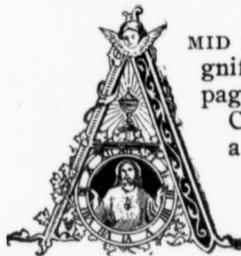


Twentieth Eucharistic Congress.



MID scenes of pomp and splendor, magnificent church ceremonial and public pageantry, the Eucharistic Congress at Cologne, Germany, was brought to a close on Sunday August eighth.

As the Cardinal Legate remarked in his opening address : no city in Germany could have been better chosen than this fair Cologne with its essentially Catholic spirit, its numerous and beautiful churches, its immense Cathedral, its renown as the most intellectual, religious, and artistic centre of that cultured Zone, the Rome of Rhineland immortalized by such heroes as Albert the Great, Thomas Aquinas the Angel of the Eucharist, Duns Scott, etc.

In point of numbers, in the splendor of its surroundings and the beauty of its details, the Cologne Convention rivaled, if it did not surpass that of London last year.

Several Cardinals, and between sixty and seventy Archbishops, Bishops and Abbots, gave added dignity and impressiveness to the proceedings, and came from the various districts of France, Belgium, Holland, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, England and even from distant Australia.

RECEPTION TO THE PAPAL LEGATE

Nothing could exceed the fervor and enthusiasm of the popular welcome given Cardinal Vannutelli, the Papal Delegate, who presided over the Congress. At about one o'clock the great white steamer Rheingold came up the river flying the German flag and the red and white colors of Cologne. Her bulwarks and the rails of her upper deck were hung with green laurel wreaths. On board were the priests and laymen of the congress committee.