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FRENCH PRIESTS

SHAME THEIR OPPONENTS BY COURAGE

Enemies of the French church succeeded in having the priests drafted into the ranks like all other citizens, hoping, it is said, that the clergy would show the white feather and lose the respect of the French people But it seems that just the opposite has happened. The priest has confounded all prophecies as to his courage and effectiveness, and defeated the very means that were designed to accomplish his downfall. Indeed, he wins a tribute from a Church of England bishop that in the words of the Tablet (London) summarize one of the resounding facts and revelations of the war. He is "the admiration of the world at large and the confusion of the anti-cleri-cals." It is only in France, we are told, that priests are called to the colors to fight, as well as to act as hospital orderlies, as stretcher-bearers, and as chaplains. The legislation which has brought them into the tring-line was "induced less by military necessity than by a spirit hostility to religion and The aim in drawing them Church." into the military body of the nation choice which was inevitable if she was "to attack the power of the was to be true to all the principles clergy by drying up their sources of recruitment." Thus: which she had held through all her history and which she had just so

EXAMPLES OF BRAVERY

"It was thought that a term of barrack-life would destroy vocations, and that the mere prospect of it would serve to reduce the number of candidates for the ecclesiastical state. But there the enemies of religion were deceived. Some vocations were wrecked, but most passed through the ordeal unscathed ; while the priests in the ranks had an influence for good upon their comrades which was altogether unexpected. That was in the days of peace, when war was unthought of by the men who placed the burden of arms upon the clergy, and who were seeking to 'purify' the commissioned ranks of the army of the officers who were even so much as suspected of leanings toward religion. But the curés and the seminarists have shown their spirit and mettle in war, and wars winnowings have brought them before the eyes of all as a body of matchless devotion to duty, selfsacrifice, and patriotism.

'Far from cooling the

to men so sorely tried by a hail of many's share in it is concerned, it is shells. a night of horror, and the men's Germany's invasion of a cassocked figure, a mark for bullets, was seen approaching with horrors of Belgium, with her starv-hands crossed over his breast, and ing people, her massacred priests with a smile came the bright greet ing: 'Bon jour, mes enfants! Bon jour, mes petits! Je vous apporte le Bon Dieu.' The pyx was laid on a corporal spread over a rough plank, and Holy Communion was given. and And then, as the guns roared, the chaplain said, 'The bells of war ring for Benediction,' and raising the pyx, he gave them the blessing of their Lord who had visited them, 'the Chief Invincible, who loves France, protects soldiers, and gives victory Ah,' said a poilu from the Midi 'they may come now.' As in the trenches and on the field, so in the

wards of pain behind the lines, the presence and ministry of the priests have brought strength to the broken men, and assisted the saving work of the surgeons."-The Monitor.

JOHN REDMOND

TO MEN OF IRISH BLOOD THE WORLD OVER

"My first feeling, of course, on hearing of this insane movement, was one of horror, discouragement and almost despair. I asked myself whether Ireland, as so often before in her tragic history, was to dash the cause of liberty from her lips-was the insanity of a small section of her people once again to turn all her marvellous victories of the last few years into irreparable defeat and to end her back, on the very eve of of Ireland her final recognition as a free nation,

into another long night of slavery incalculable suffering and weary and ment will achieve its ends. uncertain struggling. "For look at the Irish position to-In the short space of forty day.

vears Ireland has by a constitutional movement made an almost unbrokenly triumphant march from pauperism and slavery to prosperity and freedom. She has won back the Republic. possession of Irish land : she has staved emigration : she has at last begun an era of national prosperity. Finally she has succeeded in placing

since the days of Grattan. Is all the this to be lost ? When war came she made a completely vindicated on her own soil, namely, the rights of small nations, sacred principles of nationality, liberty and democracy. 'Moreover, the nation for which

the sympathy that came from common principles and common aspirations were trampled, as she in her iron heel of arrogant force.

past which Poland, Alsace, Belgium France, her old friend and ally, on the score of patriotism should be which is in the hands of Germany. What has been the record of Germany but the suppression of nationality, of freedom and of languagein short, the suppression of all things for which for centuries Ire-

the case of Belgium. Has there not been there the same ruthless shed-Cardinal Giustini becom ding of blood of the priests and the people that is part of Ireland's own place of Cardinal Gotti. His Eminence and jeweled cross, with his gentle,

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

tory engaged in the work are Father

him into a dungeon because of it

made Widmanstad this private secre

Nothing of the kind, Clement VII.,

tary. He called him friend. And

Afrodisa, which is now treasured in

the royal library of Munich and which

could not be purchased now by all

And yet we hear *ad nauscam* all about Galileo and the hands of the

clock! And if we were to live a

hundred years more we should hear

-Veritas in Roman Correspondence

While geese exist they cackle

the same old song droned dolefully

of The Catholic Standard and Times.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

AT FATHER DEMPSEY'S HOTEL

Timothy Dempsey's Hotel for Work-ingmen. Archbishop Glennon, in in-

workingman, urging that he be given justice and the right to live.

The same words are spoken by the Pontiff, Benedict XV. I am quite

sure that the solution of the social

problem is as Father Dempsey would

say 'well, come around to the hotel.

And if you can pay—well and good. And if you can't—well, come around

Monsignor Bonzano said : "We

have visited more pretentious insti-tutions in St. Louis, but none where I feel more free. I was not born

among the aristocracy, but among the

After blessing the audience, Mon-

leave, but were almost smothered

As one man said, "This is a memory

orphans of the diocese, Monsignor

Bonzano declared that when he re

turned to St. Louis he was going to

stop "in Father Tim Dempsey's Hotel." The Delegate's manner of

expressing this intention, to seal his

signor Bonzano and his party tried

'Leo XIII. wrote defending the

roducing him, said :

anyway.

working people.

by the surge of men.

Before leaving St. Louis after the

out.

Here is an example. It was a German invasion of Ireland a Sunday morning a chill dawn after brutal, as selfish, as cynical as pirits were at their lowest. Sudden- Blood has been shed, and if Ireland has not been reduced to the same Catalago Astrografico.' ing people, her massacred priests and her violated convents, it is not

> insane young men who have taken part in this movement in Ireland have risked, and some of them lost their lives. But what am I to say of those men who have sent them into this insane and anti-patriotic movement, while they have remained in H. H. Turner, of the Oxford Observa the safe remoteness of American cities ? "I might add that this movement

has been set in motion by the same class of men at the very moment In the Jun when America is demanding reparation for the blood of innocent American men, Clement VII. the heliocentric theory, women and children shed by Germany, and thus they are guilty of earth round the sun. That was double treason—treason to the exactly one hundred years before generous land that received them, as Galileo came to Rome. Clement VII. well as to the land which gave them birth.

"Is it not an additional horror that on the very day when we heard that the men of the Dublin Fusiliers Eternal City. Did he condemn Wid-manstadt's theory? Or did he throw had been killed by Irishmen in the streets of Dublin we received news of how men of the Sixteenth Div-ision—our own Irish brigade and the same Dublin Fusiliers—had dashed then he presented the astronomer forward and by their unconquerable with a Greek codex of Alexandria of forward and by their unconquerable bravery retaken trenches the Ger-mans had won at Hulluch? Was there ever such a picture of tragedy which a small section of an Irish the jewels in the Bavarian crown. faction has so often inflicted on the fairest hopes and the bravest deeds

"As to the final result : I do not believe this wicked and insane move-German plot has failed. A majority of the people of Ireland retain their ess, fortitude and unity. They abhor this attack on their interests, their rights and their principles. Home Rule has not been destroyed. It remains indestructible.' -The

NEWS FROM ROME

THE NATIONS AT THE PAPAL THRONE

Even to a Catholic who has been all these years in Rome watching all the varying fortunes of the Pope with the different nations, the number of times that he had to exchange Mount Olivet for Mount Calvary, the change in the times in his regard is truly marvelous. Last week brought the Prime Minister of Protestant Eng-land to the foot of the throne of Benedict XV.; the week before saw through all her history she had felt the leader of the Servian Parliament, which up to four years ago would not allow a single priest inside the confines of Servia; every month since time had been trampled, under the the war began saw Germany pardoning or commuting a sentence of death "What has Ireland suffered in the at the Pope's request, and yesterday

we had a letter in the press from M. and Serbia have not suffered at the Briand, Premier of France, declaring hands of Germany ? And I may add the Government had given strict also that portion of the soil of orders that calumniators of the clergy that will cheer and spur us on." At a reception tendered by the tracked and brought to justice whereever found in France.

NEW CARDINAL PROTECTORS An unusual number of nominations

have reached the Cardinals of the land has struggled, the victory of Curia this week, most of them to which Ireland has achieved. Take offices left vacant by the death of the offices left vacant by the death of the

colleges in other hands.

approval of Father Dempsey's unique work for those "down and out," con vulsed his audience. Even the chil Cardinal Giustini becomes protec. dren shouted with laughter as Mon

OBSERVATORY'S GREAT WORK the war started-for Pope Benedict y the XV. began by reminding us of and days repeating for us the utterance of his To the Vatican Observatory the world of science owes these days another debt of gratitude After long predecessor — becomes the more remarkably evident with each sucand patient labor its officers have completed the second volume of the ceeding pronouncement And, as a matter of plain and evident fact, the letter to the Cardinal Vicar, which may almost be looked on as the pastoral of the Bishop of Rome, as engaged, as we know, in taking a far as war politics are concerned. photograph of the starry heavens repeats the message first contained in the wonderful "Appeal to the Fighting Peoples and their Rulers" Of these observatories three are in America, eleven in Europe, three are in Africa and three in Oceania. The and enunciated again in the Christ onomers of the Vatican Observa-

Hagen, S. J., who is so well known in allocution. True, His Holiness acknowledge the United States ; Father Lais, Mr. that it has not had the desired effect of stopping the war, or even of tory, England, and a number of subordinate officials. This second vol-ume contains the photographs of making the rulers tabulate their desires as a preliminary attempt at mutual understanding In the June of 1533 the astronomer but the message goes on to point out Widmanstadt expounded before Pope that it has not been without effect as it has made many people think of viz., that of the movement of the peace, which must come at so time, instead of war and nothing but war, the purpose of mutual destruc-tion. And this, thinking of peace was in fact one of the principal sat under an awning in the Vatican exhortations of the first "Appeal. gardens amid the Cardinals, Bishops, nobles, clergy and scientists of the Church Progress.

mas address and the Consistory

HOW TO FIND PEACE

We should find great peace if we would imbue ourselves with this thought, that we are here solely to accomplish the will of God; that that will is accomplished from day to day : and that he who dies leaving work unfinished is just as advanced in the eves of Supreme Justice as he who has leisure to accomp lish it fully .-- Frederic Ozanam.

DIED

SCHNITZLER.-On Monday evening May 15, at St. Michael's Hospital. Toronto, Annie Schnitzler, beloved wife of John P. Schnitzler. May her soul rest in peace.

FITZGERALD. - At Whitney Pier, N S., on April 2, 1916, Patrick Fitz-gerald, late of Bonavista, Nfld., aged twenty-four years. May his soul rest in peace.

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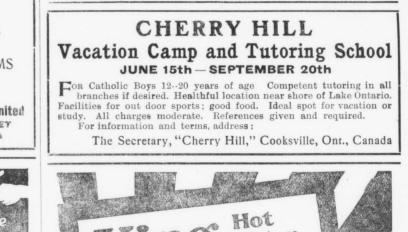
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clerical recruitment, or exposing the clergy as the incapables and poltroons they had been represented, the test of war has shown them to be heroes both on the field and in the hospital, wherever, in fact, there was danger to be encountered or devotion needed in the cause of country and of their in the cause of country and of their fellow men. They have been tried Ireland who does not see this meant by fire and have not been found wanting.

this tribute :

"They have shown themselves, by turns and at once, valiant soldiers, ecause, ready to die, they had no fear of death, and sublime priests because before action and during and after it they were at the disposal of their comrades in arms to give them of Ireland, and surely I need not the best means of removing fear. Stories in the papers, the mentions in despatches, the lists of promotions, and of the Legion of Honor and the military medal, have shown us our priests at work, giving to those about them an example of bravery, encouraging the men by the serenity of their attitude, teaching them how to die by sweetening the sacrifice of life, dressing their wounds, blessing and absolving them before the assault offering the Holy Sacrifice in the open air with their red trousers showing below their vestments, traversing the space between the trenches to bring in the wounded, and listening to the last wishes of the dying."

Facts from the notes of eye wit-nesses to support the General's tribute have been published by Abbé René Gaëll in a book bearing the 'The Priests Under Fire.' title. From this the Tablet culls some citations

PRIESTS COMFORT SOLDIERS

"But their courageous devotedness has been even more conspicuous in the more congenial work of ministering as priests to the needs of their comrades. It would be difficult to exaggerate the comfort and confidence that the presence of the priestsoldiers in the trenches has shed around them, or that the ceaseless activity of the chaplains has brought

history? Leave the question of principle out and consider the question only of the mere interests of Ireland herself. What did the situation demand ?

Neutrality." That was impos-Hostility to the just cause of sible the drowning of Ireland's newly-won liberties in Irish blood ? Be this General Humbel pays the priests view right or wrong, this was the opinion of an overwhelming major ity of the Irish people. It was the opinion which thousands of Irish

soldiers have sealed with their blood by dying in the cause of the liberty of Ireland and of the world.

But, anyhow it was the opinion argue the principle especially with anybody who has professed himself a home ruler, that the policy of Ire-Jesus on Calvary. land must be decided by Ireland herself. That is the principle which has been adopted by the Irish race everywhere.

Millions of our people in the United States and elsewhere, whose generous devotion helped us so largely to win our victories of the motherland of our race, have always accepted it. However bounteous San Lorenzo. their help, never have they denied Ireland's right to choose her policy for herself. That doctrine has been contested only by the very same men who today have tried to make Ire-

land a catspaw of Germany. "In all our long and successful struggle to obtain Home Rule we have been thwarted and opposed by that same section. We have won Home | Rule not through them, but in spite of them. This This wicked move of theirs was their last blow at Home Rule. It was not half as much treason to the cause of the Allies as treason to the cause of Home Rule

"This attempted deadly blow at Home Rule carried on through this section is made more wicked, more insolent, by this fact—that Germany plotted it. Germany organized it ; Germany paid for it. So far as Ger-

is also protector of the Friars Minor, cultured voice and grace of gesture, hence the appropriateness of his declared : "I will accept the invitabeing the same to the college which tion of Father Tim, and I will pay Luke Wadding founded. Only a few my dime.

Then the Delegate depicted the years ago I listened to a would-be historian declaring the founder of tremendous import of social ques-"with the poor element of the Irish College to be the Irish Bishops, as if the Irish Bishops tions, people looking up to the ones who have plenty of money. They say, 'Why should we starve while the coveted this laurel from the great Franciscan's brow ! The Bishops of that day in Ireland had quite enough to do to keep their heads on their shoulders and leave the founding of the should we sative while the others are wasting money in luxuries and pleasures ? Why should we not the should we sative while the should we sative sative while the should we sative while the should we sative sative sative sative should we sative sative sative sative should sative sative sative sative sative should sative sative sative sative should sative s

'And, you know, when such a man has not religion there is only one Then the North American College given Cardinal Serafini, Prefect of thing that must help him, and that is Propaganda, as its protector. And the Cardinal Vico is appointed protector with the policeman. But Father Tim, with his hotel, has faced this ques tion in a very practical way. I would that hotels like that of Father Tim of the Congregation of the "Adora-zione Riparatrice," which has its motherhouse in Paris. Cardinal Fal-conio becomes protector of the Venermight be multiplied over the nation, in order to help these poor, helpless men, who are trying to work and get able Confraternity of the Servants of a living. This is the reason why I so pleased and so enthusiastic And after being separated by only ten days or so, the two fast old friends with that institution."-Philadelphia

are again united. Father Bernardino, ex-general of the Discalced Carmel-Standard and Times. ites, was laid on Thursday by the side of his lifelong friend, Cardinal Gotti. POPE'S LETTER ON in the vault belonging to the Carmel THE WAR

Some Italian papers, not necessar-Both donned the Carmelite habit ily anti-Catholic, but just trying to make political capital out of everyat the age of sixteen; Father Bernardino acted as procurator general of his order under Cardinal Gotti when this prelate was still its general, and thing which the Holy Father says, have seen wonderful things in his for years His Eminence had his old friend and subordinate as his con-the war — no less than a " complete friend subordinate as his con-fessor. To the energy and zeal of Father Bernardino the Discalced ized their comment is that the docu-ized their comment is that the docu-Carmelites owe the vast International ment shows that the Holy Father, who up to now has had great hopes College and novitiate on the Corso d'Italia, in Romè, and the beautiful Church of St. Theresa adjoining it. Church of St. Theresa adjoining it. On April 5, 1912, the order mani-fested the gratitude it felt towards now realized that it is impossible to the fifteenth anniversary of the first to trust him any more, but to trust

Mass. His Holiness Pius X., ever anxious to reward merit in whatever Heaven alone—to pray, in fact. The sheer nonsense of this is evi field he found it, joined with the dent. The consecutiveness of what is alluded to, vaguely enough, as " Vatican policy," as shown in His Holiness' pronouncements ever since by sending the ex-general an autograph and photograph of himself.



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