LONDON, CANADA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916

#### THE ADORABLE VISION

sudden, swift onrush of angel

wings, A strange, white glory on th' exulting skies !

méek Shepherds and the dazzled eyes Of Oriental Magie Heaven downflings A vision and a message. Something

Of a grand Future that shall swift And of an Infant King in lowliest

Adored by loving souls, for love He

O journeying guided! Starlit Blessed

ways Are their's through all the musichaunted night Afar, they feel Thy charm of love and

light. Then nearer drawn, in gladdened, sweet amaze
They see Thy Blessed Mother, learn Thy grace-

Dear Jesus, may we thus behold Thy

-CAROLINE D. SWAN

## THE NAME

He who first wrote the Name, wrote it at the end of the list-below

He was a Roman officer, charged with the duty of the census in the district about Bethlehem. All day the line of tired pilgrims had filed before the desk. At last the wearying record was completed; the officer set himself to casting up the columns. Then suddenly a shadow fell across the page. He turned impatiently towards the doorway to see the figure of a stalwart man outlined against the setting sun, a Babe

I could not come earlier," he the Child was born last

You are at the inn?" the officer

No, we arrived too late; the Babe was born in a manger.'

"Your name?"
"Joseph."

"Of what tribe?" 'The tribe of Benjamin and David. We are the descendants of Kings," he

The officer did not look up. The world was full of the sons of former Kings—and now there was no King but Cesar—Lord of the Earth by

right of war.
"Your wife's name?"

"Mary."
"And the Child's ?"

The voice of the big man was soft and sweet, as though fondling the syllables. "It means the Saviour of

The officer merely nodded. Jesus, Son of Joseph, of the tribe of Benjamin," he wrote and closed the book. It was the last Name on his list. In other years men have written His Name high or low, according to the temper of the time. There have been generations in which no business was so urgent as the task of adding glory to that Name. And there have been ages when, suddenly, the flags of battle have flown high: the lowly banner of His Cross has trailed behind them in the dust : in after-thought rulers have turned to implore His blessing, placing His Name again at the end their hates and ambitions. But His Name cannot occupy that place Underneath the roar and smoke of battle, there are signs today that the world is groping its way back to One finds them in the market place, the council chamber and on battle field. In the midst of misery and wretchedness come the cries of men in their helplessness, putting His Name above and beyond their leaders. Wherever families gather silently about a vacant chair His Name is breathed on the lips of women and little children. When, at length, the world is able to turn its scarred, blood bathed face in the direction of peace, it will be

#### hopes His Voice will answer back: "Peace I leave with you. My Peace I give unto you."

Out of the war will be born a new list of heroes. But when these, too, in time shall have been forgotten, the eyes of men will still turn up wards to invoke His name.

Among rulers, His yoke alone is easy, His burden light. Among reformers He alone dared to teach men that they were made to God's likeness and so the equal of their kings. too, was torn and weary and wounded But in the moment when the world seemed to have crushed Him, He could say: "I have overcome the

For faith like that, the tired race is ready now. The age is ripe for Him again. The Name that nineteen hundred years ago was written last census rolls is to be the Name which is above every name.' Name that brought "Peace on earth, good will to men."

It is the height of folly to argue

INDOMITABLE MISSIONARY WHO SPENT LIFETIME ON THE PRAIRIES HELD HONEST ESTEEM OF ALL

> REDMAN'S FRIEND THROUGH PESTILENCE AND STRIFE

Toronto Daily News Father Lacombe, who died yester-day at his home in Midnapore, Alta., was not given to tell overmuch of himself. He did not need to. he did was known not only to the people of his own faith, but was recognized and valued by everyone who read western history with fairmindedness.

For more than three score years this man of the cloth worked in the West. He went from Quebec, a young man, in the days when it took six months to travel from Eastern Canada to Edmonton. The route was either by way of the Ottawa, across the Great Lakes, or up the Mississippi to St. Paul, thence by ox cart to Fort Garry, and from there still a weary jaunt over the trail to

In 1849 Edmonton was but a hand-The Indians called it the Fort of the Beaver Hills; the French called it the Fort of the Plains; the English in a later day called it Fort Edmonton. Working from Edmonton south and west and north Father Lacombe established missions among the Cree and Blackfoot Indians, and won his way into the confidence of both. That in itself was a missionary triumph, for the two tribes were sworn enemies and fought many a desperate duel, staining the plains with rivers of blood before they killed themselves out.

For years no king or prince was surer of respectful hearing and honest esteem than was this venerable priest, in any part of the great West.

Even in his later years it was with some hesitation that Father Lacombe expressed himself in English. The accent of the old Quebec still lingered on his lips, and his words came slowly and with occasional effort. It may have been for this reason that he was eloquent in gestures, expressing by a shrug of the shoulders, a wave of the hand. or a quickening of the eye a thought which would sometimes take many words to express, and not half so well. For instance, in telling of one of the Indian massacres of many years ago it was not necessary for Father Lacombe to describe in many words the horrors of a scene, which he himself had been witness. The stretching with hands of an imaginary rope, the bending of his head, and the quick stiffening of was enough-his hearers seemed to see the line of bodies hang-

ing in mid-air. granted, was long an art in which this veteran missionary was prac-tised: for in interpreting the wilds, he, like every other preacher, had found it necessary to paint pictures that could be recome. I

understood. There is much in word-emphasis, while what it was that sends men here and gave them hope. It takes pages and pages of text and picture for the magazine writer of to-day to explain all this, but Father Lacombe told little stories, and in his quiet, quaint, graphic way laid stress upon one word, and made his hearers feel just what it was that inspired all with confidence in our West.

The priest himself passed through many a fearful experience, when the two Indian foes fought in very devilishness of savagery, he was within an inch of his life. Through all the following stages of the Indians' history; through war and peace, through scourges of smallnox and wilderness tragedy, Father Lacombe ministered, as few men have ever ministered to the needs of the Red Men. To a very Name in which its prayer will be great extent they have, as a race, passed away, but the priest still Across the ruin of men's treasuring the memory of the past, where the Reds were a great and powerful people, proved himself their friend to the end. He regretted the degeneration of the half-breed, but he pointed out, with his accustomed knack for summing things up that the half breed has been the link

#### GERALDINE REDMOND A CONVERT

between barbarism and civilization.

HEAD OF PROMINENT BANKING HOUSE

RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH It has only recently become known that Mr. Geraldine Redmond, of New York and Tivoli-on-Hudson, is a convert. He was received into the Church last April by the Rev. P. F. O'Gorman, S. J., at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, New York city.

Mr. Redmond's brother is the head

REV. FATHER LACOMBE of the famous Livingston family, vere born in the Church. mother, however, was a convert and able ways, while our firm Episcopalian and was an active sup-Standard and Times.

## SECURITY FOR THE FUTURE

WHY GERMANY IS LIKELY TO SUBMIT TO OUR TERMS

The German Emperor and his Chancellor will give most serious heed to the demand of the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, made in the House of Commons yesterday, for a new credit of \$2,060,000,000 and for the equipment of an additional million men for the army. It is ominous, it is an omen not to be disregarded. Germany will well under-stand what it means if the war is to be continued. It leaves her in no resolve of the British nation, of all the Entente nations. Nor is Germany left at all in the dark as to the nature of the peace which these new billions and these new men will be employed to secure and enforce. The words of Prime Minister Asquith when the last vote of credit was asked were quoted by Mr. Bonar Law. They have a definite, unmistakable meaning: "There must be adequate reparation for the past and adequate ecurity for the future.

Reparation for the past may be re-War's awful havoc cannot be repaired, the millions of dead cannot be rethe future is the immediate question, it is a question that will be put very directly to Germany. "What security for future peace are we to have? will be asked of her by the Allies. "Not the security of our own great armies and powerful fleets, every year costing us billions to maintain. We will make no peace that imposes upon us the burden of continuing defense against danger, we demand that the "danger-itself be removed." "Peace without safety is a mere del-usion," said The Pall Mall Gazette

Germany understands these terms. Her Emperor and her Chancellor, her military chieftains know the nature of the guarantee that is going to be exacted of her. They can withhold it. Then, they must fight on. Germany must send forth new legions to the slaughter, she must Imagery, it may well be taken for almost too great for their power of endurance. The end of it is beyond all doubt. Germany and her allies are Better Things to the children of the pictures that could be seen and understood. for the ruling class too. Father Lacombe knew the West, knew the spirit of the West, knew exhausted people merely to defer the fate that awaits them? Above all is it worth while for the people put up with it, to heed or respond to

call so cruel and senseless The Teutonic Allies have asked for peace, at least, that terms of peace may be brought under discussion. Peace cannot be had for the asking Germany might have insured peace might have averted the war, by join ing with England and France and Russia in staying the hand of Austria. She refused. She cannot now have peace upon her own terms. Her sin and the harm she has done have been too great. She must and will make peace upon terms that in Mr. Asquith's words will give "adequate security for the future." Sooner or later she must accept those terms. They will be proposed to her now, in answer to her over tures. It will be madness to reject them, certainly it would be madness for the German people to be rejected —N. Y. Times. ople to let them

# BEFORE THE MANGER

On Christmas our proper place is the Infant Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in the manager. Who is it that lies there so weak and helpless? Unless we can answer truly, we do not know what Christmas stands for. It is God Himself, Who is there. But how can this poor babe be the great God? Is not God the Infinite, the Eternal, Creator of all that is made? Is He not infinitely above every creature, and dependent on none? And is not this little child the very opposite of all this? True, indeed. How then can this frail infant be God Almighty? Mr. Redmond's Orother is the head of Redmond & Co., one of the largest and best known banking and bond houses in the country. His wife, who recently died, and her sister, the Countess Langlier-Villars, members

There is the wondrous mystery of war form reducting in stast two discounters. The wondrous mystery of the life is faithful ally, was of a the very generous thouses in the country. His wife, who which makes it what it is and gives it place in our life. With this supendous truth before us, what

else can we do but fall down in of France, Poland, and the Balkans Their | humble adoration of God's unsearch their father remained a Protestant acknowledges the truth of the facts until his death at the age of ninety. Which we cannot fully understand?

Mr. Redmond was formerly an The Omnipotent has laid acide the splendor proper to His presence and porter of the Episcopal church at appears before us as the weakest of Barrytown, N. Y. He heads one of the most distinguished families of Church teaches us our fitting attitude towards this sublime mystery when on Christmas morning she sings the sweet strains of the Adeste fideles," inviting us to come with hearts of faith and adore our new-born Saviour.—John B. Quinlan, in Sacred Heart Review.

## CARDINAL GIBBONS ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE

A strong warning against the agita tion for woman suffrage has been issued by Cardinal Gibbons. The entrance of woman into active political life, he firmly holds, " is calculated to rob her of her grace of character and give her nothing in return but masculine boldness and effront He sees in this agitation an be continued. It leaves her in no doubt about the present temper and drawing woman away from her most exalted duties of motherhood to the detriment of the nation and the race.

I regard 'woman's rights' women and the leaders of the new school of female progress as the worst enemies of the female sex. I wish I could impress on American women dangers that would attach to such innovations.

The most precious, undeveloped asset of any nation is its children. An all-wise God, through the law of nature has committed this precio treasure in a special manner to the served for later discussion. There can be no complete reparation. gently unless they give time to an intelligent study of political questions. and all such time taken from the stored to their homes. Security for household will be injurious to the future generation without giving to the present generation any apprecia ble benefit in the purifying of the ballot.

When I deprecate female suffrage I am pleading for the dignity woman, I am contending for her honor, I am striving to perpetuate those peerless prerogatives inherent in her sex, those charms and graces which exalt womankind and make her the ornament and coveted companion of man. Woman is queen indeed, but her empire is the domestic kingdom. The greatest political triumphs she could achieve in public life fade into insignificance with the serene glory which radiates from the domestic shrine and which she illumines and warms by her conjugal and motherly

So far as he has observed, the further spend her sorely depleted Cardinal continues, woman suffrage resources, and her people will be has not affected the result of the called upon still further to endure elections except to increase the misery and suffering even now volume of the vote. "Thus it seems that our political life has not been benefited or purified by the entrance of woman into the political arena, vastly overmatched by the though the domestic life of those engaged in political work must have

# CHANGES IN AUSTRIA

SPECULATION ON THE FUTURE RELATIONS OF THE CENTRAL POWERS

New York, Dec. 9, 1916. To the editor of The N. Y. Times:

Your "Germany Is Beaten and She Knows It" editorial remains valid in spite of Bucharest, and should even Constantine succeed in joining his imperial brother-in-law, there is not the slightest doubt in my mind that Germany is, slowly but surely, walk ing down hill. Not only are, as you have pointed out with rare vigor and a profound knowledge of the whole complicated world situation, her initial purposes irretrievably compromised, but she has lost the high est stake, not only in individual but also national life, her honor: "Geld verloren, nichts verloren; Ehre verloren, alles verloren!" Kings can lose battles, wars, and even their countries, and preserve the love of their people, the respect of posterity But William II, has, before the walls of Antwerp, forfeited his honor; is losing for himself and his nation through his wholesale slave trade in France, Belgium, and Poland the last shreds of the respect and sympathy of the neutral countries, and, last but not least, unconsciously, is digging his own royal grave by chasing into exile one worthy and valiant King after the other, dragging with him the German Empire.

I am, however, less concerned with the fate of the Hohenzollerns, than with the future of my old country-Austria. And as an American citizen the Omnipotent, the Immutable, the of Austrian descent, I heartily en 'chill' William had joyed the caught two days before the funeral of Francis Joseph. Could his Ambassador and other henchmen in this country tell us whether that chill which prevented the robust German There is the wondrous mystery of war lord from rendering his last

could not stand, for barely fifteen minutes, a funeral ceremony in the well heated St. Stephen's Church of Vienna ?

This has probably been the first clash between the two monarchs. Charles I. has made the first step to reconquer his capital for his dynasty and his faithful Austrian people. Not William II., but Charles I., with the Kings of Bavaria and Saxony, the descendants of Francis Joseph's faithful anti-Prussian allies of 1866, close behind him, headed the royal pageant and William's heir, the Pickwickian to Me," so appropriately brought hero of Verdun, had to take a back

Poor Francis Joesph had not been Emperor of Austria since June 28, 1914, the day of Archduke Francis Ferdinand's assassination; Emperor William was the overlord of Vienna, his Ambassador, Tchirsky, was boss at the Ballplatz, and the Austrian General Staff a mere annex to the upon the wounds of those less for-Grosser - Generalstab in Berlin. Meagre as the news from Vienna is, we know so much — that within less than one week Charles I. dismissed the old Field Marshal, Archduke Frederick, as Commander in Chief of the Austrian Army, replacing him with the young, able, energetic Archduke Eugen, at the same time taking, in the person of his confidant, Prince Hohenlohe, hold of the supreme direction of foreign affairs of hisempire. He also took to the field, not as a royal vassal but as consul of equal rank with the armies of the Quadruple Alliance. In a few days Charles I. will open the Austrian Parliament, whose doors were closed since the outbreak of the war, and place Hungary's crown on his head.

Since General Joffre and his offlcers, yea, even the ultra-radical French statesmen, are not ashamed to attribute the victory on the Marne to the spirit of Joan of Arc, I, an old Austrian, need not hesitate to confess that I see the spirit of Empress Maria Theresa hover over her old palace in Vienna, for the Silesian robbery.

AUSTRIAN. palace in Vienna, seeking revenge

### THE POPE AND THE CHILDREN

A gift of 10,000 lire, about \$2,000, from the Holy Father, around which the children of America are urged to build a large fund for further relief of the children of Belgium, has been announced in an autograph letter from the Pope to Cardinal Gibbons, made public a few days ago. The Pope was made to make this appeal to American children by a recent report from H. C. Hoover, Chairman for the Commission for Relief in

The following extracts are among the more striking passages in the letter of the Holy Father.

"Profound compassion of a father has again moved Our heart, when We read an important letter recently sent to us by the distinguished chairman of the praiseworthy Committee for Relief in Belgium, describing in few words, yet showing proof of most terrible reality, the pitiable situation of numerous Belgian children who, during two sad years, have been suffering from the lack of that proper nourishment necessary to sustain the tender existence of budding childhood. In most movfamilies, after having given everything humanly possible to give, now themselves with nothing left with which to appease the hunger

of their little ones. He has made Us see, almost as if they were passing before these very eves dimmed with tears, the long file, continuously increasing, of Bel gian infants waiting for their daily distribution of bread; unhappy little ones, whose bodies, emaciated by lack of proper nutrition, bear out infrequently the impress of some deadly sickness brought about by their failure to receive the food which children of their age require.

After stating that Mr. Hoover had informed him of the inability of the Commission to provide any more extra food for the children, the Holy

'In this emergency the worthy chairman has turned his thought and his heart to the millions of children of your happy, noble America, who in the abundance with which they are now surrounded, could they be given an exact idea of the pitiable nd unfortunate condition of their little fellow creatures in Belgium would not hesitate a moment

to cooperate heartily, in accordance with some prearranged plan, to come promptly to the relief of these needy elgian babies.
"In view of this condition of

affairs, We have considered the work indicated so humanitarian and so holy that, in prompt compliance with the appeal addressed to Us We have decided to approve and recommend it, as We hereby do indorse it most heartily by these words to you, My Lord Cardinal, and thr ugh you, to the illustrious members of the American Episcopate, to

"Neither do We doubt, in truth that the happy children of America without distinction of faith or class, at this approach of another winter. cent pride, with each other to be able to extend to their little brothers and sisters of the Belgian nation, even though across the immense ocean, the helping hand and the offerings of that charity which knows no dis

tance. "The words of our Divine Redeemer, "As long as you did it to one of these My least brethren, you did it to mind in these circumstances, are a sure pledge of heavenly pleasure and reward; while We feel likewise, how greatly, in this period of atrocious fratricidal carnage, even in the eyes of the world, are ennobled the people of more fortunate lands by the performance of true and loving deeds and by the pouring of a little balm

After expressing his confidence in the generous help all will give the work, the Holy Father announces the gift referred to above, and invokes God's blessings on all who shall second and aid this noble and delicate undertaking."-America.

#### IRISH PRIESTS TO EVANGELISE CHINA

WILL BE GREATEST WORK OF THE PRESENT CENTURY

(From European Letter of Catholic Press

London, Nov. 16.—Apropos of that mission of salvation, it is being renewed and perpetuated in our own Collections are being taken up in every diocese in Ireland for the new Missionary College, and priests will appeal to exiled Irishmen in those many far places where they are to be found. Those at home are not only giving their money but their sons to the work, and the success of the new Irish Missionary College is already assured. It is described as the greatest work of the present century. is a work which has a deeper significance than the world would recognize at first sight.

# MINISTER SPEAKS

ON "WORLD'S DEBT TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH" N. E. McLaughlin (Universalist), Monroe, Wis., Dec. 4, 1916

"At the mere mention of the Roman Catholic Church to-day some people see 'red.'

The most stupendous fact in history is Christianity and for fifteen hundred years the Catholic Church and Christianity were practically synonymous. We owe:

Historical Debt. This Church made Christianity a world religion. It carried the cross of Christ around the world. It took the tender plant which grew in the rocky soil of Israel, nurtured it, transplanted it in Rome, the chief city of the world and made Christianity a power in the world. Jupiter, Zeus Thor and heathen gods were supplanted by Jesus Christ. Some prejudiced terms the chairman has minds think that all the Popes were described how so many desolate imposters, grafters an immoral, but history does not substantiate the prejudice. The Borgias are not the typical representatives of the them were great men, most of them scholars and as true ambassadors of Christ as any age has produced. This Church developed Christianity until it became a spiritual and femporal power.

Aesthetic Debt, Has any church fostered the arts like the Roman Catholic? The most beautiful buildings in the world are Catholic churches-Milan, Cologne, etc. The three greatest painters in the world -Angelo, Raphael, Da Vinci, pursued their art, under the encourage ment of this Church. The modern drama had its birth in this Church, Palestrina, the father of modern music, wrote for the Church. The Ambrosian and Gregorian Chants were of inestimable value in the formation of the musical scale as we now have it. The Crusades were Catholic military pilgrimages to Holy Land. They were directly responsible for the Renaissance—the enlightenment of Europe.

Religious Debt. cration, lovalty and fervor of the Roman Catholic may be equaled, but not surpassed. Says Parkman, the historian of America; 'Not a river was discovered, a cape turned, nor a promontory sighted in French America but that a Jesuit lead the Read the 'Jesuits in America,' by Parkman, if you want to know how these men penetrated the wilderness armed only with consecration, faith and a rosary. denomination which interprets more literally James I, 27vs.? hospitals, old age homes, orphanages and schools dot this land.

## CATHOLIC NOTES

Pope Benedict's appeal to the Bishops of the world to help Poland, brought to the Vatican 4,000,000 francs, which will be sent to the Polish committee in Switzerland.

In the little French village of Mon tauban is a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Divine Grace, said to be the only object left intact after bombardments there. At its feet are lying huge unexploded shells.

An edifying sight was witnessed in St. Mary's Cathedral, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, on a recent Sunday, when a western company, destined for overseas, received Holy Commun. ion in a body, their commanding officer with them.

The Province of Quebec lists among its public officials the Very Rev. Canon V. A. Huard, a scientist, from whose laboratories bulletins and papers are issued to instruct agriculrists on how to deal with insect plagues.

The Peter Pence collection in the November 26 will amount to \$100,000, it is estimated. This is a large increase as hitherto the annual collection for the Power to the control of the power to the control of the power to the collection for the power to the control of the control o Archdiocese of Chicago taken collection for the Pope in this Arch diocese has been about \$30,000 it is

The new mission field, British Guiana, assigned to the care of the Jesuit Fathers of the New Orleans Province, is some 90,000 square miles in extent and has a population of about 307,000 souls. The Catholic popula-tion is about 22,000, which is served by 26 churches and 5 mission stations. There are 17 priests.

A small chapel is being built at day when Irish priests are taking up the instance of Cardinal Bourne over work of evangelizing China. the grave of Monsignor Benson in the garden of his beautiful old house at Hare street. Readers of Rack, Come Rope," will be familiar shortly start on a world-tour to with this charming residence, which figures therein, and which was very dear to the heart of the dead priest. When the chapel is completed, the grave of Monsignor Benson will lie under the altar, and in time Mass probably be celebrated daily over his tomb.

> The Count de Sales, who succeeded Sir Henry Howard as British Minister to the Holy See, is a convert to the Catholic Church, says Rome, "and a diplomat of long experience. Until a few years ago he owned a considerable estate in County Limerick, which had been in the posses sion of his family for nearly two hundred years. He was a good landlord and his name is held in bene diction by his former tenants who are now owners of the land they till.

> The Rev. John B. Deville sailed for Belgium from Chicago some weeks ago, to arrange for the transportation here of 300 boys and girls orphaned by the war, who will be cared for by American relatives, Father Deville is the American delegate in Belgium for the Belgium American Alliance in Chicago. He carried with him letters and mone sent by Belgians in America to their relatives in the home country.

It is estimated that about 20,000 priests, or nearly two-fifths of the clergy of France, responded to the call to military service. What this must mean in the parishes may be Various dioceses. Thus, Paris had to part with 487; Lyons with 400 Arras, Besancon and Cambrai with Nor was it only those of military age papacy by any means. Many of who presented themselves. There were others who refused to take advantage of the exception given them by their years.

> Catholics, says America, could not approve of all the policies or writings of Don José Echegaray. But they will be consoled to know that the statesman, poet, scientist, mathematician, the founder of the modern school of drama in Spain, the most versatile genius the country has produced for many years, died a pious and edifying death, after receiving the last sacraments with every sign of faith and devotion and reverently pronouncing the Sacred Name Echegaray has been frequently compared by his countrymen to the men of the Renaissance, to Leonardo de Vinci and Michael Angelo, whom he seemed to rival in the variety and the perfection of his gifts. In 1904 he received the Nobel prize for literature.

> The Eve of Saint Francis Xavier's feast witnessed at Maryknoll another ordination—the fifth in the short history of the American Foreign Mission Society. On this occasion, Bernard Francis Meyer of Stuart, Iowa, was raised to the priesthood. Father Meyer is a native of Iowa, a subject of the bishop of Des Moines, Right Reverend Austin Dowling, D. D., who, though in need of such service as Father Meyer could render to the new diocese of Des Moines. not only gave the young priest cheerfully to Maryknoll, but ordained him there. On thes ame occasion, three young men, Francis Xavier Ford, Alphonse Stephen Vegel, (both of the New York Archdiecese) and William Francis O'Shea of Newark, received sub deacemate; on three other members, miner erders were conferred, and four were tensured.