

FACE TO FACE WITH POPE PIUS

BY MARY BOYLE O'REILLY

The serious illness of Pope Pius X. has renewed general public interest in this sovereign of a great church. The news despatches have told something about him—some of his trials and characteristics—but very few have seen him, face to face, as has Miss Mary Boyle O'Reilly. Miss O'Reilly was in Rome a few years ago, and at that time was granted an audience by His Holiness. In the following article she tells her impressions of Pius X.

It is no little thing to look into the face of a man to whom a hundred million human beings pay homage as their spiritual sovereign. There are few things more precious in memory's treasure house than the sweet smile, the sympathetic benediction of the man who today lays claim to the regal chamber of the Vatican has bestowed upon the thousands of pilgrims who have visited him.

There have been hundreds of successors of Peter the Fisherman. The papacy is a dynasty of democrats, the oldest elective office on earth. Pius IX. was a noble, Leo XIII. a prince. But the majority of them have been peasants. And Pius X. is a peasant, though a pope—a pope, though a peasant. His daily life at the Vatican proved his kinship with the sons of the soil. Quietly, but very firmly, he ignored all pageantry, all stilted ceremonial, overrode all precedents of semi-royal state.

The Pope's palace is filled with officers and officials. Some of them were ornament-



AT HIS DESK

Pope Pius X. put his officials to work. The present priest stood among the courtiers and preached simplicity and self-sacrifice. He had not sought the triple crown. He had pleaded earnestly in the conclave of cardinals to be relieved of the awful responsibility. But when his pleadings were turned aside, when his protestations were passed unheeded and he was elevated to the throne of Peter he proceeded to rule. Firmly insisting on economy, simplicity instead of state, he abolished useless guards. He thrust aside the customs that kept pilgrims from greeting him in person. The regal state that encompassed his sovereignty was repressed and smiling away official protocol he called his relatives to the palace—a brother from his village post-office and two sisters—simple women—from their peasant home.

Gladly and frankly he welcomed the gondoliers from the lagoons when they came to visit their patriarch and wept tears of joy when listening through a long distance telephone he heard the bells of Venice chiming—Venice the city of his love and early work.

Pius X. was not great as Leo XIII. was great. But the pontificate of the present is impressive in an age of industrial revolt. The Holy Father is great because he saw church government from the standpoint of the worker. His papal decrees have been designed to meet the needs and the limitations of the people. He has eliminated the elaborate and expensive chanting from the religious service, diminished the cost of building individual churches, sternly forbade entrance offerings and unnecessary collections. He relieved laborers under the strain of providing for their families through the work of the bodies from the necessities of custom-decreed fasts.

"People who work need food," declared the people's Pope.

Whoever saw the Pontiff saw a man. When I saw him face to face I knew I had seen a man, a gentle, pleasant, simple-minded peasant. He was not tall, and age, fretting a frame that was never robust, left it significantly slight. His

white crowned head was benign in outline, scholarly in breadth of brow. His eyes were clear blue, the blue of an innocent child's eyes, but singularly observant. His lined, stern hands were peasant's hands, refined by lack of manual labor though they were.

His manner was fatherly, kind, sometimes a little quizzical. But his smile was a revelation. To see it was to know how much sterling honesty of purpose attained with no matter how great a worldly experience, may preserve a childlike innocence.

To look at him gave one a sense of purity of whiteness, the snowy dress, the pale gently waving hair, the rather long white hair and the fatherly face that seemed even whiter than the Pope's robes.

A determined sincerity of purpose, a will to do right in spite of all obstacles was shown in the face. To this one adds the ever-present look of paternal concern for struggling souls that were his to guide and guard with a flawless faith in a divine unseen. The church he had been chosen to rule needs great statesmen like Leo XIII. But its message to the twentieth century is better for the ten years of Pius the Good.

To see this, to know this, to feel this—that is what it means to have looked into the face of the present, this Pope, this man.



ON HIS THRONE

IN HIS GARDEN

THE BRITISH BUDGET

London, April 22—Chancellor of the exchequer, Lloyd George, in introducing the budget of the British government in the house of commons this afternoon, told the country that while he could not remit any taxes, he expected to pull through without levying any new imposts. This, he said, was in spite of the fact that the budget showed an expenditure of upwards of \$775,000,000, and he was faced with the necessity of finding the sum of \$37,500,000 more than the revenue had brought him during the fiscal year just closed.

"There are no indications that the trade boom has reached its maximum and there are no signs of over-production," said the chancellor, "and taking all facts into consideration, I feel justified in coming to the conclusion that we have entered upon the most growing year that British trade has ever seen."

Lloyd George estimated that the increase in the customs and taxes will be \$12,825,000, the increase in the death duties \$7,500,000 and the increase in the income tax and super tax \$5,720,000.

The balance of the shortage would be made up with the income tax and other revenue due last year, but only paid at the beginning of the current year, and \$5,000,000 taken from the exchequer balances representing money voted for the navy in 1911-12 but not expended.

The chancellor estimated that the total revenue on the existing basis of taxation would be \$790,125,000, leaving a margin of \$225,000 over the estimated expenditure.

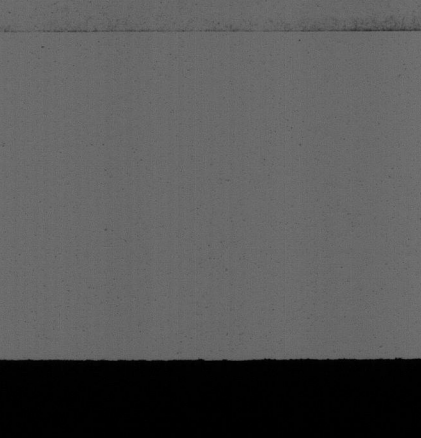
"The cost of armaments," Chancellor Lloyd George remarked, "is the largest and most sterile increase in the expenditure, and I cannot see any prospect of this menacing development coming to an end unless some change takes place in the attitude and the policy of the nations concerned."

LARGE AUDIENCE ENJOY EVERY DAY CLUB CONCERT

The Every Day Club hall was well filled last night and those present greatly appreciated the concert which the boys put on with the aid of some of their grown-up friends. A substantial sum was realized, which will go towards buying the necessary outfit for the baseball league. George Scott was in the chair and he made a few remarks regarding the work which the club has done and is hoping to do in the future for the boys. Mrs. D. P. Chisholm was present and kindly acted as accompanist. The opening number was a chorus of a patriotic nature by the boys.

A. P. Belding during the evening sang a solo and played a piano solo. Walter Brindle also sang two solos and Chealey Campbell and J. Smith gave recitations. A notable feature of the evening was an acrobatic display by James Thompson, whose work was high class and merited the applause with which he was rewarded. There was physical drill with fourteen boys led by Mr. Brindle and Sergeant Sullivan also put some of the lads through military drill.

The whole concert was a revelation of the possibilities that lie in the class of work which the Every Day Club is engaged in, and was keenly enjoyed from beginning to end.



LECTURE BY W. M. McLEAN

An instructive lecture was given in the Natural History rooms last evening by William M. McLean, inspector of schools, on The Food Fishes of New Brunswick. The structure of the fishes and their adaptability to their environment, was described by the lecturer. He praised the work that was being done in the various hatcheries of the province. The value of the fish taken in New Brunswick was emphasized by Mr. McLean, who gave the following figures, showing the extent of the business. For last year the figures were: Sardines, \$1,236,530; Herring, \$238,200; Lobsters, \$128,805; Clams, \$85,120; Lake and coast, \$80,000; Trout, \$60,000; Gasparaux, \$55,000; Salmon, \$30,000; Cod, \$32,000; Haddock, \$39,000; Halibut, \$1,600, and shad, \$6,000. The value of the products of fish was \$120,000. A vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer by James A. Eddy, and seconded by Gordon Leavitt. Dr. G. U. Hay presided.

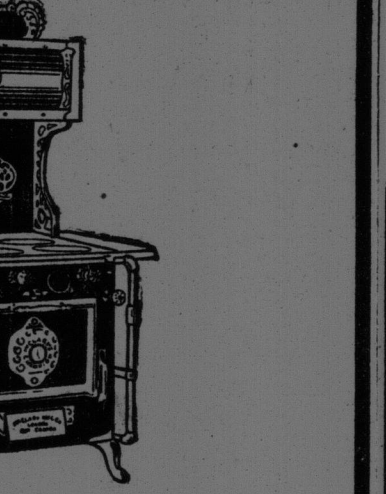
BUSY ON THE MIRAMICHI.

The Chatham Gazette says that the lower roasting mill of the Miramichi Lumber Company will begin operations in a few days, and will run night and day, crews from the middle of May. Their up-

per roasting mill, which has been idle several seasons, will be run to its full capacity from the 1st of May. The big mill is Douglastown is ready to start, and will run at night for probably two or three months, with all departments in full operation. The Gazette says the Miramichi Lumber Company will probably pay out \$125,000 in wages this season. Their first steamer has arrived. The Snowball mill at Chatham is expected to start this week or next, the Lyman mill will start this week, and the Tracade mill the 1st of May, and their Millerton mill by the end of the month. The first steamer for this company will arrive about May 1. The other mills on the river will open about the usual time, and in all upwards of 2,500 men will be employed. The Shinglers had steam up this week. Log driving crews are now in the woods and the outlook is fairly good.

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FRENCH MINISTERS BURIED BY AVALANCHE OF TOUTING LETTERS

Special Staff of 363 Clerks Needed to Deal With The 80,000 Letters Received Annually at The Ministry of War Alone From Political Wire-Pullers—Ministers at Last Beginning to Rebel

(Times' Special Correspondence)

Paris, April 21—Most people are disposed to look on America as the paradise of political wire-pullers, but apparently it has got little "on" the French in this respect, as the slang phrase goes, if the sons of Gaul are not the champion lobbyists of the world they are fast qualifying for that distinction, the amount of backing that the applicants for any government job going in this country—or promotion in the public service—is able to get, being something amazing.

The degree of written recommendations of candidates for departmental posts has become so tremendous of late that the heads of public services have begun to rebel. When M. Jean Dupuy took over the ministry of public works he issued a circular to the effect that no letters of recommendation would henceforth be taken into consideration, except in the sense that they would militate against the chances of the candidates, and it will not be surprising if M. Dupuy's colleagues in the cabinet take similar steps toward stemming this ever increasing flood of "touting" paper and ink.

Especially might the minister of war follow M. Dupuy's lead with advantage, for it has come to light recently that a staff of 363 clerks at the ministry of war is kept busy dealing with the mass of letters which pour in incessantly, all asking favors of one kind or another, either on behalf of candidates for advancement in the service or military men with axes to grind. The March list of promotions, for instance, included about 1,500 officers and an average of eight letters of recommendation was received for each officer in the infantry alone, almost all of these signed by deputies, senators, and political wire-pullers.

Special attention has been drawn to this because of the fact that the 363 clerks who have to deal with this avalanche of correspondence are all able-bodied soldiers or almost enough to form a battalion. It is now being suggested that these soldier-clerks be replaced by civilians, but it is obvious that by suppressing the whole system of asking favors, the entire service—which costs a pretty penny—might be dispensed with.

Meanwhile, it appears that the yearly promotions list will only a comparatively small item in this Atlantic of ink and paper, as there are perpetual streams of

correspondence begging favors such as a change of garrison, special leave, crosses and medals, until it is calculated that between 20,000 and 30,000 letters are received yearly, more than half of which are signed by individuals more or less remotely connected with politics, but in no way whatever with the army. Every letter must be sent first to the department concerned, where the minimum of attention required is an inquiry, summed up in a note to the minister's cabinet, and a reply to the applicant and his patron, so that the 363 clerks seem to be none too many.

None too soon the newspapers have taken the matter up and are urging the war ministry to make it known that any officer applying for promotion, a new post or any other favor will be disqualified by the receipt of any letter of recommendation. Nobody could complain, for as the "Liberte" points out, it is only the incapable who profit by this abuse, and good officers who suffer, as inferior in capacity are preferred from political motives.

THE UNDERWORLD.

In every city, in every town, in every village there is an underworld, where poverty, sickness, inability are to be commonly found. How to abolish this underworld is the problem engaging many minds. In the past, rich folk, and kind folk who were not rich, took notice of poor folk no less than they do now, and untold charity flowed forth. But only a few visionaries dreamed that the underworld could ever be abolished. Today, however, in an age not remarkable for visionaries, the question is being pushed persistently, "Is it unavoidable that millions of human creatures should live in chronic starvation?" and an increasing number of people answer "No." Whether these people are right time alone can tell, and that time still far off. But the thing to be thankful for is that a change is taking place in the point of view.

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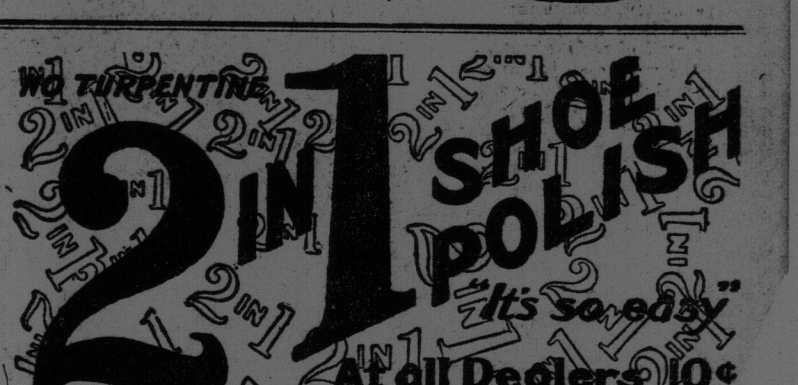
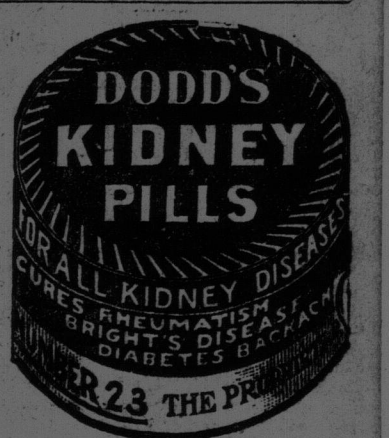
A farewell social was given last evening in Laidlow street Baptist church, West End, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy Gates and Miss Evelyn Gates, who have been connected with the church for some time, and who are removing to Port Williams, N. S. An address was given by Deacon John F. Ring, and a programme was carried out by Miss Jennie Colwell, Miss Belyes, Miss Brown, Miss Pearl Brown, Edgar Christopher, George Lanyon and Charles Wason. A pair of gold cuff links was presented to Mr. Gates on behalf of the Men's Bible Class and the choir; a silk umbrella to Mrs. Gates on behalf of the church and choir, and an ebonite and silver set to Miss Gates from the Young People's Society. Refreshments were served.

A debate between members of the Y. M. C. A. of Trinity church last evening on a resolution that St. John derives more benefit from the natural resources of the province than from her position as a port was won by the negative, supported by Cecil Markham and S. A. Holder. Canon Simam addressed the members and their friends, and the balance of the evening was spent socially.

A supper and sale held by the Ladies' Aid Society of Carleton Presbyterian church last evening was well attended and proved very successful. After supper an interesting programme was contributed by Howard Jamieson, the Friends Club quartette, Miss Gladys Smith, Mr. Givran, Miss Gladys Wilson, Miss Mary Gough and other young ladies.

STORY OF A MINISTER.

Among the anecdotes told of the late Rev. Dr. Sommerville, of Anderson, Glasgow, is one to the effect that when he was assistant to Dr. Bonar at Larcher he had over three miles to walk from his lodging at Larcher to Dunipace, where he generally preached. He used to set off early in the morning, giving thundering knocks on the cottage doors on his route to rouse the late-slumbering inmates, commanding them to come to church, and taking no refusal. One morning he met a quartermaster whom, as usual, he urged to accompany him. "How can I come in these boots?" was the stolid reply. Dr. Sommerville took off his own footgear and insisted on an exchange. "Now," he said, "mine are good enough for you to hear in, and your are good enough for me to preach in."



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