

CARDINAL MERCIER

TELLS OF CATHOLICS' SPECIAL MISSION IN THE WORLD

Responding to the gracious words of the Rector of St. Charles' Seminary His Eminence spoke as follows: "My dear friends: After last night, when we came into your city, and after the large meeting of reception, the Governor of the State said: 'Now go and rest; tomorrow you may keep silence.' I had hoped to be able to listen to the admonition and keep silence, but after the beautiful discourse of your rector, the splendid exposition of the issue just passed through, I could not prevent myself from saying to you two words—the Archbishops in America claim when they are asked to say anything, they do it in two words. This time it will be only two words. One word is the fact that when I was listening to the discourse of the heroism of Belgium, I thought that during the War, during that trial we passed through, when we lived the events day by day we were always anxious of what the people had to suffer and tried to console them; so I had no chance to philosophize. I never felt it then, but in hearing your rector today, and after one year of peace, of armistice at least, I realize better what the action of the Belgian people was during the War. In fact, we were all and the Bishops more than any others, the instruments in the Hand of God.

"I realize now that the Catholic people had a special mission to fulfill in the world. Our people are deeply Catholic, and never had they done any wrong to the enemy. We were good friends with Germany, lived in sympathy with Germany, and I remember that my first letter on the day of the invasion of Belgium was a letter to my priests, and through them to my people, that we were sorry to be constrained to call Germany our enemy. But enemies they were, and enemies, they would be towards us; so by their very actions we were constrained during the War to be enemies to them.

"Through all there was an emotion deep in the soul of the people, and in the moment when our great King declared that he could not accept the breaking of our treaty. Germany's invasion, our whole country stood up and as one man opposed it. That meant a feeling of justice and liberty. You who have been through the War can feel what I mean. They could own people had to sacrifice all that they had and all that they were for the defense of their liberty and they did it during four years of intense suffering, and now are only to be admired. Notwithstanding all they had to suffer, the Belgians would accept the same sacrifices again for the same cause.

"Our Lord gave me the grace to believe in Him, in His justice, in His mercy. I told them we must strive for justice and mercy, that if we were to expiate our faults, we should suffer in patience and then we would have a claim to God's mercy, who would forgive us our sins; but also we had a claim to His justice. Why should our people and priests have been unjustly massacred? In Belgium we had fifty-one priests massacred, and I tell you that not one of them had committed the least sin against Germany. They were guilty only of being the defenders and protectors of their people, and such they are before the entire world.

"During the War the deep feeling of the foe against our priests was not because they had anything against the priests but because they knew that the priests and the Bishops were the first defenders of patriotism. Some years before the War, I wrote a letter to my people, 'La Piste Patriotique'—'The Piste of Patriotism.' I pointed out in that letter that, according to the principles of Saint Thomas, each man belongs to three parties—the family, the country and the Church to which he is attached by his baptism. There is a triple generation, a triple affiliation, and therefore we are obliged, just as your rector said, by human feeling and by piety to be attached to our country as we are attached to our families on the one side and our Church on the other side.

"Our priests have always commanded of our people the respect for the country and love of patriotism. The Germans told us we were in revolt again them, but no, we were merely defenders of our rights. And in mentioning this, I might add that although there has been so much suffering and sorrow in Belgium, there is not one priest in my diocese and very few laymen who would not say that if they had to accept a second time the sacrifices they did accept they would accept them. They are deeply convinced that in all their interests, whether economic, international or political, there is something higher than them all; that truth, justice and right are so many things to be desired from the God of Love, Who is ruling the world with wisdom and fortitude.

RABBI KRAUSKOPF

DEEPLY STIRS ALL HEARTS

SEES IN MERCIER THE COURAGE OF PROPHETS OF GOD
Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf, in his speech at the luncheon in Philadelphia said: "I trust that I shall not be accused of indulging in fulsome flattery when I say that in the presence of His Emi-

nence Cardinal Mercier, I feel as if standing on holy ground. One might indulge in flatteries in the presence of gilded fops and titled fools—never in the presence of the greatest apostle of righteousness of modern times.

"As I look upon his face, a face that bears the imprint of God's celestial workshop, I no longer wonder what the prophets of ancient Israel or the martyr saints of the Church looked like. When I think of him facing the brutal and insolent invader burning with righteous indignation: 'It is not only a war against Belgium you are waging; you are attacking all humanity.' 'Right violated by wrong is still right; injustice supported by force is still injustice.' 'If you will not obey the law of man, you shall obey the law of God.' 'You may slay me if you will, but you cannot slay the Spirit of God that is within me, that bids me say to my people: 'You must not and shall not bend your necks to the invader of your land, to the desecrator of your rights, to the murderer of your helpless wives and innocent children.' When of these words of Cardinal Mercier I think, I seem to hear at the same time the ancient prophets' bitter denunciation of the tyrants of their day, I seem to hear Moses calling with flaming voice unto Pharaoh, 'Remove thy cruel hand from off my people. It is the will of God that Israel shall be free!'

"I seem to see the prophet Nathan pointing his finger of scorn at King David, the perpetrator of a heinous crime, and saying unto him: 'Thou art the man who has done this wicked deed.' I seem to hear the prophet Elijah saying unto King Ahab, 'Thou art he who troubleth Israel.' I seem to see the prophet Daniel facing King Belshazzar and saying unto him: 'Thou hast been weighed and found wanting. Thy days are numbered. Thy kingdom will be divided and given to the Medes and Persians.'

THE COURAGE OF THE GOD-INSPIRED

"Oh, the courage it took to say these words when and where they were said! The merest word or sign of them whom these tribunes of the people denounced would have sufficed to cause a dozen executioners to rush upon them, and to silence them forever. What better illustration of the fear which the courage of God-inspired men strikes in the hearts of malefactors?

"What general dared touch a hair on Cardinal Mercier's head? Armed with right, he was mightier than the whole invading army. Armed with right, he was mightier than emperor, sultan and king. They could destroy the beautiful Cathedral of Rheims; they could lay the University and library of Louvain in ashes; they could not silence the hero-priest of Malines.

"Cardinal Mercier lives because he was not afraid to die. Cardinal Mercier finds a world smiling upon him to-day because he was not ashamed to weep with his people in the days of their sorest trials. Cardinal Mercier is one of the most honored men today, because he did not shrink from draining, with his bleeding and downtrodden people, the cup of shame and humiliation. Cardinal Mercier wears to-day a crown of glory, because in the days of his country's affliction he earned a crown of martyrdom.

ALL CREDITS REVERENCE HIM

"His brave words and fearless deeds stamp him a son of every creed. Protestant vies with Jew, and both with Catholic, in doing him honor. Nations offer him citizenships, universities confer upon him degrees of honor. His journey through our land is a triumphal march. A heartier welcome than the one that is extended to him has not been offered by the American people to a stranger since Lafayette's visit to our shores.

"And his passing through our land will prove a fruitful journey. It will awaken a new spirit in the hearts of men; it will awaken a new zeal among the men of the Church. It will show what must be said and must be done, what must be dared and what must be suffered, if the thousand tyrannies that still afflict mankind shall be overcome.

"A thousand thanks to you distinguished son of a distinguished Church for what you have done. A thousand additional thanks for the yet greater blessings which your heroic example will confer upon all humanity."

GOVERNOR SPROUL'S WELCOME

TO "GREAT HERO OF CHURCH OF GOD"

In a magnificent address, which provoked frequent outbursts of applause, Governor Sproul cordially welcomed Cardinal Mercier to Philadelphia, to Pennsylvania, to the Metropolitan Opera House. "Great hero of the Church of God," he styled His Eminence, whom he eulogized as one of the greatest characters of the ages. The Governor spoke as follows:

"It is with a great deal of pride that I accept the honor of presiding at this welcome by the people of Philadelphia to one of the great outstanding characters of the world. The tremendous events of the last five years have brought out a number of great characters, whose lives and whose deeds will shine through many generations, but none, military, national or other character, will stand before that of this great hero of the Church of God.

"I know it is gratifying for him to have seen today Philadelphia's welcome to him on the streets and

everywhere that he has been. It has been explained to him, although he already knew it, that Philadelphia, founded by William Penn as the home for the persecuted of all races and all creeds, has grown to be the finest, most liberal and most patriotic city of this country or anywhere. And this splendid character, seeing it all, wondered why it was.

"He said: 'The people talk about what I did for my distressed country, what I did for my suffering people. What else could I do as a citizen? What else could I do as a citizen of Belgium?' That was his answer.

"It was hard for us over here, although we made sacrifices, to realize what happened in Belgium. We made sacrifices and sent our boys abroad to help the world, but there in that little area the real stress of war and sorrow and suffering were everywhere; and there he stood, four square against all the winds which blew, the protector of his people. Think of it! You might lay Belgium down in Pennsylvania, east of the Susquehanna river and south of the North Branch, only one quarter of the area of this State, but with as many people, before the War as Pennsylvania has.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD OF HIS HARASSSED FLOCK

"The tremendous onslaught of the enemy came across Belgium seemingly like a resistless wave, and yet that little nation stood there, holding fast to save civilization, and enabled us here in America to hold meetings such as this, to go about our usual course of life and to be what we are today a great nation. After making the greatest defense known in history, the Belgian army was driven back so that only a narrow strip remained in the north-western corner. The Government itself and all of the able-bodied men had gone leaving only the women and children and the aged under the care of this great prince of the people, who stood there to defend them. He stood there with a courage the like of which you cannot find even in the romance of history. And, my friends, it may be hard to realize, but here is a character in flesh and blood before us who, one thousand years from now, will be talked about and will stand out with the great characters in history, whom we hardly realize ever lived.

WILL HELP SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

"I am not flattering him; I admire him too much to flatter him, but it is a great honor and a great joy to us, your Eminence, to have you here in Pennsylvania and here in Philadelphia, the heart of Americanism.

"Doesn't he look the part, doesn't he look the part of the spiritual leader of a people who didn't forsake them in time of peril, but who staked all, his life, everything to help save them from destruction?

"I cannot help but think that in his visit to this country he is still in the service of his people; he is still in the service of those people who have been desolated by war as no other people have been, but I think that in that service of coming here he is giving us a blessing, too. I cannot help but think that his presence here and the welcome which he is getting from our people will help us in a spiritual awakening in the United States, which we need very much today. At a time like this, when not only our institutions, not only our democracy, not only the things which our fathers raised for us in this country and in which we take so much pride and satisfaction, which meant so much to us in the rebuilding of this great nation, are threatened by those who do not believe in them nor believe in us, and when this, the faith of our fathers, is being assailed by those who think it stands in the way of their unfair plan, it is a good thing to have an exalted prince of the Church of God to come here and perhaps bring about a spirit of awakening in America.

"Therefore I welcome you with all my heart, Cardinal Mercier, to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. We are indebted to you for coming here. We hope that your stay among us may be agreeable to you, and that we, as well as yourself, may gain much from your visit."

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A daily Transcontinental service between Toronto-Winnipeg-Vancouver-Victoria, is the principal feature announced in the Canadian National Railways Fall and Winter time table.

This train will leave Toronto 9.15 p.m., daily and will be equipped with up-to-date sleeping, dining, first-class day coach, tourist and colonist cars. Between Toronto and Winnipeg there will also be a compartment-observation library car.

A parlor car will be attached, for the convenience of passengers, while travelling through the Rockies, so they may enjoy, in the utmost comfort, the magnificent scenery for which the Canadian National route is famous.

Further particulars can be obtained from Passenger Officers of Canada's National system of Railways.



Your Cigar and Pipe Will Be Next!

MEMBERS of the Women's Christian Temperance Union did their best to prevent cigarettes being sent to Canadian soldiers in the trenches.

Field secretaries of the Anti-cigarette League have been working all summer organizing a national campaign to banish all forms of tobacco. It is predicted the movies will be the next to be attacked.

Professional reformers are in the ascendancy—and "the Devil loves nothing better than the intolerance of reformers".

Now is the time to check the spirit of rabid intolerance and interference with personal rights. "Hell is paved with good intentions".

Join with the Citizens' Liberty League in its honest, sincere endeavor to obtain a fair and just solution to Ontario's vexed temperance problem—the repeal of the unsatisfactory Ontario Temperance Act and the enactment of new legislation that will permit the sale of light beer and wine generally and the sale of pure spirituous liquors through Government agencies only.

Vote "YES" to all Four Questions

Mark your ballot with an X. Any other marking will spoil it. Remember, also—every voter must vote on every question or his ballot will be spoiled.

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Start Campaign Against Tobacco WASHINGTON.—The forces which won prohibition are now about to start a campaign against tobacco. Three independent organizations are working individually to banish the cigarette and the other forms of tobacco. If they cannot do it otherwise, they will strive for legislation. The three organizations in the campaign to send tobacco after alcohol are: The Anti-Cigarette League of America, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Committee of Fifty. Four organization meetings of the founders of this committee have already been held at the Yale Club in this city. Constitution, by-laws and a program of procedure have been drawn up. Field secretaries of the Anti-Cigarette League have left for various parts of the country to commence an educational campaign against the weed.