

FRANCE AND THE HOLY SEE

Text of the Papal Allocution at the Recent Consistory

We here give the complete text of the important allocution to the Cardinals, delivered by His Holiness Pius X., on the last Sunday in March. Besides the grave pronouncement on the situation in France, this Papal address contains many other matters of practical interest to all Catholics and in fact to all Christendom.

"Venerable Brothers,—In addressing by the duty of our office your great assembly for the third time, it grieves us exceedingly to have once again to treat of questions which do not bring joy, but confirm sadness. It is however, well known to you that this is the will of God, Who providently disposes that they shall never be wanting to the Church, in order that she may be worthy of her Spouse, Who, in order to render her glorious and immaculate, willed that she should be a sign of contradiction.

"We lament with you, Venerable Brethren, that in France questions are in agitation supremely hurtful to religion; we lament the project not only of rescinding that compact, which towards the beginning of the past century the Roman Pontiff and the rulers of the French Republic had contracted for the common benefit of religion and of the State; but also that of sanctioning in perpetuity, by a law designed for that purpose, the separation of the State from the Church. We, indeed, in these last days, with all thought and in every possible way, have striven to remove such a disaster, for it is, indeed, our desire to continue in these efforts, since nothing is further from us than the desire of withdrawing from compacts agreed upon; nevertheless the project has been urged forward with such ardor as to make us seriously fear that it will soon be realized. We are profoundly grieved on account of the injury which the French nation, which we love with all our affection, will suffer from it; for we know from experience that whatsoever injury be done to the Church also turns everywhere to the detriment of public affairs. Let them have that clearly present before them, not only those in France who are of the Catholic party, for whom it should be a sacred thing to take up the defence of the Church, but also all those who are lovers of peace and public tranquility, in order that in the end their common action may spare such ruin to the country.

"Meantime, Venerable Brothers, our soul is saddened also by the horror of the war through which for a long time already the regions of the Extreme East have been afflicted by massacres and conflagrations. What causes for tears! Representing here on earth Him Who is the author and the conciliator of peace, in a spirit of humility, we ardently supplicate God that He may benignantly deign to give to princes and to peoples counsels that may bring concord. So many and so grave are the manifest evils that everywhere torment the human race, that there was no need to disturb it still more with the clash of arms and the conflicts of war.

"How greatly the love of peace should be held in consideration has recently been keenly felt by those who happily hold the supreme government of Brazil, Peru and Bolivia. For controversies having arisen regarding the delimitation and the rule of the confines between the Brazilian Federation and both these nations—namely, the Peruvians and the Bolivians—it seemed that the ancient concord was in danger. But those who preside over public affairs with wise and salutary counsel decreed to resolve the contention by submitting it to the judgment of others. With this object, deeming very prudently that the office of safeguarding peace was, as it were, innate and inherent in the Supreme Pontificate, with common consent they proposed the Nuncio of this Apostolic See to the assembly, whose opinion should resolve the controversy. Whilst with joy of soul we communicate this to you, Venerable Brothers, it is pleasing to us to render public thanks to the rulers of these nations for having desired to procure such an honor to us and to the Chair of Peter.

"May God grant that such union with us, the bringer of very great benefit, may be deservedly appreciated by those who are in the Government of the Republic of Ecuador. Assuredly the Roman Pontiffs, our predecessors, and particularly Pius IX. of holy memory, demonstrated with many and important evidences their affection towards the people of Ecuador. And yet, what happened? We learn that there have emanated there such laws as might be said to be sanctioned not only to thwart the Catholic Church and the ancient

religion of their fathers, but almost to kill it.—We, in order that we may not fail in our duty, not only grieve over the wound inflicted on religion, but publicly protest against it hoping that better pondered counsels may be received by those whose interest it is to provide for the benefit of their people.

"Meanwhile, we inculcate on all the Bishops and Catholics of the people of Ecuador not to lose heart, but energetically to defend religion, and to reaffirm the liberty owing to it, holding themselves, however, from any course which may be forbidden by order and justice. May God, who mortifies and vivifies, Who humiliates and exalts, aid their efforts.

"We trust, however, Venerable Brothers, that the piety of Catholics demonstrated towards the august Mother of God will not remain without reward—that piety demonstrated when, in the month of December last, there was completed the 50th year from the promulgation of the Decree by which she was proclaimed free from original sin. May the Most Sweet Virgin, who manifestly loves the Church which Christ founded with His blood, grant that we may not long have to desire the joys of the desired peace."

CANADA LOYAL

Mr. C. R. Devlin answers an Ottawa Correspondent Re Annexation to the United States

London, April 14.—The Ottawa correspondent of the Chronicle, in a recent cable said the only solution of the racial and religious differences which so often sweep Canada is annexation to the United States.

Mr. C. R. Devlin, formerly member of the Canadian Parliament for Wright, and now member of the British House of Commons for Galway, writing to the Chronicle, says: "There will be no civil or religious war. There is no possible question of annexation for two reasons, first, that the Protestant majority in Canada are British and wish to live under the British flag; and second, the Roman Catholic minority is satisfied with the excellent and wise constitution in force in Canada, and, even from the point of view of educational advantages they are better off than they could possibly be if annexed to the United States."

Obituary

To record a death is always a cause of anguish for loving hearts, but particularly so when it is the death of any one in the prime of life. The Immaculate Conception Parish has within less than a year, lost many, too many, alas! of its aged members, but no one has had his last call at such an early stage of his life as young William Joseph, the ever beloved, but now sorely lamented son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tobin, of 173 Gladstone street of this city.

William Joseph Tobin was born in 1880, and baptized at Bathurst, N.B., but he made his first Communion and was confirmed in the Church of the Immaculate Conception of Winnipeg. The Catholic Faith and principles were so deeply rooted in his soul and heart that they could never be shaken by the storms that assail the young in the midst of a wicked world.

Young Tobin was engaged as a trainman when in March, 1904 he met with an accident, that eventually proved much more serious than thought at first. In November of the same year he took to bed, and kept on gradually sinking, until the Doctor pronounced it necessary that an operation should be performed on the patient. The result, although successful apparently, did not prevent the young man from keeping on his way to the grave.

Some weeks previous to his sad demise, which occurred on the 13th of April, 1905, Willie had considered it wise to prepare for the last journey to Eternity. He made his confession, received the Viaticum and Extreme Unction with great fervor and Christian resignation. His great care after that solemn act of religion was to avoid even the least sign of impatience amidst his increasing pains, so that he might breathe his last with the hope of those for whom God sent his Angels to sing the "Peace to men of Good will."

The funeral took place on the 16th of the same month from the late residence to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, and thence to the St. Mary's Cemetery. The Rev. Father Cherrier, the pastor and confessor for the deceased officiated at both places. The sad and impressive ceremony was very

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THE LATE MR. JOSEPH POWERS

A young man in the full bloom of health and strength was suddenly cut off by a sad accident which occurred a little before noon on the 19th inst. Joseph Powers, the victim, about 25 years old, was a great favorite with all who knew him. The fatal accident happened in this way.

Thomas Murphy, a teamster, was taking a load of heavy iron girders along Ross avenue; Powers and a man named Wilson were accompanying him. Three of the girders were chained together and on these Powers was sitting, his feet on the inside. The girders suddenly fell over, throwing the unfortunate man backwards; his head struck the curb stone and the girders fell on top of him doubling up both legs over his chest. Death must have been instantaneous as a number of men rushed to the spot and by superhuman efforts succeeded in raising the massive weight. Powers was, however, quite dead, the whole distressing circumstances happening in such a short space, of time that the victim never uttered a word.

His brother Thomas was near the scene of the accident. He had been talking with Joseph but a short time previously and was overcome on hearing the news. Coroner Dr. Inglis was notified and an inquest was held the following day. The verdict held: "That the said Joseph Powers was accidentally killed by being thrown from a wagon loaded with three iron girders which fell on him and crushed him to death. It is the opinion of this jury

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has in her underskirt, and then went to the Church of Notre Dame des Victoires to confession. It was late in the afternoon, and Miss Cahill was in a hurry. While in the confessional the alarm sounded.

Confusion reigned supreme. The embarrassed young woman darted from the confessional in consternation and dashed down the aisle, with the clock sounding its merry ring in her pocket.

When she reached the street she examined the clock, and realized that in her enthusiasm about getting up the next morning she had already set the clock for six, forgetting that a six had to be passed before the morning hour was reached.

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A MOUNTAIN

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