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THE POPE AND THE WAR

Every reader of the public press in Canada has become familiarized with the insinuations, the imputations, the open specific charges that the Pope is hostile to the cause for which life and death struggle; that his international outlock is determined exclusively or preponderantly by his pretence; that in issuing his Peace Note he was the willing or at best the unconscicus catspaw of Germany; that directly or indirectly he was the

cause of the debacle on the Italian front.

Recognizing the cumulative effect of these and similar calumnies, no matter how groundless, and noting, had any bearing on the question in leader writer on the editorial staff of no doubt, the practical suppression of striking refutations of such charges, His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto, issued a pamphlet entitled 'The Pope and the War." the object of which is clearly indicated in this sentence of the opening paragraph : The accusations which have been circulated in Canada against the Catholic Church have reference chiefly to the position and the attitude of the Pope." Then temperately, lucidly, pointedly, he deals with the familiar accusations; fact after fact, quotation after quotation pitilessly expose "the hollow hypocrisy of the campaign against the Pope."

The Globe in a lengthy leader. which we reproduce elsewhere in this issue, dealt directly with the Archbishop's pamphlet mistakenly calling it a pastoral letter. Does the that the accusations circulated in out foundation ? Oh no; not openly This is neither honest nor true, as question of the validity of any par- influence of the whole spirit of the any one reading the Archbishop's ticular marriage that particular case pamphlet will readily see. His reference to the Pope's neutrality was in-the merits of the case must be deter-the eighth chapter of G. K. Chestercidental, almost casual; it was in no mined by human judgment based on ton's History of England.) But we sense the burden of his argument. human evidence. There is no ques- had changed all that before the War In a pamphlet of twenty pages the tion of infallibility in the decision. and we boasted of the change, yes Globe selects this incidental refer- It may come before the ecclesiastical we gloried in it and we scorned the BAVS :

gestio falsi.

new ground which it has chosen.

interpreter and vindicator of God's is believed by the faithful of his amunion to be purged of the fallibility of other men, remain neutral in respect to great questions of right and wrong that have set the world

rocking upon its foundations." This suggests a passage from Justin McCarthy who avers-and who has thing, means that if the Pope were not shared his experience ?-that he ex cathedra to condemn German had read and listened to scores and aggression in this War "the faithful scores of arguments against Papal of his communion "would be obliged

am not asking my readers to accept widdres.

and women to accept the principle of Papal infallibility. But I should certainly expect even them to try to understand what the principle actually is." A modest and very reasonwe and our Allies are fighting in a able request to make of those who arguing from its supposed implications. But the Globe, sure of tickdesire that the Austrian Empire ling the ear of the groundlings, explain the lack of scholarly discremaintain her place as a great Catho- triumphantly hurls its misconception tion of the editor of the Globe in lic power; that his neutrality is a of Papal infallibility in the face of an Archbishop! It is quite certain that before sim

would inform itself at least of the duties it implies. meaning of the terms, and probably

issue.

ever the question of the Pope has the Church with the same binding been discussed during the War: they force as if defined by Pope and ecu-

But we shall take the Globe on the immunity from error by virtue of The Globe: "How can the 'supreme Papal infallibility.

The foregoing will illustrate what who, when he speaks ex cathedra, Papal infallibility is and what it is the Globe in the passage cited is

laboring under a complete misapprehension of what Catholics believe with regard to the infallibility of the Pope. This passage, if it means any-

infallibility complacently founded on to accept his judgment in the complete misapprehension of what premises as "purged of the fallithe term meant, and he adds : "I bility of other men;" in other the doctrine of Papal infallibility; I Germans and Austrians as well as attention. am only asking them to understand English and French, would have to what it is and what it is not. In our accept his judgment as infallible. If days there are large numbers of men that were true the Pops could parand women who refuse to believe in alyze the military effort of Germany any guidance of man from a higher more effectively than if he had vast

world, or, indeed, in any higher armies at his command. But it is world from which he could be guided. not true, it is a weirdly ignorant dis-I do not, of course, expect such men tortion of the truth. Read the passage quoted again. It illustrates that confusion of thought, that incapacity either to lay hold of or apply a principle, which characterizes even the educated Protestant where spiritual matters are concerned. It illustrates persist in discussing the doctrine or also that lack of humility which a learned convert describes as annalldiscussing, without easily ascertainable information, a doctrine such as

Papal infallibility, and in presuming ilarly using a medical term in con- to point out to Catholics, including troversy with a doctor, or a legal the Catholic hierarchy, the opportunterm with a lawyer, the Globe ities this doctrine affords and the majority of them, anything more

If a Protestant of the standing, edufind out, also, whether or not they cation and general information of a oue of our greatest papers can hon-

Let us take a concrete example estly write the stuff which we are free from the beclouding influence of considering, then what may be ex. panied by outward marks of fondthe passion and prejudice, the hopes pected from the rank and file of and the fears of the great War. It newspaper readers? The honesty of his epistle to the Phillipians recomis the infallible teaching of the the writer only places his ignorance, Church that between two baptized presumption and arrogance in a more persons a valid marriage, duly con- glaring light.

summated, can be dissolved by no It is evidently necessary to state power on earth, civil or ecclesiasti. plainly some palpable truths with cal, unless by the death of one of the regard to the Pope and the War: persons. That principle stands now The Pope can not pronounce ex cathand forever the immutable doctrine edra on the merits of the issues of the Catholic Church with regard which divide the civilized world into to Christian marriage. It binds the huge armies locked in deadly conflict. Pope in Peter's Chair, the King The political issues and ambitions on his throne, as it binds the hum- which divide them do not fall within blest vagrant ever baptized. Not the scope of Papal infallibility. In even to rid the world forever of the middle age the Pope, not by Prussian and all other militarism, to virtue of his office as Head of the bring permanent and perpetual in- Charch but by the consent of a ternational peace, any more than to united Christendom, did act as inter-Globe openly and honestly admit retain the Kingdom of Henry VIII. national arbitrator; by the actual within the unity of the Church, can exercise of his power as such, and Canada have been shown to be with- the Pope sanction in a single not less by the deterrent influence of instance the violation of this un- its potential exercise over despotic and honestly. It shifts the ground changing principle of Christian mor- princes, the Pope curbed these cruel of attack and leaves its readers to ality of which he, "the supreme devils of their will and powerfully infer that His Grace's object was to interpreter and vindicator of God's promoted the growth of democratic present "the argument in justifica- law," is the divinely appointed freedom. This was the quiet, pertion of the neutrality of the Pope." guardian. And yet when there is sistent, pervasive and irresistible

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despair than in the cowardly calumn. When they separate to seek employ. toms acts as a deterrent in those are called suppressio veri and sug- menical council. But in pronouncing ies and whining plaints against the ment in other places, an occasional seeking the reasons for them. How on the validity of any particular mar. Pope. The two are akin. The one post card takes the place of the old- many are quite unable to answer riage this same Pope would enjoy no we may regard with a measure of fashioned letter that served so well questions on how the Church is gov-

infinite pity; the other with feelings among the members of a family. not sufficiently to make clear that expression ; though we confess that of the same roof tree have almost shrine the august Sacrifice of the walked amongst men. The tribe has a generation such as St. Paul desincreased but not improved.

> deserve but passing notice ; but as dangerous times. Men shall be lovers one of the myriad-tongued voices of themselves, covetous, haughty, raised in ribald outcry against the proud, . . disobedient to parents, Vicar of Christ we shall regard it as ungrateful, wicked, without affection,

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of God.' Apart from the theological virtues of enduring affection; and if we wish amplified dictionary of Catholic cereof faith, hope and charity, and the to cultivate this virtue in our inter- monies and devotions. cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, course with our relatives and friends temperance and fortitude, the Cate- we must begin with our True Friend. temperance and fortitude, the Cate-chism mentions seven moral virtues, it something lacking in the religious and understandable book by Rev. thinkable that he would voluntarily as opposed to the seven capital sins, something lacking in the religious and understandable book by Rev. namely, humility, obedience, meek- life of many even exemplary Cathoness, liberality, sobriety, chastity and lics. They may be very conscientizeal. There is, however, another ous and exact in the performance of beautiful flower that grows at the their duties, but the good old Irish foot of the cross, and that belongs to woman who begins heractof contrition fact of the historical existence of the same family as the red rose of with "O my good sweet loving Jesus!" charity. This amaranthine flower of and who speaks of Mary and Joseph God: that He established a Church affection is especially deserving of in terms of endearment and intimacy, to be governed by His laws, and that our consideration, for it was very makes one suspect that some flowers that Church is no, other than the one dear to the Sacred Heart of Our of devotion, that bloom in that Green having its seal and centre in Peter's Lord and contributes not a little to Isle of Faith, wither and die in the chair. It is a really valuable book life.

Charity embraces all men but does atmosphere of our modern religious mind the Church's claims. It will not demand, as regards the great life.

than an attitude of benevolence and a readiness to assist in any good

work on their behalf. Affection, on the contrary, is confined to those who are united to us by ties of blood or friendship, and is usually accomness and attachment. St. Paul, in mends to them his disciple Timothy in whom he tells them he has great

in the gospel with sincere and affec- fact is apparent, but the cause is not tionate solicitude. Next to his great faith, it was no doubt the impetuous that attention has been so assiduousthe person of Our Saviour that merited for St. Peter the divine comself manifested His affection for those who were bound to Him by it may, it is at least true that where devoted to His service. How beauti-instruction on the Faith itself, those fully human was His attitude to the of a popular character in the Engfamily at Bethany, to Lazarus, His lish language on the government of friend, at whose grave He shed tears the Church, her ceremonies, festiof affection, to Mary who was cop- vals, sacramentals and devotious are verted by one glance of His divine few and far between. eves, and who repaid His mercy with

such loving and grateful devotion. REV. JOHN F. Sullivan, of the and to busy, bustling Martha who Diocese of Providence, has in his rejoiced in the privilege of waiting book, "The Externals of the Catholic Ignatius, or who, whether in mis- of the Allies. Most people have seen upon Him and who, when her brother was ill and Our Lord was slaw in coming rebuked Him in a solution of the Sternals of the Catholic sons or private retreats have made the Spiritual Exercises. Confessed is responsible for the defeat of the slow in coming, rebuked Him in a manner that would seem irreverent, written volume of nearly 400 pages, this. In an attractive and well, were it not excused by the favor she he discourses learnedly but not ponenjoyed of intimate friendship with derously on the meaning, history the Master. When disgusted by the and development of those ceremoninsincerity of the Pharisees and ies and devotions which in the wearied by the importunities of the course of centuries have come gradmultitude, He loved to retire to that ually to enshrine the priceless treashumble home, that little haven of ure of the Faith itself. The essenpeace where the affection of true tials of Catholic worship have been friends brought consolation to His embellished with a wealth of ritual human heart.

blasphemous audacity of this cry of they sleep and take their meals. the meaning of our beautiful cusshuddering sympathy and with an to keep alive an enduring affection erned; what constitutes the Religious State; the significance of the cereto which it is more polite, and per. When they marry they drift still monies connected with the Seven haps more Christian, not to give free further apart, until soon the children Sacraments; or of those which enwith Jamie Soutar we find it "maist forgotten one another. If this be Mass; the Church's calendar, and breadth of view, to place before comfortin " to recall the exceptional true of Christian families it is doubly her festivals, and of the innumerable language the gentle Lord and Master so of those who are unfortified by details of Catholic worship which used in speaking to certain proud religion. Thus it is that a genera- coalesce to make the most majestic and self-righteous people when He tion without affection is springing up, thing in the world ! In Father Sullivan's book an answer to these quescribed to Timothy : "Know also this, tions may be found, and it is much to The Globe article by itself might that in the last days shall come on be desired that it may find many pe readers and not a few students the Allies. among our educated Catholic laity. therein treated in simple and terse words that Catholics the world over, typical, and devote to it further without peace, . . . unmerciful, English, in a manner calculated to without kindness, stubborn, puffed interest as well as to instruct. No almost all other international rela-tionships have been severed. "The of covers in a single volume so wide After all, religion is the only source a field. It might almost be called an

> Martin J. Scott, S. J., entitled "God and Myself: an Inquiry into the True Religion." This is a clear, positive Religion." This is a clear, positive much less for anything and conclusive investigation into the Lutheran majority of Jesus Christ: that He was indeed adorning and sweetening the path of more practical, and perhaps more for Catholics, and for non-Catholics enlightened, but certainly more chilly willing to investigate with unbiased infallibly give comfort and support to those of the Faith, and sure guid-

ance to those who seek it.

FATHER SCOTT writes in a simple religion being for all people, technical, theological discussion should in therefore develops his thesis in plain statements and simple language and sideration to modern ideas and tendencies. In the first chapter' World Calamities and Providence,' the present War is considered with, reference to the justice of God, and | many millions of Catholics in the gives a fair idea of the modern spirit in which all his arguments are considered. We know of no timelier of the Church at the testant friend at the present time, or, for that matter, for the individual Catholic to read prayerfully on his only increase the disease. ties of kindred or who were especially as there is an abundance of books of own account. It will strengthen public condemnation would involve a his faith and give him a better understanding of his duty.

> IN "THE Inward Gospel," by an. other Jesuit, Rev. W. S. Strappini, (Longmans, Green & Company, New York and London) we have a series of familiar discourses addressed to those who follow the Rules of St. I need not cite instances on the side

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The Globe, March 4

Archbishop, McNeil has written a most interesting and informal pas-toral letter on the position of the head of the Catholic Church in relatoral letter on tion to the world-war. The Arch-bishop of Toronto is especially fitted, alike by temperament, and by his people of Canada, as well as those directly under his pastoral care, the attitude of the Pope toward the various belligerent powers. There is, moreover, no doubt as to his own position. Archbishop McNeil does not besitate in this message to his ople to tell them that he himself hopes and prays" for the success of

The argument in justification of More than five hundred subjects are the neutrality of the Pope is based upon the assumption that it is essen-tial to maintain the unity of the great preoccupation of the Holy See," says the Archbishop, "is to prevent divisions in the Church along lines of national or racial cleavage. The Pope is not now treated as a foreigner in any of the Allied nations. The Catholics in

endanger or forfeit this position in the Allied nations in return for anything Germany could possibly offer Germany would allow their rulers to offer. Th amount of national and racial hat-red in the Christian world at a given time is the measure of the danger to which the unity of the Church is exposed, and the highest interest of the Holy Father as the guardian of this unity is the renoval of this hatred by a safe and. lasting peace."

In reinforcement of this argument it is stated that in the Entente countries there is a Catholic population of 111.089,571, while in the countries grouped around Germany, and generally known as the Central Powers, there are 57,466,130 Catholics. These figures indicate why the Pope and friendly manner, insisting that as the spiritual head of millions of people in both groups " is necessarily neutral.

Catholics are patriotic in their respec-tive countries. The War has made is very effective in his use of them. In judgment, they are convinced of Throughout he devotes much con- the justice of their respective this clear. Whether right or wrong countries' cause, whether French or Garman. If the Pope publicly con-demned either group of belligerents If the Pope publicly conat the joutbreak of the War or at any stage of it, he would thereby place agonizing necessity of choosing between their Church and their country, and he would favor one section expense of book to put into the hands of a Pro- another. The War, would go on in any case. Civil war would add to its norrors, for all countries are divided in religion, and the remedy would Besides, a judicial investigation, and this is practically impossible in war times. The Pope has publicly condemned particular acts of cruelty and injustice, like the invasion of Belgium but as to the war in general he strictly neutral. One proof of his impartiality is the fact that he is daily newspapers abused by prominent individuals of both sides.

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Archbishop's words that its readers

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sirable appears to be a surrender of

THE GLEANER NOTES AND COMMENTS THERE IS perhaps no subject directly pertaining to their religion on which Catholics generally are less cal, theological discussion should in "'He is in justice obliged to be informed than the Rubrics. To a treatise like this be avoided. He impartial,' says Archbishop McNeil, affirm that little is known, even by the fairly well-informed, concerning the history and meaning of the practices which have been embodied in confidence because like a son with the Church's majestic ritual is but his father he had labored with him to give utterance to a truism. The so easy to adjudicate. It may be

generosity and affectionate loyalty to | 1y directed to the doctrines of the Church in themselves, in an effort to illumine the faith of the multitude. mission to feed the lambs and the and to enlighten non-Catholics, that sheep of the fold. Our Lord Him- interest in the "externals" has, in a measure, lain dormant. Be that as

Archbishop's words that its readers may come to their own conclusion as to the strength of the argument presented."

It is hard to regard this ostentatious magnanimity as other than plain dishonesty. It accomplishes the apparently deliberate purpose of the Globe to divert the attention of its readers from the real object of the pamphlet, namely to meet and refute the chief accusations circulated in Canada, amongst which was the denial of the Pope's neutrality. That the Pope's neutrality is unjustifiable was not one of these accusations at all, certainly not one of the chief or most mischievous of them, most certainly not so considered by Archbishop McNeil in his pamphlet; but the proceeds to demolish it. To those article of faith and the Pope as communion." who read both the pamphlet and the supreme teacher, speaking ex cathearticle it will be quite evident that dra, proclaimed to the City and to cedes that the Archbishop accomplished his purpose-but this num. ber is likely to be comparatively professedly dealing with the pamphlet of His Grace the Globe's method

must be decided on its merits. And of Europe which she created. (Read courts, before the highest of the age when the Popes were interna-

Papal courts, but just as in civil tional arbitrators; our crowning "The Globe has put the case in the actions in civil tribunals it is falli- epithet of opprobrium was - medieble human judgment that must de- val. And now ignoring the fact that cide. It may be taken out of the the Pope was denied representation courts and brought before the Holy at the international Peace tribunal Father himself for final adjudica- of The Hague; and with the secret tion, it is still fallible human judg- treaty of France, England, Russia ment that must pass upon the testi- and Italy by which they "obligate mony adduced. The case may be themselves to support Italy in her involved and obscure, or it may be desire for the non-admittance of the clear and free from doubt, but in any Holy See to any kind of diplomatic case there is no question of Papal in- steps for the purpose of the conclufallibility. The Pope's judgment sion of peace or the regulation of may be accepted as final and decis- questions arising from the present ive, but no Catholic, and no Protestant, Jew or pagan who knows where naked shame of world wide publicity of he speaks, believes that the Pope's leering at us, we are not ashamed to

judgment in the case is "purged of whine that the Pope is neutral, the fallibility of other men." unjustifiably neutral ! He ought at If the indissolubility of marriage, least put the Papal infallibility at though the constant practice of the our service, it would have a very Globe sets up this straw man and Church, were not yet defined as an useful effect on "the faithful of his

" If Christ were in Peter's Chair ' suggests the Globe. Is the arm of the Globe, by its tergiversation, con- the world that henceforth it was a Christ shortened because He is not doctrine of the Catholic Church that Pope? Is our lack of humility so the bond of Christian marriage could appalling that we boldly demand as a be broken only by death, then all right Christ's intervention? There are small. In an article of such length controversy on the matter amongst those who, maddened by the horrors Catholics would cease; Catholics of the War, deny the existence of would accept the doctrine or leave God and hold that Christ was a visionof procedure seems very clearly to the Church; this principle of Chris- ary dreamer whose doctrine has involve two ugly things which have tian morality would be defined once proved an absolute failure. There is been very much in evidence when. and forever by the infallible Head of something far more noble in the

observance of which each detail is It is especially in the home that symbolic of the purpose for which this virtue should flourish. The that worship is offered. The explan-Evangelists tell us little of the Holy ation of these manifold practices is Family at Nazareth ; but painters the object of the book before us. and poets with true Catholic instinct

have dweltespecially upon the mutual THE BOOK IS timely, because interaffection that characterized that ideal est in religion is increasing among Christian home. We often wonder if those outside the Fold. Many earnthe children of our day realize how est Protestants are seeking informamuch their parents, who hold God's tion regarding Catholic practices, War," with this secret treaty in the place in their regard and who have and their symbolism. People heremade so many sacrifices for their tofore quite indifferent to all religion welfare, crave for those little expres- are realizing its benefits to society. sions of filial love that lighten their its beneficent influence on the indilabors and brighten the sunset of vidual, and its necessity for the weltheir lives. "The Children's Hour" fare of the commonwealth. Cathoseems to be an institution that is lics in every walk of life have or can passing away. "Grave Alice and find abundant opportunities just laughing Allegra and Edith with now to diffuse a knowledge of their golden hair "give little thought to Faith and to enlighten their fellows, their parents wearied with the anxie- and it is by the earnest perusal of ties and hardships of the day. No, such books as this that they will they are off promenading the streets acquire a store of interesting facts,

or wasting the affection of their and render valiant service to the young hearts on some hero or heroine cause of Truth. at the movies.

The bond of affection that should UNFORTUNATELY, there are many unite the children of a Christian Catholics - good, practical, devout family seems, too, to be loosening. Catholics, at that - who seldom, if

are hardly of a class to Italian army. ly, they appeal to the general reader, though being but an expansion of some points of the inward teaching of Our hay come to their one argument pre-Lord, furnish matter for reflection sented. For ourselves we must frankly confess that the neutrality to any Christian. An extract from the chapter on charity may be taken insisted upon as necessary and de as a fair example of Father Strapthat international spiritual soverpini's way of putting things. eignty which elsewhere the Arch

bishop declares to be vested in his Holiness. "Christ," he says, "claimed "BE HELPFUL, but don't fuss Holiness. to be a King even when it was a question of life or death in the tribabout so that every one can see how tremendously helpful you can be. necessarily your belongings, which will stimulate the growth of inward charity. All of us have opportunities for thoughtful consideration for others, little misunderstandings we can smooth out of irritating promin ence, the soft answer which turns the edge of sharp criticism, the silence which is often kindlier than flowing speech. Then, are we not impressed at times with the much we have to round sometimes and think over what others may, or actually do, put up with from ourselves. Charity was not meant to be one sided."

This book may be specially recommended for devout reading during Lent and Passion-tide.

unal of Pilate. He was then laving Also, there are many little ways in a healing hand upon the nerve centre which you can give up yourself, not of fallen humanity. He was separating spiritual sovereignty civil sovereignty and assuming the former to Himself in order to impartit later to His Church. After nineteen centuries there are still many educated men in Christendom who stand astonished before the spectacle the Vicar of Christ claiming spiritual sovereignty." Elsewhere Archbishop McNeil quotes from a public speech of Pope Benedict XV. at the Vatican on January 22, 1915, as follows: 'It belongs to the Roman Pontiff, whom God put up with from others ? Well, turn appointed supreme interpreter and vindicator of His law, to proclaim

that no possible reason can make licit any violations of justice." This This was declared by the Papal Secretary of State to carry with it condem nation of the violation of the neutral ity of Belgium carried out by Germ my on the admission of her own Chancellor contrary to international

If you look at this Sacred Heart different in essence from the deliberso meek, so sweet, so condescending ate provocation to war to be found the Serbian Government? family seems, too, to be loosening. Catholics, at that — who seldom, if Home for them is becoming little ever, read anything on this subject, and the fact that one is ignorant of us?—St. Francis De Sales.

law. But was the violation of Belgium so loving toward miserable creatures provided only they recognize their misery; so gracious towards the unfortunate, so good to penitents,

within the four corners of the ultimatum sent by Austria Hungary to Th