

THE FUNERAL OF THE MURDERED PRIEST. SERMON BY REV. FATHER WILLIAM

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O'RYAN. Denver Republican, Feb. 27.

More than a blow at the Catholic Charch was the murder of Father Leo of St. Elizabeth's. It was a blow at the very life of the State and civilized

of St. Elizabeth's. It was a blow at the vory life of the State and civilized modely, said the Rev. Fither William O Ryan, regarded as the most eloquent priest west of the Mississippi, in speak-ing his few words of eulogy over the dead body of the Franciscan monk. From "festering European dung heaps," said Father O'Ryan, sconstant stream of degenerated blood is pouring into America, and he asked dramatic-ally, "What are we doing? What are we thinking of ?" in allowing this con-dition of affirs. Father O Ryan does not consider the assassin insame evid ently, for he said that the killing was logical in the extreme. In Italy the one power that has prevented the red hand of anarohy from crushing the State, he declared, is not the king or xrmy but an imprisoned Pope and ill-masd Church. The anarchist, hence, haves the Church as the one power against which he cannot prevail. hates the Church as the one power against which he cannot prevail. Father O'Ryan spoke simply of Father Leo, saying that there is not a priest in the country but envied him his glor jous martyrdom. In closing, he also spoke against the "men roled by greed," who he declared were anar-chists that could not be pitied as Alio is pitied. Following is his address: "My Dear Brethren,—The preacher on this solemn occasion finds himself helpiess and unequal to his task:

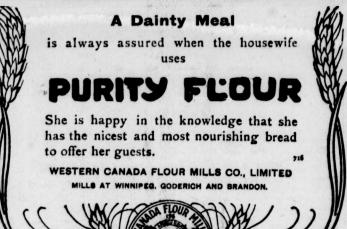
helpless and unequal to his task: meither thoughts nor words will come. S) meaningless and wanton in its con ception, so horrible and revolting in its spoken with him ; their lives, except in that one dread moment of blood and sas-rilege, had never to acbed. But the field knew that the priest was some out-ward symbol and present ambassador of that only authority by which kings roign and magistrates prescribe justice and human law rears itself in awful dignity and finds its sanction—the authority and governance of God. And because the murder had revolted against God's authority his rebellion went to its uttermost logical ending in execution was the murder of Father Leo of the Friars of St. Francis that the mind is stanned, the whole intel lect can only stagger and grope in its darkened chamber. Why? Why? Why? We ask ourselves, and in vain. For answer nothing presents itself to the imagination except the horrid spectacle of blood and sacrilege, the went to its uttermost logical ending in action —he revolted against its pres-ence in the world in human laws until cruel, maddening scene, as of some foul mightmare or hideous dance of demons. SIMPLE FRIAR STRUCK DOWN PERFORMhis revolt gushed forth in human blood;

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ING DUTY AT ALTAR ⁶⁴ But we must think, we must strive to think, we must summon calm and de liberate thought now and here, ev.n in this church, the house of God and ex ternai symbol of the beauty and truth the priest, and slew him. of Jesus Carist, which was polluted by of Jesus Christ, which was pollated by the foul murder; here in the presence of that dead bidy of the simple friar who was struck down while breaking the Bread of Life. "The occasion demands no words of

"The occasion demands no words of enlogy of the martyred priest, the fol-lower of the gentle Saint of Assisi —the rule of the humble St. Francis forbids that. The mur-dered man was a good priest; he was a faithful Franciscan in all the words imply; let that be his sufficient enitanh and a greater no saintly man epitaph, and a greater no saintly man, s true lover of Christ could win or de-sire before men and God. And, for-getting the manner of his death as it getting the manner of an antions, no affects our hearts and imaginations, no priest living but must envy Father Leo his death, which God allowed to come to him in that divinest moment in the life of the minister of Christ, the Sac-CHANGED AND UNDHANGEABLE. rament of the Body and Blood of Christ in his hands, and on his lips the prayer for the other-' May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve thy soul to life everlasting.' Ab, God was good to him and blessed Francis in heaven tent hate that slays; for the other Christian bodies are, alas! too divided to be dangerous to him. He might hate must have loved him even as he loved a king, for he rules, but kings come and who sang for him on his death bed in Assisi long ago St. Francis song to Sister Death, 'Praised be Thou, ch, my Lord of Sister Death, the death of go and kingly policies have their chances and changes; but the Catholic priest is slain but to live and the Cathbody, from whom no living man y escape, but woe unto them that shall die in deadly sin, and blessed be they that shall work according to Thy most holy will, for unto them shall the king that saves him his crown; it is not the army of Italy that saves her from second death do not hurt."

SERMON BECAUSE OF HUMAN SOCIETY THAT WAS OUTRAGED.



and every heart; they strike at law and justice in her holy sanctuary whence it breathed, the very life of the state and civilized society. "Father Leo was struck down, the

he revolted against its outward symbol,

the serene majesty of our courts and the quiet dignity of our homes. "My brethren, what are we doing, of what are we thinking ? A great president of this country is slain by a degenerate who was wakened to the deed by socialist and anarchist vapor-ings. We read that in New Jersey the anarchists have headquarters; that they meet in New Orleans; that they take counsel in Chicago. "They have a propaganda, a red murderer confesses, because he was a priest and not for any fandled grievance or imagined injury that the murderer had received from him. He never knew the dead priest, he had never spoken with him ; their lives, except in

"They have a propaganda, a red press, an Appeal to Reason, forsooth. We are made aware that some of them We are made aware that some of them are brought here in every shipload from southern and eastern Europe and with supine indifference we look on. My brethren, have we found the pearl beyond price to allow it to roll in the dust like a child's plaything; have we grown so cold in our love toward our fair vestal liberty that we find no indignation for the ruffin and stranger who treat her as if she were the WADton of the street ? PRODUCT OF OTHER LANDS, BRED IN

MUCH DIFFERENT CONDITIONS. "By stranger hands, did I say? Alas and alse, they are not always strangers. The type of anarchist of which is the murderer of Father Leo, "The murderer was logical, the an-archist is never truer to bis diabolical arcnist is never truer to bis diabolical principles than when he slays a Catho-lic priest and slays him at the altar of God. It matters not that the individ-ual priest has little of the world's goods or power, nor desires them for nimself; it matters not even that he is a follower of that Ferencie of A with the the wild-eyed degenerate ever ready to slay, who cries out against law and property and is as the beast ; he is the product of other lands; he was bred in product of other lands; he was bred in some festering European dang-heap. Our feelings toward him may be of un utterable indignation, but the indigna-tion is not unmixed with pity. For, a follower of that Francis of Assisi who chose Lady Poverty for his bride and the poorest things of this world for his love, wherever he is the Catholic oh, it is a piteous thing that our human nature should so degenerate, that the human intellect could plan and the priest in some way carries in himself the church authority and of God and externates her to men. He is an human will execute so fell a deed, that a man for whom Christ died should so officer in that great army whose tramp is around the world, whose discipline is fling away redemption and make a mockery of the crows. It is the most pitiable thing in human annals that a most perfect, whose organization is most minutely defined, whose banners man should kill the priest who offered him the Bread of Life,' the pledge of are forever set over against the enemy of disorder and anarchy in the speech, in the heart and in the actions of men immortality. It reminds us of that crime of long ago when the Master was betrayed with a kiss. But, indeed, the indignation of a Chris ian in the

presence of this crime is overwhelmed and cooled by the tears of awe-struck pity; pity for human nature itself. "There are other aparchists whom CHANGED AND UNCHANGEABLE. "Yes, he was logical. He might hate the ministers of the Christian bodies, but not with similar hate — the impo

we cannot pity, who are not strangers, who are Americans, the men ruled by the demon of greed and ambition ready to trample on the rights and lives of their fellow-citizens, who assail justice with bribes and strangle the law in its birth. For the punishment of these other anarchists, blood of Amerolic policy of to day is the Catholic policy of to morrow, the Catholic se-cents of morality are unchanged and ican blood, who give some apology and cents of morality are unchanged and unchangeable as the throne of God. "He saw this at home in Italy, that there it is not the parliament of the and a judgment to them God has given us our president. But this is not the time nor the place to dwell on the fail-

the spoiling of the socialist and the red ings of humanity. BUT ONE CURE FOR EVILS OF HUMANITY

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s Christ Jesus. The fathers of this land knew Him and reverenced Him ; in Him and through Him they built this nation ; and their children are forgetting Him. Agnostic, materialist, atheist, socialist, anarchist, they are all but a dread ancession of diseaser, rather various phases of the same dis-ease that come to them that have turned away from the Great Physi-olan, who refuse in their minds to acknowledge. In their wills to obey God, their Father and King. "The kings of the earth stood up and the princes met together against the Lord and his Christ." Thus say-eth the: Lord what iniquity have your fathers found in me that they are gor e far from me and have walked after vanity and become value. "My people have changed their glory into an ido.' "Little children, these things I write to you that you may not sin. But if any man sins we have an advo cate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the just. And He is the propitation for our sins and not for ours only, but for those of the whole world. And in this we do know that we have known Him that we must keep His commandments.' "Brethren, Ilie is hard and the world difficult, its burdens heavy to bear, "Abide in Him, that when He shali appear we may have confidence and not be put to shame." "THE CONFESSIONAL."

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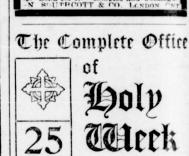
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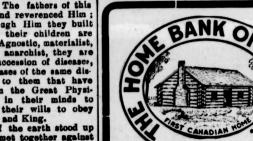
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