

# LET IRELAND ALONE, GEDDES URGES U.S.

New Ambassador Declares Brit-  
ish Have No Quarrel With  
Erin Now

## SEEKS CLOSER RELATIONS

New York, April 20.—Declaring that in this generation there is no quarrel between England and Ireland, Sir Auckland Geddes, new British ambassador to the United States, said on his arrival here yesterday that the Irish in Ireland should be allowed to grapple with their own political difficulties without outside interference, adding that it takes time to make a quarrel, and that the present generation of Englishmen have steadfastly refused to quarrel with Ireland, he said that when the new home rule bill becomes operative it "will be the duty of all British subjects who are not domiciled in Ireland to stand aside and leave those who live there to settle their problem."

"I venture to add," Sir Auckland continued, "that it also will be helpful if the many in all parts of the world who are not British subjects, but are interested in Ireland, likewise stand aside and leave the Irish to grapple with their own political difficulties."

Russia's Influence on Trade  
Sir Auckland also referred to the Russian situation, stating that until Russia returns to the circle of producing trade nations, economic conditions of the world will not improve, even though the general footing may improve. He added that the United States and Great Britain were in constant consultation on the question of reopening trade with that country.

Sir Auckland, accompanied by Lady Geddes, J. J. Broderick, commercial counselor of the embassy, and Captain J. D. L. Lindsay, son of Sir W. D. Dundas, embassy attaché, were met at quarantine by Ronald Lindsay, chargé d'affaires of the British embassy, and Consul General Armstrong, of New York. They were taken from the steamer Kaiser Auguste Victoria, on which they made the voyage, by a

coast guard cutter and landed at the Battery, where they were driven to the American station. They left at once for Washington.

His pre-judgment statement, given out on arrival, in part follows:

"On arrival I wish first to say that I look on my appointment as British ambassador at Washington as the highest honor and privilege that could possibly have been granted to me. I believe that the main hope of world peace rests on the existence of mutual respect and understanding between the peoples of the United States of America and the British community of nations. It is my ambition to help to develop such a spirit."

"For generations England has given sanctuary to representatives of the discontented and the unhappy, the oppressed and the downtrodden. We have listened to harrowing tales of great wrongs and we have been moved to take steps to redress them again."

"We are trying to, as always to meet the legitimate aspirations of the dependent peoples such as those in India and in Egypt so far as in our judgment it is possible without working a mischief where we see to do good."

"Similarly in Ireland we are trying

to devote political machinery whereby the antagonized sections of the Irish peoples can work out their own internal politics and salvation without encroaching on Irish interests. It is to be true that it takes two to make a quarrel; there is in this generation no quarrel between England and Ireland, for the present generation of Englishmen has steadfastly refused to quarrel with Ireland. The British Government after careful study of the Irish question is convinced that now is the only hope of ending that centuries-old dissension to place fairly and squarely on the shoulders of Irishmen in Ireland the constitutional responsibility of finding for themselves within the framework of the British empire the solution for their political differences."

"The new home rule bill which passed its third reading in the British House of Commons by a great majority on March 31 is designed with intention to secure that end. When it becomes operative it will be the duty of all British subjects who are not domiciled in Ireland to stand aside and leave those who live there to solve their problems. I venture to add that it also will be helpful if the many in all parts of the

world who are not British subjects but are interested in Ireland likewise stand aside and leave the Irish in Ireland to settle with their own political difficulties."

"I have seen it stated that the British Government is pursuing a pro-Bolshevik policy dictated by purely selfish British ends with regard to trade with Russia. That really is not so. The British Government has frankly ex-

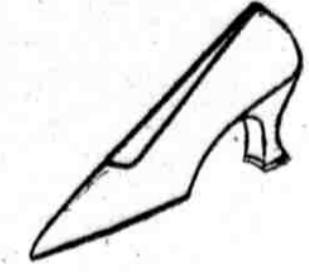
pressed the belief that until Russia comes once more into the circle of the producing and trading nations the economic conditions of the world and the welfare of the entire planet depend on that this great country not in the interest of the traders of any single nation, but in the economic conditions of the world."

Canadian Veterans Overalled  
Ottawa, April 20.—(By A. P.)—The Great War Veterans' Association, through its Dominion executive, has

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