  In evening was dined by the Irish Society W B Yeats in the chair. Made a long tired rambling speech.
	1 Dec, Wed	Worked all day at my lecture & had not quite finished it ahead. Delivered it to a good audience at the Examination Halls. I was well received & I think did good to the cause of rural reconstruction.  Dined in Hall at Wadham & had good discourse in the common room afterwards. Phelps, Warden of Oriel was my most interesting fellow guest.
	2 Dec, Thu	Spent the forenoon with Adams & Miss Hadow of the Barnett House. Saw also Hart Synnot. Had good talk upon future of our Rural Sociological work.
	3 Dec, Fri	Lunched with TP O'Connor & Joseph Devlin. The former is 73 and is really a marvel of energy. J.D. has genius but no education. He has been making a splendid fight against overwhelming odds in the British Parliament and Ireland & I shall back him for all I am worth.
	4 Dec, Sat	A fine Irish Peace Meeting in the Albert Hall. Asquith was the chief speaker, but was terribly interrupted. A Miss Banfield, a little Labour firebrand roused the meeting to a great enthusiasm and redeemed it. She was a wonderful demagogue! Lord Buckmaster spoke splendidly. I spoke last for 2 minutes – under protest & was well received. I found rather to my surprise that I could make the vast audience hear.
	5 Dec, Sun	Lunched with Hon. Mary Massey now Mrs. Jack Perceval. He is a nice little fellow in trade (?motor accessories) & they are happy. She is housing Monteagle & Norman & had R.A.A. a little time ago.  Went to Rockhampton to see Phyllis Byrne at the Convent of the Sacred Heart. Met Miss Josephine Sullivan there & had a good Irish talk.

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		Sydney Brooks called on me & told me no news.
	6 Dec, Mon	Lunched with the Pope Hennessys to meet a Col. Stapleton commanding the Limerick District. He was a dull straight soldier who did not in the least understand the political objection to the Gov't he was upholding by force. Dined with Davison Dalziel who has profiteered well into the millions in the war. He thinks capital is safe for many years to come. Strange blindness!
<i>Fr Conole, Delia</i>	7 Dec, Tue	A hectic day. Wrote many letters. Lunched with Lady Willert & met William Hard writer in American papers who is coming to Ireland later. Saw Vaughan Nash about IAOS affairs.  Long talk with Philip Kerr. He still denies that the Government are under the dictatorship of Carson in their Irish policy. It is a struggle between two ideals & so forth. I told him what I thought of the whole business, admitted that his Gov't could reduce us to subjection by the economic boycott but that they would only increase the hatred of the Irish for the English with disastrous consequences to the future peace of the world.
To Green, W.T.	8 Dec, Wed	Came on board the Baltic very tired & overwrought. Lay in the River till I went to bed for some reason & heard that they will call at Queenstown, so had to write a lot of letters. Walter came with me. A D Hall, Norman, Gregan & Heard saw me off at Euston.  Ship not full & I got splendid accommodation.
	9 Dec, Thu	A miserable day reminiscent of 4 years ago, when I was detained in the Adriatic 3 days in a thick fog while I was struggling against illness – the X ray burn – to get out to America where I felt I might be of some use to that Anglo-American accord to which I look for the salvation of democracy – a nice sentence!  Another reminder & a warning. After a light lunch going up to my stateroom I had some kind of seizure & fell senseless on the stair case. The blow brought me to. I was helped to my bed. The doctor came & sewed up a nasty gash over my right eye. I think it is nothing serious – only the effect of mad over strain during the last few months.  The fog lasted all day & we lay at anchor.
	10 Dec, Fri	A miserable day. Got off in the afternoon 48 hours late. Never left my room.
	11 Dec, Sat	30. Left Queenstown about 10 A.M. The doctor told me he had to put off two Sinn Feiners who had embarked at Liverpool. They were probably “on the run” & were driven mad with the terror – whether of the murder gang on the Sinn Fein or on the Government side he could not say. I got better & sat out on deck for a couple of hours.
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	18 Dec, Sat	374 – 95 to Sandy Hook. 3051 from L[iver]pool, 2811 from Queenstown.  Immensely improved by the rest on the voyage. Now all that remains to do is to give up Drugs. This means a week of Hell round Xmas at Battle Creek.  Lay in Harbour all night.
	19 Dec, Sun	Happily only 2 journalists on the job & with Walter I concealed my movements & said about Ireland only what I think will help – if they report what I said.  Jim Byrne came to dinner. T.C. Cannon was waiting for me in New York. Saw Poynton, wrote a cable home & got through the day without too much fatigue.
[Cannon]	20 Dec, Mon	Poynton & Walter breakfasted, went with Callan [ <i>sic</i> ] to Guaranty Trust Co, dictated letters in Byrne's office, called on Stuart Wortley at his club, was interviewed by a man from The Survey, dined with Col. House & a few other less interesting people my kind hostess asked to meet me.
<i>Fr Greenslet, F.</i>	21 Dec, Tue	Lunched with John Quinn to meet Morgan O'Brien, a Judge Campbell, a Moloney & John D. Ryan leaders in a movement for relief to sufferers from English Government in Ireland. I advised them to send money to Belfast where there is real distress owing to dismissal of R.C. workers & to abandon a project for sending a ship full of food & clothes to Cork! I urged the formation of a strong C'tee in Ireland to deal with the difficulties of distribution and said my friends would help.  Met ?Granard & Robert Wilberforce. Walter & I took the 5 P.M. train for Battle Creek, he going on to Chicago & Kansas City.
	22 Dec, Wed	Said goodbye to Walter at Battle Creek where Conrad Young arrived shortly & he Cannon & I did all my Western business during the day. I then settled down to my cure beginning with an electric bath and massage at night. My old friend Dr. Riley was at work and took up my case most sympathetically. He advises me gradually to reduce the morphia & then help out the cure with sedative drugs – bromides preferably. Today in order to get through my business & send my business men away I took an extra dose of morphia.
	23 Dec, Thu	Went carefully to my misery. At noon took 1/8th gr[ain]. Riley told me to take 3/8ths for a couple of days & then go to 1/4. So I had an easy day of it today. Conrad Young & Cannon left.
	24 Dec, Fri	Took 3/6ths today. The dropping of tea, coffee, alcohol, tobacco & meat is in itself such a shock that I thought it better to go slow with the drugs.
	25 Dec, Sat	A dreary Xmas. Relieved it with 3/6ths gr[ain]n.
	26 Dec, Sun	One more day 1/2 gr[ain] & tomorrow I mean to begin the misery.
	27 Dec, Mon	Xray examination of colon – very painful – upset me. I fear there is trouble at one of the 'gates'.
	28 Dec, Tue	Learned today from Dr. Riley that the Xrays have discovered something very like a stoppage in the lower bowels. I fear it may be a cancer similar to that cut out of the bladder. If so my time is short, for I should hardly stand the operation required. Tomorrow

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		another Xray examination is to be made.
	29 Dec, Wed	[No entry]
	30 Dec, Thu	[No entry]
	31 Dec, Fri	<p>Riley told me the Xray of my lower bowels shows considerable obstruction of an obscure character. No operation at present thank God.</p> <p>Later. Saw Case who told me that he must have another Xray examination of the colon. They took many plates &amp; they all showed several abnormalities. They agreed in locating one distinct obstruction in the sigmoid. There is an off chance that this was a fecal lump &amp; so I am to be thoroughly purged and then if the lump is still there an operation – a grave one – will be necessary. If it is malignant there will be no time to lose.</p> <p>I am not alarmed but shall be very unhappy until I know that I am not to be incapacitated for long at this crisis in my public life.</p>
	Year-end Summary	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>1920</u></p> <p>The year began with the Report of my death at Battle Creek where I was resting. It ended in the same place with an operation of a grave character threatened. In between I was ploughing a lonely furrow in Ireland – advocating the only solution of that eternal Question – the largest measure of autonomy consistent with the military safety of the British Isles and the safeguarding of the Protestant minority in the N.E. corner.</p> <p>Whether I influenced thought towards moderation I cannot say. I think the two extremes became less bitter against me. If my health is spared I still hope to help towards a settlement.</p>