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The Mother Country has been compelled to go to war to preserve, among other things, the rights and liberties which we all enjoy as citizens of the Empire.

Newfoundland, in common with the other Oversea Dominions, has pledged itself to assist the Mother Country with material help in the present extremity.

This is to take the form of an increase of the Naval Reserve from Six Hundred to One Thousand men and the raising of a Regiment of Five Hundred men for land service abroad, and the Colony has further undertaken to assume the full cost of this contingent of Five Hundred men during the course of the war.

It is our duty and privilege, as loyal and patriotic citizens of the Empire, to voluntarily assist in supporting this movement, and to raise a fund for that purpose. This Patriotic Fund will be applied primarily in making provision for the dependent relatives of those who undertake to fight the battles of the country and the Empire by land and sea and afterwards to such other objects connected therewith as may be deemed desirable.

The need is great and in the confident expectation that this appeal will evoke a prompt and generous response, we respectfully but strongly urge all who can, to give as liberally as possible towards this most deserving object.

The undersigned, on behalf of the Patriotic Committee appointed to undertake the organization and despatch of this regiment, appeal for subscriptions toward this Fund. Contributions may be sent to the nearest magistrate, to the branches of any of the Banks doing business in the Colony, or to the Treasurer, J. S. MUNN, ESQ., and they will be gratefully acknowledged.

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## GREAT CARDINALS MENTIONED FOR THE PAPAL CHAIR

The Outstanding Figures of the Sacred College of Cardinals

### CONCLAVE OF 1903 BROUGHT SURPRISE

Late Pius X. Was Not Voted For in the First Balloting

THE eyes of all Christendom will be fixed upon the Vatican when the cardinals of the Sacred College will meet in conclave early in September to elect a successor to the late Pope Pius X. It is taken for granted, of course, that the new Pope will be an Italian ecclesiastic, following the tradition of the Church.

Of the thirty odd living Italian cardinals, a dozen at least can no longer be considered candidates for the Pontificate on account of their advanced age. Cardinal Di Pietro is 86, and Cardinal Agliardi is 82.

A conclave never considers as a possible candidate a cardinal over 70. The usual age is between 58 and 70, but there is no fixed minimum age limit.

The outstanding figure in the Sacred College for many years was Cardinal Rampolla, who died on December 17, 1913. His election to the chair of St. Peter was prevented in 1903 by the exercise of the veto at the instigation of the Emperor of Austria. This veto was abolished by Pope Pius X. shortly after his election. Had he lived, Cardinal Rampolla might have reached the papal chair on this occasion, for his following was powerful, and his friends are a factor to be reckoned with in the Sacred College. This group includes such men as Cardinals Agliardi, Rinaldini, Gasparri, Lorenzelli, Di Pietro, Martinelli, Falcone, Granito del Belmonte, and Vice.

**Merry del Val's Position.**  
Cardinal Merry del Val is not mentioned as a candidate while he has against him the tradition according to which never in the history of the Papacy, has a Secretary of State succeeded directly to the Pope under whom he has served.

In addition to those mentioned, seven other cardinals are ineligible. They are Cardinal Boschi, Archbishop of Ferrara, aged 76 years; Cardinal Prisco, one of the last survivors of the Leo Cardinals, and also Archbishop of Naples, who is 78; Cardinals Vincenzo and Serafino Vannutelli, who are respectively 81 and 80; and Cardinal Gotti, the strenuous perfect of the Propaganda, who is 80.

This also explains why many of those who, in 1903, were regarded as most likely to succeed in the final selection of a new Pope, are today no longer available as candidates. Cardinal Gotti, who was then the candidate of the Rampolla party, polling in the first ballot twenty votes against twenty-nine given Cardinal Rampolla.

**The Conclave of 1903.**  
The outcome of the 1903 conclave was a complete surprise to all. Cardinal Sarto had never been spoken of as a possible "papabile." However, after Cardinal Puzze registered the veto against the election of Cardinal Rampolla in the name of the Austrian Emperor, the conclave looked around for a man who had no programme and no known ideas as to the management of church affairs. Cardinal Sarto was then chosen out as a compromise candidate. But he did not want the exalted office. In the conclave he put aside those who proffered their support and begged that they find another candidate. When the ballots began to turn strongly his way, he became his own most strenuous opponent. He took the floor to entreat the Sacred College to desist from the idea of electing him, and strove to show wherein he lacked the requisite necessary to equip him to occupy the papal throne. But his word had a contrary effect. In the dignity, the humility and the great breath of learning disclosed in these discourses the Patriarch of Venice stood before his colleagues as the one man to be placed at the head of the Church. He was chosen on the sixth ballot.

**The Chancery Group.**  
Cardinal Maffi, the scholarly Archbishop of Pisa, seems to have little chance. His first lieutenant, Cardinal DeLal, has been mentioned, but is not considered a strong candidate. Cardinal Ferretti, Secretary of the Congregation of the Holy Office, belongs to what in Vatican circles is known as the Diplomat or Chancery set. This set comprises the most influential Cardinals, who for years have been entrusted with the most delicate missions abroad, always working under the direction of Cardinal Rampolla who made their fortune, and who, from

time to time, called the Pontiff's attention to their work in the interest of the Church.

**The Academy Group.**

Another group to be considered is the co-called Academy set, which comprise the theologians and those who have served the Church in the high seats of culture. It is a small but powerful group of men who, under Pius X. have defended the dogmatic integrity of the Church from the attacks of the revisionists. Cardinal Gotti, the venerable Carmelite Father, Perfect of the Propaganda, is considered the most learned of them all. At 35 years of age he occupied the most important post of theologian to the Vatican Council, and since 1904 had been directing the work of codification of the Canonical Laws. Around him we find Cardinal De Lai, energetic, active, Patron of the Pontifical Theological Academy; Cardinal Loualdi, Archbishop of Palermo, Professor for many years at the Milan Seminary; Cardinal Maffi, who at 21 was already Professor of Philosophy at the Paris Seminary, and who afterwards acquired a great reputation as a naturalist and a meteorologist. The elevation in 1911 to the red hat of Cardinal Billot, Professor of Theology at the Gregorian University in Rome, and of Cardinal Lugare, Assessor to the Holy Office, the most important congregation presided over by the Pope himself, has greatly reinforced this party.

For a long time Cardinal Maffi's rival in Cardinal Gotti's sympathies was Cardinal Richelmy, Archbishop of Turin, who is also considered a moderate, combining the best qualities of the Priest with those of the diplomat. His old friendship for the Royal House of Savoy, ruling in Italy, however, has utterly ruined his chances, and today he is considered a safe man from the point of view of the Vatican tradition. Cardinal Ferrari, Archbishop of Milan, is also known as a "papabile." He is sixty-four.

As to the foreign members of the Sacred College, it is quite impossible to say which of the strong Cardinals they will individually support. Generally they are classified by nations. German and Austrian Cardinals are supposed to be with Cardinal Gotti, while France, Spain and South America are regarded as supporters of the late Cardinal Rampolla's group.

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## GERMANS GOT BIG SURPRISE

When They Saw British Troops in the Field in Belgium—Had No Idea They Had Crossed Over—Numerous German Spies

London, Aug. 25.—While the movements of the British soldiers on the Continent are enveloped in secrecy the newspapers publish extracts from letters written by some of them at the front which throw an interesting side-light on the situation. For instance, a sergeant writes:

"The Germans seem to have pushed their worst troops on the firing line in Belgium, under the impression that anything was good enough to beat the Belgians."

A private writes:  
"Our great trouble is to get away from the French villagers, who offer us wine. After what Kitchener said most of us are strict teetotallers, and will remain until the war is over."

Another private says:  
"German prisoners were astonished to see our uniforms. They never imagined that we had crossed."

A corporal writes:  
"German spies are plentiful. They come in all disguises. One was a travelling monk; another a commercial traveller. A third wanted to be attached to our force as a camp follower. They were quickly dealt with by the French."

## PRICES OF FOOD HIGH IN BERLIN

Wheat Sells at 120 Shillings per Quarter (28 pounds) or Three Times as Much as is Asked in London—Poor Hard Hit

London, Aug. 25.—The French fleet's bombardment of the Austrians at Cattaro was presumably part of some combined Anglo-French naval plan in the Mediterranean. The commander of the French fleet, Admiral de la Peroye, having been Minister of Marine, is highly regarded by the British Admiralty, possessing a cool judgment, great courage and immense resource.

**High Prices in Germany**  
The German papers received in London show what wheat was selling in Berlin ten days ago, at 120 shillings per quarter, which is three or four times what Londoners are paying. Messrs. Pathgate & Co., the well known English millers, in a weekly report, say:

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## GERMAN ARMY TOO HARD HIT TO MOVE AHEAD

Casualties Very Great in Sunday's Battle—French Are Confident

Paris, Aug. 27.—No official communication concerning the progress of the war has been issued this morning.

This lack of news is generally attributed to the supposed inaction of the Germans who are thought to have been too hard hit to resume the general advance.

The French take their check in Belgium quietly and seem to have gained confidence by the reinforcement of the Ministry as announced last night as well as by the strong stand taken by the French forces in Lorraine.

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