

ple of the revolutionary party in Italy, and their organization supported by subscriptions and extortions, be extended to other countries beyond Italy? The horrid crime of blowing up prisons in England has justly excited the execration of all the civilized world. Did an analagous crime, the blowing up of a Pontifical barrack in Rome, a few months previous, in which many brave soldiers lost their lives, stir up as much indignation? Did the papers teem with articles condemnatory of the act? It is not a safe rule to blow hot and cold. To speak of an Italian revolutionist as an Italian volunteer—the party of action—as patriots—and to call the Fenian revolutionists, cut-throats and villains: this is not speaking justly—both parties are doing wrong. The Italian revolutionists have shed more blood as yet.

But it is said that the Pope's government is not liked by the people. By what people? By the worldly who hate Christ and His Church. But the Holy Father is most beloved by his own subjects, though hated by a few evil doers in the pay of Victor Emmanuel. Nor have they any reason to be discontented. The Papal States are the most lightly taxed in all Europe, and we have never heard of periodical famines decimating their inhabitants, nor of people starving, with an excellent wheat crop and other provisions in the land sufficient to support treble the population, nor of ships of foreign countries carrying provisions to the unfortunate starving subjects of the Pope, and meeting numbers of steamships bearing off from the famished poor,—because their food, the potatoe, rotted,—cargoes of wheat, beef, mutton and every kind of provisions. What would be the reply of any sovereign to an invading rabble, who would demand his principal city for their capital? Rome, properly speaking, was never the capital of Italy. It was once the capital of the Pagan world; and when that ceased, it became the capital of the Christian world. Rome was rebuilt by the Popes, enriched by the donations of princes and the pious munificent, as well as by the alms of the Catholics of all countries, and is supported by them, and the advent of at least 60,000 people, who annually visit the Eternal City, attracted thither by the presence of the Supreme Pontiff, the Vicar of Christ on earth, and the unrivalled grandeur of the churches. Those visitors, at least, spend on an average \$100 each, making a total revenue of \$6,000,000 annually. Hence, the whole Catholic universe deems itself insulted at seeing its own capital demanded by a revolutionary party which cannot, in justice, establish the most remote claim to it.

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