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Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen."-(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname)-St. Pacien, 4th Century

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ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN GERMANY

The following appeared in a pro-German London paper : I note that in your paper for some time past there have been appeals for funds for supplying food, cloth-ing, etc., to the Germans, There have also been accounts of the misery and poverty that is to be seen here.

I came to Germany with the first troops of the Army of Occupation, and since 1918 have been living in various parts of Germany both as in Holland. an official and as a plain civilian. I

have many acquaintances amongst all grades of German society, start-ing with an ex-princess at the top and ending with our sweep. Now what your correspondents write regarding the misery and poverty is quite true. On the other hand. they make no mention of the enor-mous amount of wealth and wealthy edge. people who are in Germany. Today German people are divided

into two clear cut classes : the rich and the poor. There is no medium stratum between the two. The poor are dreadfully poor, and are bearing their trials most stoically. Why? Because the rich in Germany don't move a little finger to help their suffering comparing. The their suffering compatriots. The German indulges in sickly sentiment as long as he gains pleasure for him-self by doing so, but when it comes to putting his hand into his pocket and indulging in practical sentiment -why, he would think anybody who did so quite foolishly mad, unless that somebody be a foreigner, who is always considered as a golden goose in every sense of the word. Any charity that comes from abroad is considered by the German as being his due, and he says that the Englishman, American, or whoever it is that is giving to German chari-ties, can "well afford to dorso—look at the Valuta." Gratitude is unknown to him.

Amongst my acquaintances are many German business men who have made nice little fortunes in foreign money, thanks to the criminally foolish and knavish policy for the German State the German Government in finance. These men all have their "shoots"—you are not a gentleman in Germany unless you have a shoot —their cars, their motor-bicycles, and live in comfort. They do not, though, give one pfennig to the poor and needy ; don't dream of doing so The boys and girls in the banks and big businesses all have their motor-cycles. The opera houses, theatres, botels, cabarets, are crammed out night after night with Germans— Germans who are not all profiteers by any means. Prices are so high the mouth against every Christian the call profile set of the call profile set of the call profile the call profile set of the call profile set of the call profile the mouth against every Christian the call profile set of the call pro now that only the well-to-do Ger-mans can afford them. Foreigners wipe Poland off the map," as they certainly cannot do so. None of did, Labor leaders in this country, certainly cannot do so. None of did, Labor leaders in this country, these Germans give anything to help with Communist money in their their own people. And yet there pockets, projected a National strike are men, women and children literally dying of starvation, which

The factories are there all right ; Augustine's Academy, and third bright in the starting bright is but one more proof that, as the starting price. An intense president of the Federation Gympublicity campaign was organized, even in Paris, calling the attention de France, the man who initiated the starting the starti they have been built and equipped. They were not destroyed by the Allies nor was any other part of the real wealth of Germany destroyed

The essays were on the subject: "Should America Prohibit Immigra-tion for Five Years." Miss O'Keefe's paper has been forwar.led to the New York State head quarters of the American Legion as the as she des neighbors. destroyed the wealth of her The other day the German firm paid off the £50,000 in marks which of the American Legion as the country's entry in the State essay

are worth 21d ! This happened in other cases where Germany's creditors were repayable in marks. She has decontest. **U. S. NAVY OFFICERS** stroyed the mark while holding on

IMPRESSED A Dutch banker declared the other day that there were 1,000,000,-000 of German money in the banks

of the sisters in Haitian hospitals

SACRIFICES OF THE SISTERS

PRAISE WORK OF HEROIC RELIGIOUS Washington, Nov. 14 .- The work

of the Catholic Church in the island of Haiti, particularly the devotion of the members of the Catholic sisterhoods and the Catholic brothers Why do not some of the ignorant or sentimental, or paid advocates of Germany take up this letter of Mr. Wilson and show that it is untrue? The man gives his name and address and his sources of knowlto the task of educating the native population, created such a highly favorable impression on members He challenges contradiction and supports his statements by of the American forces which participated in the occupation of the island that non-Catholic officers

facts. He is not working behind some screen, appealing to Catholics or to students, or to varihave returned to the States profoundly impressed. This was revealed in expressions Lutherans or to students, or to various sections of the community, as of unstinted praise for the labors

the Germans are doing. He speaks openly and in the light of day exposes this scandalous German fraud.

WHY ?

to the plunder

and schools, and the brothers in the schools they conduct for boys, in interviews given the National Catholic Welfare Conference News The truth is, that at the bottom of a great deal of what is going on about Germany today and of what passes for philanthropic and charit-Service by officers of the United States Naval Medical Corps who passes for philanthropic and charit-able pro-Germanism, there is well organized conspiracy to injure France—to prevent her getting reparations—and in this way, by impoverishing her, to strike a blow at her influence and her power. This game commenced almost as soon as the Treaty of Versailles had with the American Marine forces, and who are nonserved Corps Catholics. Without the assistance of the

Catholic Church in Haiti, these officers declared, their work there would have been hampered seriously, since it was through the priests, been signed. It had its protagon-ists among a section of Liberals and sisters and brothers that could reach the native population and gain its confidence and coopera-Labor men. What education exists in the

The former were more in favor of tion island, it was their opinions expressed without hesitation, may be ascribed almost entirely to the island, Germany than of France when the War broke out; they urged that England should be neutral and gain Catholic schools.

But the schools are badly over-France have been pushed into this by their German and other asso-ciates. citates. citates. crowded, the sisters and brothers bitifully underpaid and forced to live in the poorest quarters, it was live in the poorest quarters, it was stated by the naval officers. What Some of these people cry out for appealed especially to these officers was the willingness of the Catholic renewing relations with Moscow while they decline to allow Com-

munists to enter their own ranks ANTI-FRENCH CONSPIRACY

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was the winnighess of the Cathone sisters to face hardships of almost any kind to carry on their work of education and advancement of religion. They told, with no little feeling of admiration, how they found the Catholic sisters scattered The whole business is an anti-French conspiracy, and at the same time has an anti-Catholic element

ANOTHER WAR ?

At the moment of writing we do

The whole situation bristles with

There are others that are not dis-

There is a great deal of treachery

there are wholesale lying and mis-

representation with regard to the

Germany is well able to help her own poor, she is well able to feed

her own hungry. If wealthy Germans ignore their

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS TAKE

ALL PRIZES

that are at issue.

in them The sisters are fine women, and deserve every bit of encouragement to prevent the slightest assistance

deserve every bit of encouragement and assistance they can get," said Lieutenant Commander K. C. Melhorn, U. S. N., who was the officer in charge of the general hospital at Port-au-Prince. "I may truthfully say that we could have done mothing without them in being given to the Poles and so brings me to my point. If good people at home feel that they want to help the distress out here—rather than looking after our here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want to help the distress out here and the mercy of the they want they want the best nurses we had at they want they want the here the best the best the here the best the here the best the they want the best the best the here the best the bes

as long as this institution can retain the services of such splendid sisters, it will never fail." of industrial men that the buildings could well be used for the textile industry. Again no buyer appeared.

During the smallpox epidemic of which Commander Melhorn speaks, there were 3,000 patients in the general hospital, a small city's population. Out of this number the

mortality was 10%, but despite the ravages of the disease the sisters did not flinch. "When the epidemic broke out,

these women went right into the midst of danger," declared Com-mander Melhorn. "They did not raise the slightest complaint, for that is the kind of women they are

for their support.

SCHOOLS OVERCROWDED

The sisters referred to by Commander Melhorn were members of the order, Daughters of Wisdom, known in Haiti as the "Gray Sisters." These sisters and those of the order St. Joseph de Cluny ("Blue Sisters") are to be found

now in all the hospitals and dispen-saries of the Republic. One point on which both officers laid considerable stress was the great poverty which hindered the more effective work possible on the part of priests, sisters and brothers. The priests and brothers, they stated, received about \$18 a month and the sisters about \$10 a month each from the Haitian Government

"The schools are badly over-crowded. Thirty or forty pupils are crowded into a room not half,"

Italian people toward the visit of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria to

Catholic nation, not alone because the very great majority of our people are Catholic, but because Catholicism is inseparable from our furniture an inferior product. The

brothers go right to work with their hands. They are capable, but their number is so small that they are unable to give the example of the dignity of labor which they Pontiff not only the head of their religion, but they also venerate in him the symbol of that Church of Rome without which from the otherwise might give and which is Middle Ages down, our history would be incomprehensible. Never so necessary. The sisters try at least to teach the people the rudihas it been so clearly understood in ments of an education, and in the

stood abroad or are barely beginconstant application to their tasks. One sister, Commander Melhorn ning to be understood, are spiritual phenomena, the phenomena of a religious revival. The Italian people felt in this revival the urgent need of overcoming the conflict between their conscience as Catholics and their conscience as citizens which had tormented some of the noblest

The fascist government has

people; the sentiment of the nily, of religion and of the

OF JUVENILE ATHLETICS

RECOGNIZED IN FRANCE

tion Gymnastique et Sportive des Patronages de France were assem-bled in Congress in Paris. The reports disclosed the fact that the

number of societies had reached

CATHOLIC NOTES the powerful movement in favor of

the powerful movement in favor of could well be used for the textile industry. Again no buyer appeared. Three more months passed, and it was announced that the starting price would be 100,000 francs. A benefactor of Catholic work, M. Auguste de La'arge, after coming to an agreement with the Bishop, appeared at the sale and bid in the Great Seminary. geon also, and was responsible for several contributions to progress in the art of abdominal surgery. A fervent Catholic, he founded the Great Seminary. Immediately after the auction M.

de Lafarge placed the buildings at the disposal of the Bishop to be Laennec Association, a union of physicians and surgeons to maintain restored to their original uses.

RELIGIOUS REVIVAL and has about 2,000 doctors among IN ITALY its members.

Rafael Sanchez Mazas, special cor-respondent of the A. B. C. of Madrid,

dency of Spain, they forget too easily what Spain has created beyond the

the King of Spain should visit the Pontiff in solemn form. We are a

rendered by Dr. Michaux to the youth of France. GREAT CATHEDRAL IN

An imposing Catholic cathodral is to be erected at Daker, at the extremity of Cape Verde, the most western point on the coast of Africa. The corner-stone was laid November 11, Armistice Day, by the Governor General of Africa, M. Carde, and was blessed by the Bishop of Senegambia, Mgr. Le Hunsee The cathedral will be a vast edifice, entirely white, built in the Byzantine style and surmounted oy a large cupola on the order of that of Saint Sophia. Around the choir

they were getting to support them-selves in the way that they should be able to live. They declared the sisters, and the brothers as well, needed heats

The Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore, was elected to membership on the Board of Incorporators of the American

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Red Cross at the annual meeting of the General Board of that organiza tion in Washington.

A perpetual injunction against the city of Denver from selling Calvary cemetery for unpaid tax assessment and a decree cancelling granted by the District Court in disposing of a suit entered by Bishop Tihen

and develop their religious faith. The Laennec Conference still exists Paris, December 10.—The aviator Bourgade, one of the greatest French War heroes, who shot down 28 German machines, and who dis-

appeared after the War, has been found in New Guinea. The former Michaux did the greatest work. aviator, who was one of the most Each Sunday he was accustomed to decorated men in the army, is a go to a patronage and spend his leisure time playing with the chil-French religious order. missionary and a member of

dren and young apprentices of a labor faubourg. Struck by the poor physical condition of these boys who grew up in poor, unhealthy homes, Dr. Michaux had a vision of what gymnastics and sports might do for them. He won the support of the ecclesiastical directors, then carried his apostolate to other patronages and obtained the consent of the religious authorities to establish a

E. Nolan, Representative from Cali-fornia and widow of former Reprerentative Nolan, is the first woman to be appointed to the ehairmanship of a Congressional Committee. Mrs. Nolan heads the Committee on Expenditures in the Postoffice Department. She is also a mem-ber of the Committee on Labor of

which her late husband was Chairman. Paris, Dec. 7.—The most recent statistics of the Order of the Friars

Minor reveal the fact that there are now 17,000 Franciscans in the world, divided among 99 provinces and 1,612 religious houses. The second Order, the Clarists, number 9,329 in 462 monasteries. The regular Third Order, men or women, has 34,709 members with 2,800 establishments

The State Teachers' Association Texas at a convention here favored religious training as a part of public education by adopting a resolution which petitioned the Associa-tion of Texas colleges and the Committee on Classification and Accred-ited High schools to devise a plan for allowing credits to devise a plan school graduation and college en-trance for week-day courses in religious education.

The Archdiocesan Academia of St. Thomas Aquinas for the pursuit of higher ecclesiastical studies by the nriests of the B

professors, has been founded in St. John's Seminary, Brighton, by His

The

Eminence Cardinal O'Connell.

It was in the field of physical education, however, that Dr. Michaux did the greatest work. SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS BY MUSSOLINI special interview granted to

Signor Mussolini made several important statements concerning the visit of the Spanish sovereigns to Italy, the policy of the two coun-tries in the Mediterranean and collab-oration between Italy and Spain in South America is quoted as follows: "When people speak of the deca-

what Spain has created beyond the Ocean where our two races have united and become fused to create a new Latin world. The Italian people have a very clear vision of what Spain can and should be in modern Europe and particularly in the Mediterranean." Questioned by the Spanish cor-respondent as to the attitude of the italian people toward the visit of

the size of the average class-room," said Commander Clark. "Educa-tionally, the island is in a bad way. One of the real needs in Haiti seems

to be for proper manual training. About a century ago there was a the Vatican, Signor Mussolini said : "The Italian people are glad that considerable amount of handicraft practiced, but it has died out. Although there is a good deal of basket weaving done, the natives lack the touch of the trained worker. This makes their wicker

history. "The Italians venerate in the

Capital to teach such things as needlework, music and drawing." Both officer agreed that the sis-ters are hampered by the lack of adequate resources to carry on their work. They also declared that they suffered from their inability to keep up with later methods of education and from too constant application to their tasks Capital to teach such things as Italy as it is today that the problem

pointed out, was at Port-au-Prince 23 years, while another, accord-ing to Commander Clark, was at Cape Haitian 39 years, without ever returning to her native France. The officers declared the sisters needed five or six times the sum

and obtained the consent of the religious authorities to establish a Washington, Dec. 14 .- Mrs. Mae program in which physical training would leave ample time for moral training. Twenty-five years ago he organ

ized a first competition to stimulate rivalry among the new scrieties. The work increased so well that, at the time of the death of its founder, it had 2,005 branches with about 200,000 members. The great meet

held this year in Paris with 28,000 members of the Society compet-ing, was, in the opinion of the entire French press, the finest ever held in France. Cardinal Dubois presided

person at the funeral of Dr. Michaux. Marshal Foch was present also, and M. Henry Pate, Under-Secretary of State, represented the Council of Ministers, testifying, by his presence, to the gratitude of the French Government for the services

Mgr. Bickerstaffe-Drew widely known under the pen of "John Ayscough," has recovered from his illness sufficiently to leave France and return to England. Monsignor Bickerstaffe Drew, who had gone to France because of ill health, was stricken with paralysis at St. Malo. November 3.

Continent, and there are many of such-let them give what they like to the various organizations who are busy helping the German sick and needy. But I should like to see them make their donations under the strict condition that for every penny they provide the Ger-mans must first of all provide an equal amount. And until the Ger-mans have provided their pennies, no sane English person who has any not know what would be the result of the Elections. We do not think the Tories will get a majority. But real knowledge of conditions in present-day Germany will produce his donation. I know that if such a we think that if Liberalism and Labor should come together we would be much nearer a war with my France in the interests of Germany ly. policy were carried out, the result, as far as the German subscription lists were concerned, would be an than we are at present. eve-opener and a lesson to all charitably-inclined persons living outside of Germany

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY E. LLOYD WILSON (Late British Secretary Essen, Ruhr Office, Reparation Commis-Snichemstr. 50IL. Cologne and of lying emanating from behind

the scenes on other questions, just as we see from Mr. Wilson's letter We oublish this letter in full as it comes from an undoubted authority

with full knowledge of the subject, and other undoubted proofs that and from one who is by no means anti-German. Those who are wealthy will not

help their poor brethren. Those who have food will not part with it because of the depreciated currency, which has been brought about by Germans themselves

Yet in face of all this, German appeals for assistance are scattered over the world. The fraudulent bankrupt with valuable assets, all outside Germany, is playing the part of the sturdy beggar displayig his sores at the street corners. It is all done to defeat her cred-

itors.

Germany has wiped out her own National Debt by the simple device of destroying the value of the mark. Not only that, but she has cheated the world by the very same proceeding.

A FACTORY FOR 21D

Before the War an English con-ern lent £50,000 to a German firm e :tend its factories.

will only yield to force, and come from the schools taught by the Great Britain may find that just as sisters. she has yielded in the Ruhr, so she The The same opinion was shared by

may accept the facts and come to a complete understanding with France which this nation may not find acceptable. Interstant oppinol was shared by Lieutenant Commander G. F. Clark, Naval Medical Corps, who was stationed at Cape Haitian. Both officers are now stationed at the Naval Hospital and Medical School,

this city. "I have brought away from Haiti a feeling of the highest admiration for the sisters," Lieuten-ant Commander Clark said. "I found them the most devoted women in their calling, and cannot express my admiration for them too strongly. Their devotion makes one realize what women can do for their religion. In Haiti they are to

danger, and it must not be thought that it is only economic questions be found everywhere. They may be found everywhere the bosky where there are no other whites

There are others that are not dis-closed, other aims that are kept in the background. TRIBUTE TO A WONDERFUL WOMAN

> The conduct of the sisters in the large hospital whose administration was taken over by naval doctors of the American Forces is commended

for its instances of personal hero ism in a special way by Lieutenant Commander Melhorn in his official sanitary report of the General Hospital of Port-au-Prince, Haiti,

for the year 1921. "The first month of the year witnessed the sad death of one of

poor, and refuse food to their own flesh and blood, is it not ridiculous that victims of their infamies the most beloved women we have a cultual association — since the should be called upon to do for ever known," Commander Melhorn's Catholics could not form one—was report reads, referring to the French sisters. "Nothing more pathetic has been seen within these walls than the fight for life our suffering Germans what Germans themselves refuse to do?—Edin-burgh Catholic Herald.

three best essays submitted in the contest arranged by the American Legion. The prize winners were: first prize, Miss Eileen O'Keefe of All Saint's school; second prize, Miss Henrietta Kearney of St.

needed books and current periodi-cals to help them to keep "up-todate.

Commander Clark declared the Catholic clergy and sisterhoods were the most effective agents in reachproblem : the spiritual problem. ing the people, and related as an ex-ample the prejudice shown toward

introduced religious education in the schools, it has exalted the value vaccination until the priests at the behest of the Bishop to whom the naval doctor appealed, announced in all the churches that the people of religion in civil life; it has shown the highest respect for religious manifestations. The spiritual order is indissoluble in the conscience of should submit to such medical treatment. The rumor had got the family, of religion and of the nation form a single spiritual fabric. around that a terrible disease w result in three months, before The Italian people, therefore, can only view with satisfaction the manifestations of homage shown to the Head of the Catholic Church." which the doctors would leave the island.

There are sisters of one order or another in all the hospitals, which are still being operated with the aid of American Naval doctors. At EDUCATIONAL VALUE Cape Haitian, Lieutenant Commander Clerk estimated, there were about 25 sisters in both the hospital and schools, and 18 brothers, while Commander Melhorn estimated there were 200 sisters in Port-au-Paris, Dec. 6.-While their presi-dent and founder, Dr. Michaux, lay Prince, and about 50 brothers. dying, the delegates of the Federa

SEMINARY RESTORED TO CHURCH

Paris, Nov. 29 .- When the Law of 2,605, an increase of 107 over the Separation went into effect, the Great Seminary of the Viviers

last report. An interesting decision was reached, to give each child entering a Catholic patronage a "sporting ticket" which he will carry with him wherever he goes and enable physicians and directors of athletics diocese, not having been claimed by awarded at the end of a year to the more Department of the Ardeche. The Department kept it many years ife our without being able to find use for it. Binally, at the beginning of this year, the General Council of the Department, which, for the most be died physicians and directors of athletics to supervise his physical developwalls than the fight for file out wonderful Sister Aime made in January. Coming to Haiti direct from four terrible years of hospital work in her native France, she died in a foreign land a martyr to her ment possible to do more to assist the vocational guidance of young men. The Federation also decided to Pupils of the Catholic parochial schools of Brooklyn carried off first, second and third prizes for the second in third prizes for the second and third prizes for the second second prize for the second second prize for the second second prize for the second seco organize out of its own resources the insurance of its members against accidents which might occur in the course of athletic competition. ATHLETES ATTEND FUNERAL

square towers, the decorations of cese under the direction of seminary That is what the fascist governwhich, of massive beauty, will be inspired by the proudest architec-ture of the Sudan : the towers of ment has done. It has abandoned system of petty compromises and has set out on the main high-way to solve the true and essential Timbuctu and Bammaku.

AFRICA

By M. Massian

Academia will perform the function of a university extension course, the actual work of research and The expense of the construction will be met by contributions from Senegal and the Ministry of the writing being done by the priests at their own parish rectories.

Colonies, but the greater amount will be contributed by popular sub-scription in France. The committee in charge of the drive is headed by Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 14.-A plea for religious tolerance throughout the world was made by the Right Rev. Daniel J. Gercke, newly installed the Duchess d'Uzes and is known as the Souvenir Africain. It has appealed in the following terms to the generosity of the French people: bishop of Tucson, at a banquet given at the University of Arizona in honor of Cardinal Dougherty and "In the Cathedral of Dakar, which is to be the most beautiful of disthe new bishop. Members of vari-ous Protestant denominations with tant France, prayers will be said for all those who have fallen on African soil : missionaries, explor-ers, soldiers and colonials. There is many who professed no creed, joined in extending a welcome to a new Catholic prelate who will work among them.

scarcely a French family which has not given one of its members to that Dublin, Dec. 8.—Once the Judi-ciary Bill is passed by the Free Consequently there is scarcely State Legislature and put into oper-ation, Catholics will for the first anyone who has not personal and family reasons for being interested in the construction of the basilica." time in centuries have their due share of judicial offices so far as This was the great cause which the 26 counties within the Free the last Bishop of Senegal, Mgr. Jalabert, went to France to plead a State are concerned. Under the British regime not more than one-fourth of the Irish judges were few years ago. He sailed for France plan to Rome for approval. Pope Benedict XV. opened the subscrip-Catholics. All the Irish courts are now functioning. Law is being en forced in every county. Energetic measures are being take to detect tion with a large donation. Mgr. Jalabert then called upon all the crimes and to punish criminals.

former "colonials" then residing in France, and happy to see his plans The "Gorresgesellschaft." the well under way, set sail again for Catholic organization for the promothe tropics, accompanied by a group of Holy Ghost Fathers. When only tion of scientific and literary work and a memorial to the famous a few miles out from the French coast some catastrophe, the cause Gorres, is making strenuous efforts coast some catastrophe, the cause of which is still unknown, occurred, to continue its activities in spite of the disturbed economic and political of which is still unhown, oc ank on and the steamer "Afrique" sank on January 12, 1920, with all possen-gers. The N. C. W. C. News Service gers. The N. C. W. C. News Service told of how, some time later, the breviary of the unfortunate bishop was washed ashore on the Vendean

By a tragic coincidence Mgr. Jalabert was the third Bishop of Sene-gambia who has died at sea. Like his predecessors he belonged to the Congregation of the Fathers of the work and the publication of valu-

conditions of the time. The organ-ization recently held a conference in Munich which was largely at-tended by scientific and literary men from the various German States and also from several foreign countries. The meeting adopted a resolution calling upon the Cathoics of Germany for financial aid to work and the publication of valu-able scientific and historical studies.

The same ticket will make it.

Paris, Dec. 7.—A long file of young athletes, preceded by innum-erable flags, accompanied the coffin at the burial of Doctor Michaux, Holy Ghost.