

A Famous Irishwoman



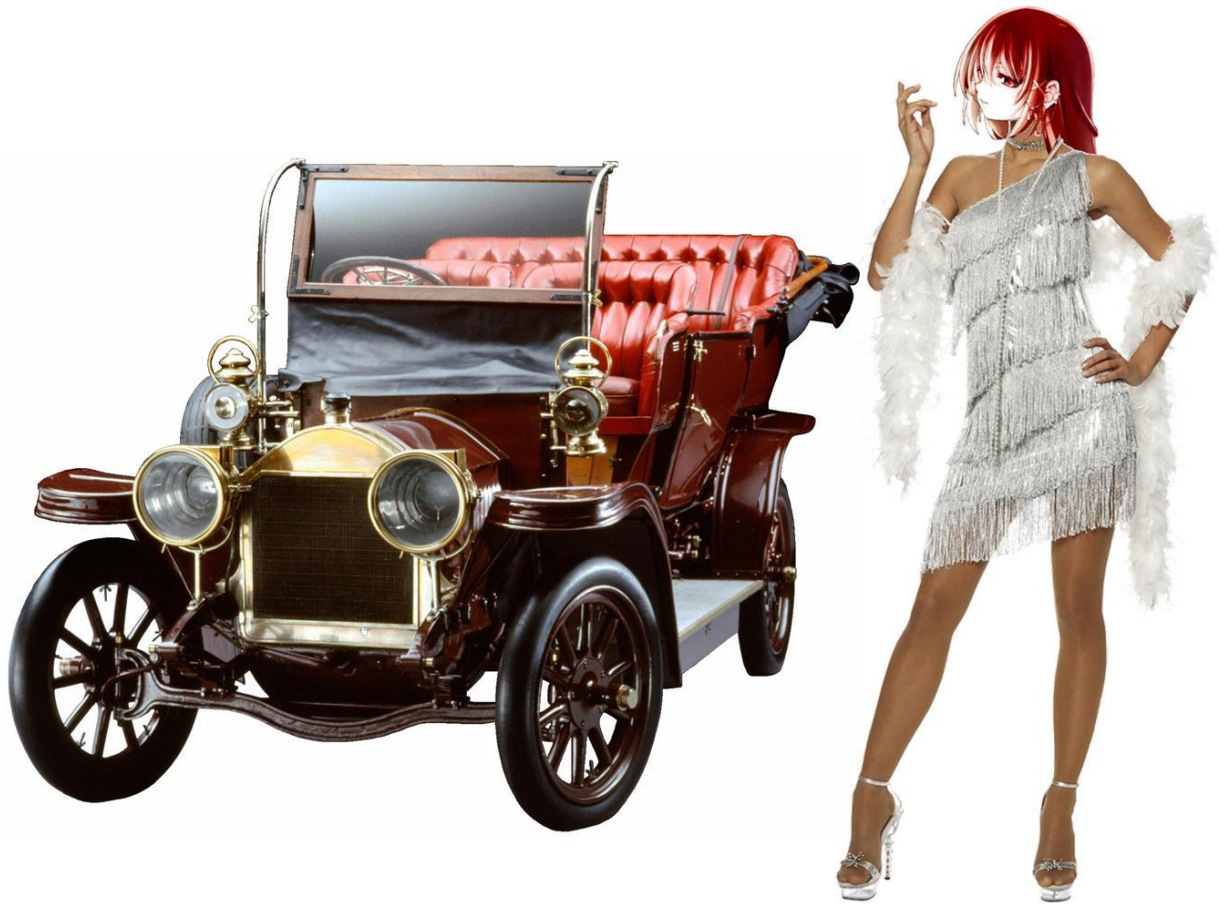
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The Road to Taoiseach

Chapter 1

Nine Famous Irishmen



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Here is a story I came across when I was in Boston some years ago.

I give the story word for word:

Nine famous Irishmen

During the civil disobedience in Ireland in 1848, nine men were captured, tried and convicted of treason. The Crown sentenced to death: John Mitchell, Morris Leyne, Pat Donahue, Thomas McGee, Charles Duffy, Thomas Meagher, Richard O’Gorman, Terrence McManus and Michael Ireland. Before passing sentence, the judge asked if there was anything that anyone wished to say. Meagher, speaking for all said, “My Lord, this our first offence but not our last. If you will be easy with us this once, we promise, on our word as gentlemen, to try to do better next time. And next time, sure we won’t be fools to get caught!” Thereupon, the indignant judge sentenced all of them to be hanged by the neck until dead. Passionate protest from throughout the world forced Queen Victoria to commute the punishment to banishment to Australia.

In 1874, word reached the astounded Queen Victoria that Sir Charles Duffy, who had been elected Prime Minister of Australia, was the same Charles Duffy who had been banished 25 years before. On the Queen’s demand, the whereabouts of the others banished with Duffy should be determined and the following was discovered:

THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER: Governor of Montana

TERRENCE MCMANUS: Brigadier General, United States Army

PATRICK DONAHUE: Brigadier General, United States Army

RICHARD O’GORMAN: Governor General of Newfoundland

MORRIS LEYNE: Attorney General of Australia, the office of which MICHAEL IRELAND succeeded him

THOMAS D’ARCY MCGEE: Member of Parliament, Montreal Minister of Agriculture and President of the Council Dominion of Canada

JOHN MITCHELL: Prominent New York politician. This man was the father of John Purroy Mitchell, Mayor of New York at the outbreak of World War I.

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Chapter 2

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The way I look at it, I come from a long-standing Irish tradition of being perfectly suited to government.

Impeccable credentials for being Taoiseach.

Hello – le Adele as Gaeilge

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