# THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.--OCT. 31, 1873.

# FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

## FRANCE.

As the time approaches for the meeting of the National Assembly at Versailles the activity of Parties is quickened, and a feverish anxiety possesses the nation. There is no leading country in the world the real opinion of which is so difficult to divine as France. Its powerful official hierarchy is imposed from above and, depending directly on the Government of the day, is impelled by long tradition and immediate inmore or less by literary ability, represent, with very narrow and strict demarcations, certain recognized Parties, or serve the ambition of individual aspirants. Several times it has been shown with startling effect that a strong and most positive opinion has grown up and dominated the masses of Frenchmen, but this has only been revealed by some great appeal, as the election to the Presidency in 1848. As a genoral rule, politicians work in the dark as to the temper of the nation, and the most experienced public men pronounce, with evident sincerity, the most diverse judgments. This must be evident to any one who observes the present re- men of Science received Persian decorations, markable phase in French politics. All that so also did the megatherium, and other "fearful the politicians can agee upon is the indubitable wild fowl" of the same character. fact that the masses are likely to support what scems to them most in accord with their own interest, but whether they will look for this in Constitutional Monarchy, or a restoration of the Empire, or in the Conservative Republic of the Left Centre are matters on which different men, or oven the same man at different times, utter very various opinions; yet by degrees the truth becomes known. Almost after the manner that was in vogue in England a century ago-by tours of observant persons in the Provinces, by listening to the talk of people in public haunts or conveyances, by correspondence with leading persons, or with those who in each district are familiar with the local tendencies, public opinion is at length ascertained sufficiently to enable a statesman to feel his Way.

The most eminent members of the Left Centre have declared against the scheme, and will probably carry this section entire over to the side of M. Thiers. Of those who belong to the next shade in the direction of Conservatism, and who are reckoned with the Monarchists, some are reported as wavering, and the new coherence of the Opposition may make dereliction as a heinous sin. Lizarraga's troops, in them pause before forcing a Dynasty on an unconsulted country. It is uscless to speculate on the immediate result of the debate. The Monarchical Party say they are sure that it will be a large one. Some members of the Opposition, on the other hand, predict a defeat of the Government. That opinion, however. does not prevail widely, and is probably illfounded. It may be taken as almost certain that the Monarchists, if they desire it, can give the Throne to the Comte de Chambord by a narrow majority.

The Royalists speak much more confidently of their coming victory than the Republicans venture to do. That the former feel secure of of nature, re-echo back again the concluding bars triumph may, perhaps, be inferred from the repairs and cubellishments going on in the Faubourg St. Germain, where thousands of workmen are now engaged on various hotelsbelonging to the old noblesse. Neglected for a inner being, and appears utterly indifferent to everyuarter of a century, so long as the country languished under democrats and tyrants, the mansions of the "noble faubourg" are making ready to welcome the return of Legitimacy and the re-establishment of a Court to which talons rouge and cherauce legers may resort without derogation .- Times Cor. MORE FICTIONS ABOUT HENRY V .- Among the other devices resorted to in order to throw a cloud of suspicion round the Comte de Chambord and his policy, is the assertion which we mentioned last week, that the Archbishop of Paris had sent his Pustoral to the Princo-it has been now said by desire of the Pope-and that he had received a congratulatory reply. The whole story is utterly false. The Archbishop has neither sent him his Pastoral, nor received any letter from him whatever .-- Tablet. A writer in a London contemporary has contrived to make a letter concerning Sedan and the historic meeting there rather interesting .--The chief point, of course, is a description of the little room in the weaver's house in which } Napoleon and Bismarck conferred. At this to serve once more as a soldior that at last Don moment "its furniture is what it was on that | Carlos, to extricate himself from the difficulty, said, day-a round table, two chairs, a few ornaments upon the chimney-piece, and a press in the corner. The cenference was carried on in German, both parties to it speaking very low, says the weaver's wife, who was left in the outer / pital. I went over the establishment yesterday and room. Then Bismarck rose to go away; the weaver's wife warned him about the narrow staircase, but he sprang down the steps like a staircase, but he sprang down the steps like a attention shown to the patients by the Sisters of young man of twenty, and for three hours the Charity is of the most devoted character. I saw Emperor was left by himself in the little room. He sat at the table with his head in his hands. General Lebrun came to see him in the interval; but he would not speak to him. He scemed literally overwhelmed. He told the woman to literally overwhelmed. He told the woman to shut up all the windows, and sat quietly there till Bismarck returned. When the Prussian is consequently left entirely to the charity of some Minister came back he was in full uniform .---A guard accompanied him, and from this little cottage into which he went an Emperor, Napoleon departed a prisoner. But before he left he handed the woman four twenty-frane pieces. | building, a nurse came forward and asked me if I 'He put them into my own hauds,' says she, with an excusable scose of pride. They hang now in a glass frame over her chimney-piece, three bearing the head of the Emperor and one of Louis XVIII." The weaver's wife has probably made a neat little fortune. She has claimed, "to allow me to return to my regiment, or been offered £100 each for the Napoleons, and, of course, refused - it would be selling the goose with the golden eggs. She has been tempted over and over again, chiedy by Americans, who have offered enormous sums for the troops, Andalicia, with several other soldiers, was table and two chairs. One Graman several thim, taken prisoner. She was then banished to the Canary table and two chairs. One German seated himself in the Emperor's chair, entertained her in of her sex. The sentence was remitted, but instead

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pieces of the straw which made the seat of it. Bits of the paper off the wall, actually shavings off the legs of the chair, have been taken away, but experience has taught the owner caution.

A MONSTROUS BLUNDER .--- A comical story comes from Paris, the authority being a correspondent of the Pall Mull Gazette. The Shah of Persia, when in Paris, went to the Jardin des Plantes, and was very much pleased with what he saw there, and with the courtesy of the Directors; so much so, indeed, that he made notes of the names of the men of science, with the view of remembering them, in the terest to contemn the fluctuations of public sense in which people who hope to get some-opinion. The journals, though distinguished thing, ask to be "remembered." The other day his Majesty's compliments arrived in the shape of "lions" and "suns" and other " orders " which count for a good deal in Persia. Unhappily the Persian monarch somewhat dashed the pleasure of the decorated men of science by an awkward accident. He had and subsequently held a conference with Count Annoted down the names of M. M. Geoffrey, St. Hilaire, Milue Edwards, and other savants; but, in company with them, he had also written the names of some of the "extinct animals," whose relics are preserved in the museum; and, unluckily, the two sets of names got mixed up together. So it happened that when the

SPAIN. MADRID, Oct. 23 .- Admiral Lobos has ar-

rived here. He gives as reason for his retreating from Cartagena to Gibraltar with the Government squadron that the only iron-clad vessels attached to his fleet was disabled.

REPORTED VICTORY .- PERPIGNAN, October 23.-The Carlists in this city announces that their forces in the Spanish provinces of Gerona achieved a brilliant victory on the 19th inst., over the Republicans, near Periquerda. Two hundred of the Government troops are said to have been killed.

THE CARLISTS .- The Times Special correspondent gives some interesting Sketches from the Royalist camps :---

One cannot help observing the differences that exist in the various Carlist forces, especially in relation to the religious feelings of the mcn. The Navarrese are not nearly so particular in the observance of the Catholic rites as the Vizcainos, and the latter are far behind the men of Guipuzcoa. The Gnipuzcoans, in many respects, strongly remind me of the Scotch. Honest and frugal to the last degree, economizing every spare cuarto and carefully hoarding it up in the family stocking, they will go miles to perform their religious duties, and look upon any addition to attending service overy morning when on the march, have the resaries recited by the priest at the head of each battalion. No halt is made, but the officers and men bare their heads, and the chaplain, riding by the side of the commanding officer, reads out the prayers and litany. Net a word can be heard down the ranks, and there is no sound save the measured tramp of the soldiery. Impressive, indeed, is the ceremony when, as we traverse a mountain pass at nightfall, the last rays of the setting sun dimly and mystically casting a faint reflection on the wayside ridges, at the conclusion of the litany. General, officers, and men burst forth with the magnificent hymn of Ignatius Loyola as if one sole spirit animated them. The strains seem to die away in the distance until the waves of air, rebounding against some acoustic impediment of melody. The service over, General and officers laugh and talk about the ordinary topics of conversation, but for many minutes the silence down the ranks is intense. Each man seems still buried in

the little world of thought which constitutes his thing passing in the outer world. The devotion displayed by the lower classes in Guipuzcoa affords a striking contrast to the extreme indifference in these matters exhibited by the peasants in the South. Here the priest is a semi-Deity. There he is often a butt and a subject for ridicule. A discovery was made a few days since that a

Andalicia bought some male attire and enlisted in another Carlist battalion.

ITALY.

THE EXPELLED JESUITS. - ROME, Oct. 13-It is re-ported that the General of the Jesuits has trans-ferred the head-quarters of the Order to Malta.-Cardinal Petra is about to leave for France. It is understood on a mission from the Vatican to French Bishops.

### . SWITZERLAND.

ECCLESIASTICAL PROSECUTION AT BIENNE. - We noticed some months ago the arrest and imprisonment of M. Jecker, the cure of Bienne, in Canton Berne, for fidelity to his diocesan, and we are glad to see that all the Courts in Switzerland have not lost their judicial independence. After a trial of seven hours, in which M. Jocker defended himself, he has been triumphantly acquitted, with costs, of the charges brought against him by the State.-Tablet.

### AUSTRIA.

CONFERENCE-VIENNA, Oct. 21. - Prince Bismarck had an audience with the Emperor of Austria to-day drassy and the Italian Minister. It is reported that at these interviews the Prince pressed the subject of national ecclesiastical legislation and urgedidentical action on the part of Austria and Germany with reference to the Papal election. A farewell banque was given at the Imperial Palace to-night. Emperor William, proposing a toast to the health of the Emperor of Austria, said, "the friendly sentiments exchanged at Vienna are a pledge of peace for Europe."

### GERMANY.

An article in the official Provincial Correspondence of Wednesday says that the visit of King Victor Emmanuel has knit more closely than ever the tie which unites Italy and Germany Another article in the same paper says the Government rely on the Prussian people for support in the fight with the Catholic Hierarchy.

There can be no doubt that the Governmenthave nailed their colours to the mast, and though fighting calmly and without any offensive show of pugnacity, are determined to stick to their purpose. As the immense majority of educated Cotholics observe an absolute neutrality, signing no addresses either for the Bishops will gradually adopt more moderate politics, and submit to what they cannot prevent. Of course, if the Courte de Chambord comes in, and the most outspoken of the German Ultramoutaine papers continue to hope for another French war, which shall shatter the sacrilegious fabric of the Hohenzollern Empire, it may be different. In such a case the Bishops may find themselves under too strong a pressure to be able to adopt the satest course.

Dr. Reinkens, the newly-clotted Old Catholie Bishop, is about to be formally recognized by the Prussian Government. Upon his recognition the elorgymen appointed by him will be able to solemnize marriages and to register births and deaths 6d. per quarter. Single MS. for any Sunday, 15 without the intervention of secular authority. Baden stamps. S. P. G., Confirmation, Hospital, &c., 28. 6d. is sure to follow the example of Prussia, but the bohaviour of Bavaria and Wurtemberg, the two other States with large Catholic populations, is less to be relied upon .- Times.

The semi-official Provincial Correspondence of this evening, in an article upon the war which the State continues to wage against the Cathelic Church says :---

"The Government will employ, if necessary, the severest and most thorough measures to bend or break the arrogance of the Roman hierarchy. But the Catholic population whose consciences are not wounded by the occlesiastical laws, and who are anxious for the preservation of neace, should take care not to increase at the elections the number of Ultramontane Deputies, whose efforts, under the leadership of Rome, are directed to fighting the State and destroying the peace of the country."

The Chamber of Deputies will be dissolved immediately. The preliminary elections will probably be held on the 28th inst., and the election of the Deputies on the 4th of November. The Diet will be convoked for the first fortnight of November.

There is an uneasy feeling in Prussia as to the future policy of France, and the chances of a Franco-Russiau alliance. The feeling at Berlin is that peace is only safe so long as France alone is in the field

gether in the sacred bonds of matrimony, that those whom God has united to man can put asunder. The thing is no longer to be true. Unless the priest is specially approved by the Governor-General of your Province, your marriage is no marriage, and your children are bastards. Oatholics! though you may have your children baptized at the holy font, they will be no Christians, but Pagans weighed down by hereditary sin, unless the ministering priest should happen to have the Governor-General's certificate in his pocket. The like will be the case with all Sacraments. Even Holy Mass becomes sacrilege if the officiating clergyman has not found favour in the eyes of M. l'Ober-Fresident."

BUSSIA.

PETERHOF, Sept. 16-28, 1873 - HUSSIA AND HENRY V.-The prospect of a restoration in France causes more alarm here than the advent of a new Commune. It is ever the spectre of Ultramontanism which is put forward, and the arguments most devoid of tounda-tion are those that have most success. The ideal bones, stops no leaks, gathers no spilt milk coments will seem a strange one to you, but it is perfectly logical. To despotism, which is the offspring of Paganism, Radicalism is very much less anithetical than a rational and Conservative liberty. Whenever this shall reign in France as it reigns in England, all Europe will be constitutional; and that is what all Europe will be constitutional; and mar is what ters don't strike; and they conduct themselves ac-

PAUPERISM IN IRELAND .- From the Report of the Local Government Board, which has just been laid before Parliament, it appears that while pauperism has not increased in any material respect, expenditure has advanced under every head during the year. The daily average number of workhouse inmates, in receipt of relief, for the year ended 29th September, 1872, was 45,315, against 46,045 for the corresponding period in the previous year, showing a decrease; while the total number of persons that received outdoor relief withinkthe year, increased from 56,416, in 1871, to 68,432, in 1872. This change in the more liberal extension of out as against indoor relief has been advancing for many years, especially in the Unions in Leinster and Munster, while in Connaught and Ulster the change has been tardy. The total expenditure in 1872 has been £394,888, against £840,135, in 1871, thus showing an increase of £56,753, or somewhat below 7 per cent. Of this or against, it is, perhaps, not too rash to expect that expenditure, the State defrays half the cost of the medical staff and of medical appliances, and the whole of the salaries of the workhouse schoolmastors and schoolmistresses, while the whole cost of the medical charities rose from  $\pounds$ 135,605 in 1871, to  $\pounds$ 141,668 in 1872. The expenditure from the local rates rose from a poundage of 151d. in 1871, to 16d. in the £1, on a valuation, last year, of £13,229,354.

> THE MARKET PRICE OF SERMONS .- As an index to the market, we give the following taken from amongst other pieus announcements in one of the Church papers of Friday :-- "Sermons.-Good, sound sermons by an experienced clergyman, adapted to the Church's year. Subscriptions 13s. each. Clergy only. Address, &c." "Sermons.-Sound, Practical, and Original. Edited by an Oxford "Sermons .-graduate. Strictly confined to the clergy. MSS. for the season, and S. F. G. (2s. 6d.) now ready. A specimen 1s. 6d, Address, &c." 'Sermons .- Earnest, Original, Practical, upon the Sunday Gospels, Episties, and Old Testament Lessons, by an experienced priest. Specimens free on approval to clergymen. Sermons for an Assize, Volunteer Corps, &c. Strict confidence. N. B.—These sermons have been highly commended by many eminent and earnest clergymen. Address, &c." Whatever may be hought of the traffic, it cannot be said that the Whatever may be charges are exhorbitant. Only fancy, a Sunday's edification-in manuscript too-for fifteen stamps; r curnestness and originality for a whole quarter at 13s. 6d. It is positively refreshing in these generally dear times to find at least one commodity that remains dirt cheap. A person with a good fat living and a cheap sermon market need not do amiss,-Licerpool Weekly Albion.

FOUNDLINGS .- "C. C. F." writes to the Baltimore American in regard to Parisian foundlings, He re-American in regard to Parisian foundlings, He re-marks that the official returns of the hospitals of to appoint an Assignce. Paris show that of the 55,000 births in the city during the past year 15,366 were illegitimat portion of illegitimates to the number of inhal against them. They have overrun, humbled, mulcted, is not quite up to that of Vienna, which has for one million inhabitants, while the populat Paris is nearly two millions. In various pa Paris, boxes, called tours, are established, revolve upon a pivot, and, on a bell being run turned around by the person inside to receiv child that may have been deposited in it, out attempting to accertain who the parent The child is taken to an hospital and cared for so soon as a nurse from the country can be prois given in charge of one of them. Nurses from country, of good character, are always applyin these infants, to whom are paid by the city from francs to eight francs per month, according to nge of the child, care being taken to assign the dren to nurses living as far as possible from birthplaces. After two years of age, the nurse give the child up, when, if no other nurse ca found for it, it is transferred to the Orphan D ment. Sometimes they become so attached t children that they retain them. The num children thus placed out in the country to nu about four thousand annually. The aboliti this humane custom of receiving these little and asking no questions in some of the departs has caused infanticide to become very frequent for infanticide before birth, the number is se have doubled and trebled in some districts risen to four and five times its amount in o The average number of foundlings maintaine the Paris Hospital is four thousand four hun At the age of twelve the boys are bound appr to some trade at the expense of the city. A po of 148 francs is awarded by the city to female f lings when they marry, provided their conduc been unexceptionable throughout. EPITAPHE.-An inscription on a tombstone in Tonnessee concludes thus :---"She lived a life of virtue and died of the cl morbus, caused by eating green fruit, in the he a blessed immortality, at the carly age of 21 months and 16 days. Reader, go thou a likewise." The following, which is suggestive to drinkers, is from a tombstone in Connecticut:-" Here lies cut down like unripe fruit, The wife of Deacon Amos Shute ; She died of drinking too much coffee, Anny Bominy sighteen forty." A tombstone in Texas has the following in tion : "He remained to the last a decided frien supporter of Democratic principles and measu Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." The following is from a cemetery in Main who died August the 6th, 1800. His widow mourns as one who can be comforted, aged 24 possessing every qualification for a good wife, - street, in this village." In a churchyard near Hartford, Conn., is th lowing ;---" Here lies two babies, as dead as nits; De Lord he kilt dem mit his ague fits, When dey was too good to live mit me. He took dem up to live mit He. So he did."

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 .- A most revolting murder has been perpetrated in the French settlement of Lapierre, the victim being M. Devoia, Bishop of the Lapierre, the vicinit being in. Detroit, bishop of the Diocese. The crime was committed while the Bis-hop was at prayer in the Chapel of St. Jean de Dieu, hop was at prayer in the Onaper of Ot. Jean de Dieu, The unfortunate man was stubbed in the heart and The unfortunate man was subject in the neart and lungs. Two dirks were found near the bedy. A cousin of the bishop's, named Pelletier, has been know is supposed to be arrested on suspicion. Envy is supposed to be the motive, as Pelletier's father left all his fortune to

Dox'r Fror.-It is nnamiable. A fretting man or woman is one of the most unlovely objects in the woman is one of the most table house mate in the world. A wasp is a comfortable house mate in comworld. A wasp is a connormore nouse-mate in com-parison—it only stings when disturbed. But an habitual fretter buzzes if he don't sting, with or without provocation. "It is better to dwell in the without provocation. At is better to uwell in the corner of a house-top than with a brawling woman, and in a wide house." It is useless: it sets no bones, stops no reaks, gathers no spoiled hay, coments no smashed pictures, cures no spoiled hay, and changes no cast winds. It affects noticity but the fretter himself. Children or servants crase to respect the authority or obey the commands of a complaining, worrisome, exacting parent or master, They know that "barking dogs don't bite," and feet

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NOTICE is hereby given that DAME CLIMENTINE DESJARDINS, of the Parish of Vaudreuil, in the District of Montreat, sues for separation of property her husband, CHARLES WHITLOCK, of the same place, gentleman, by an action returnable in the Superior Court, at Montreal, on the first of Septem. ber next, under the number 2571. Montreal, 14th August, 1873.

D. D. BONDY. Plaintial's Attorney.

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of JOSEPH BOUTIN, of the City of Montreal, Grocer and Trader,

Insolvent The Insolvent has made an Assignment of his Es. tate to me, and the creditors are notified to meet at his place of business, No. 734 St. Paul Street, Mon-treal, on the twentieth day of October instant, at 10

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woman was serving in the Royalist ranks dressed in a soldier's uniform. She was found out in the following manner :-- The priest of the village to which she belonged happening to pass through a town where the regiment was quartered, and chancing to see her, was struck by the likeness she bore to one of his parishoners. "You must be Andalicia Bravo," he remarked. "No, I am her brother," was the reply. The cure's suspicions were aroused, and, at his suggestion, an inquiry was made when it was discovered that the youthful soldier had no right to the masculine vestments she wore. Don Carlos, when he was told of the affair, desired that she should be sent as a nurse to the hospital in Durango, and when he visited the establishment presented the fair Amazon with a military cross of merit. The poor girl was delighted with the decoration but besought the "King" to allow her to return to the regiment, as she said she was more accustomed to inflicting wounds than to healing them. In fact she so implored to be permitted "No, I cannot allow you to join a regiment of men, but when I form a battalion of women, I promise upon my honour that you shall be named the colonel. "It will never happen," said the girl, and she burst into tears as the "King" left the hosfound it the perfection of cleanliness and good management. The Spanish hospitals are, almost without an exception, admirably arranged, and the several wounded men as we passed through the wards. "How are you treated here ?" I asked. "Our own mothers could not take more care of us than these kind nurses," was the reply. Unfortu-nately, the establishment is in want of funds, the private persons in the district, and admirably do they respond to the frequent calls made upon their purses. But, in spite of this, funds are still sadly wanted, and the head sister told me that they were more than £200 in debt. As I was leaving the would intercede in her favour. She was Andalicia Bravo, once a soldier, but now an assidious attendant on the sick inmates. However, the confined life tries her constitution and she pines like a caged linnet for the freedom of a country life. "Do ask Don Carlos," if you see his Majesty," she cagerly exat all events to quit these walls, for I am suffocated with the restraint." The poor Amazon is not likely to have her request granted, as this is the second time she has served in the ranks. On the first occa-sion, after an engagement with the Government Islands and to escape her fate divulged the nature conversation, and all the time was tearing out of returning to her family, as she had romised

and dismembered that country ; and they are confident that, upon any fresh provocation, upon any renewed cry, " A Berlint " or " Vengeauce for Sedau !" the utter annihilation of their late fee would be for them the work of a few days' campaign, but they are haunted by misgivings as to the attitude of the Russian people, and the aspirations of rampant Pan-Slavism; and they consider that between them and the chances of a formidable Franco-Russian alliance there is only the thread of the Emperor Alexander's life. Were they called upon to withstand a simultaneous attack both on their western and eastern frontier, they are aware of the necessity they would be in of relying on Austrian support, or, at least neutrality, nor would they disdain even the tiny help that Italy, the Mouse, could lend to Prussia, the Lion. I have hardly met a Prussian or an Austrian who did not entertain the meanest opinion of Italy as a military and naval Power. With the single exception of the Bersaylieri, they think, there is no solidity in Italian troops. Their infantry is half starved and ricketty, their eavalry badly mounted, their artillery untrained and inefficient, and there is hopeless disorganization in every department of the service. "Were a war to spring up even with France in her exhausted condition," these Germans say, the French would hardly beat the trouble of foreing the passes of the Alrs."-Times Corr. THE CATHOLIC PRESS OF GERMANY ON THE PERSECF-TION .- The Posen Tygodnik, a Polish Catholic paper SRY5 : "The Bishops are not only to be robbed of the last penny of their salaries, due to them under ex-isting agreements with the Holy See, but their private property is also invaded and appropriated by the State in the shape of fines. Before long the same process will extend to the Cathedral Chapters and the rest of the clergy. After this, when there is no money left to pay the penalties exacted, the prisons will open their gates to receive the faithful priests; and when our confessors are obliged to spend their days in gaol, there will be no one to preach and baptize, to marry and administer to the dying the parting consolations of the Church. Alars will be desolate, churches empty, and bells silent But what is to become of the people? What of the flock deprived of their shepherds ? Are they to turn savages? Are they to become a prey to despair, crying night and day to God Almighty out of the depth of their misery ? We do not presume to foretell all that may happen in such a state of things; but we are confident that if our sacred edifices are desecrated and all the borrors of spoliation committed, God Himself will descend from on high and look after His people and His Church. You who have chosen to be our adversaries may be assured that such will be the result of it all. In the meantime the Church will nover so far demean itself as to meet you half-way, or willingly allow itself to be handcuffed and chained up. You will never succeed in tearing the Catholic people from the Roman Rock and handing them over to worthy Dr. Reinkens. You will never palm upon as pricets approved by the Government, short-conted apostates and others whose only creed consists in obedience to a Pagan State. The following is an extract from the Berlin Ger-

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