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|  | LONDON, CANADA, SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1916 |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | capable on pug dogs. Catholics know that any interference with the law of nature is condemned by the Church. Hence they should not countenance these opinions, and newspapers, advocating small families should be avoided as vehicles which emanate the virus that corrodes and eventually destroys the stamina of a nation. We know that we can point to the most diseaseridden child with twisted frame and say, "Thou hast made him a little less than the Angels." <br> UNAFRAID AND RESOLUTE <br> Cardinal Mercier must be a constant source of wonder to the Prus. sian, who believes in the omnipotence of the State. With his Belgium in bondage he should at least conciliate the persecutor, deprecate his wrath or propose a compromise. Not so Cardinal Mercier. He turns a deaf ear to his blandishments and his menaces. His strength comes not from the world. He fears not Cæsar, who, like other beasts of prey, has claws and can use them. But Casar can kill the body but not the soul. <br> Von Bissing rages furiously, threatens the Cardinal and would doubtless like to adopt extreme repressive measures. It is irritating to know that there is one man who does not walk with bated breath and whispered humbleness ; one man who | BISHOP FALLON'S <br> STIRRING CALL <br> STATE CHAPLAIN WRITES TO <br> A. O. H. AND K. OF C. OF ontario <br> His Lordship, Bishop Fallon, state chaplain of the Knights of Columbus and also of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Ontario, has recently sent out recruiting letters to the members of the two orders of whom there are 7,000 of the former and between 4,000 and 5,000 of the latter. <br> The text of both letters is the same with the exception of the following special appeal to Irishmen in the letter addressed to the Ancicn Order of Hibernians which takes the place of the appeal to the chivalric ideals in the one addressed to the Knights of Columbus. <br> Let us learn a lesson from the conduct of our people in the Old Land. When the war broke out, Ireland had an opportunity, by thorn in England's side and thereby make a blind attempt to settle the score of centuries. <br> There might have been some excuse for such action; there could God, we are faced with no such shame. When John Redmond, the leader of the Irish people, promised to the British Parliament the cooperation of his native land, he gave the extremest limit. Forgetful of past wrongs, heedless of her diminoppression and keen for liberty Ireland dashed into the foremost of | sweet and glorious to die - or at least to offer to die - for one's country? <br> The rights of humanity require that we make the sacrifice. Have martyred Belgium and stricken Serbia and sorely-pressed France no power to awaken a responsive cry in our bosoms? <br> The defense of civilization demands that we hurry, to its assistance It is our civilization - the civilization that suits-that is in jeopardy. Are we prepared to wilization? Do we another kind of civily realize that the exercise of personal responsibility in political affairs, upon which rests civil liberty, hangs in the balance? <br> I say no word of the demands of conscience. It were folly to empha- size that aspect of the present hour. The man who is dead to the appeal of honor and patriotism, of humanalive to the call of conscience. <br> More than a century ago Edmund Burke lamented that the age of chivalry had gone because 10,000 swords had not leaped from their scabbards to avenge even a look that threatened with insult the gentle Queen of France. The Knights of Columbus draw much of their meanfrom the glorious deeds of the great military orders of the days of chivalry. Let us beware lest, when the struggle is over and the victory hour of trial a long distance lay between our principles and our extent our membership has enlisted. I write much more in dread than in place before every Knight of Colum- | Cardinal Gasparri writes: "I have not failed to bring under the notice of the august Pontiff the accurate Grace on the 14th, inst. concerning the recent bombardment of your city on the part of hostile aviators. This fresh incursion has not alone thrown an entire city, but it has occasioned bitter grief to the heart of the Holy Father, who experiences profound sorrow for the innocent victims, and at the same time a sense of affliction because of the periss and losses to <br> hose famous monuments. <br> His Holiness, as vigilant custodian of the supreme interests of religion, of history, of art, has not failed to solicitously renew his paternal and insistent requests to the Imperial and insistent requests to the fimperias anaHungary with the purpose of the war being carried out according to recog. nized principles, thanks to which, by respecting open and undefended cities, the monuments and the churches that form a precious treas. ure of thesecities may besafeguarded from all damage. <br> The Holy Father would wish even Italo-Austrian war the throwing of bombs from aeroplanes should be entirely suppressed, and if it has been impossible to reach so noble an aim, I can assure Your Grace that this has not been from the lack of lively interest shown by the common father of the faithful, but from causes Which I shall expose to your Grace viva voce whenever the opportunity presents itself. <br> Your Grace will be good enough Father, nll the affectionate sense of condolence which His Holiness | THE LEADER OF THE IRISH PARTY <br> SPEAKS FOR IRELAND AND THE WAR <br> oust now, when a little flurry has been raised by men in America who believe that Ireland needs a guard- ian, and who are willing to take the office and rule her from a distance of three thousand miles, it is well to find these words of John Redmond, M.P., in his preface to Michael Mac. donagh's "The Irish at the Front." He says <br> It is important for Ireland, and I am sure it is also important for the British Empire, and perhaps for America as well, to appreciate the part taken by the Irish troops in this war. The war, which in a night changed so many things, offered to Ireland a new international place, and her brave sons, not hesitating, acting upon a sure and noble instinct, have leaped forward to occupy it for have leaped forward the war arrived Ireland had at once a charter of rights and liberties of her own to defend, and, like Botha's South Africa, her plighted word to make good. The war, united in a common cause the defence of England against a mighty danger and the defence of primeiples for which Ireland, to be true to her self, must ever be ready to raise her her honor and her interest-her interest, always the last thing to move her, but now happily involved in the same cause-human Freedom. nationality crushed under the des pot's heel appealed to her. These things she has followed throughout | CATHOLIC NOTES <br> The Holy Father, in a letter, commends the work of the Catholic Press Association of Bavaria, and urges a more extensive circulation of Catholic literature. <br> From Pekin comes the news of the conversion of a Chinese prince, Paul Catholic Faith. Father Planchet, Procurator of the Catholic mission in Pekin, states that the young prince was baptized in the cathedral. <br> The Federated Holy Name Societies of Essex County, N. J., have appointed a committee to draft a bill Picture Censors. It is hoped to have the bill passed in the present session of the New Jersey legislature. <br> The Cathedral of Sora, in the Abruzzi, withstood the awful earthquake of a year ago though everything around it was in ruins. By to a day it was almost totally destroyed by fire. His Holiness at once sent 10,000 francs to meet emergencies. <br> The Rev. Peter Bernard Donnelly, after travelling in three and a half years, 107,000 miles, and preaching or lecturing more than 1,200 times, from Nome, Alaska, to the Straits of Magellan, is now in New York as the special Lenten preacher at St. Patrick's Cathedral, by invitation of Cardinal Farley. <br> Madame de Navarro (Mary Anderson) has consented to take part in a short play, "Comedy vs. Tragedy." Gilbert, which will be produced in the Theatre Royal, Worcester, England, this month. The play is given on |
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