

Calendar for Jan., 1907.

Moon's Phases. Last Quarter 7d. 9b. 48m. a. m. New Moon 14. 03. 57m. a. m. First Quarter 21d. 3h. 42m. a. m. Full moon 29d. 8h. 45m. a. m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, High Water, Low Water. Rows for days of the month.

The Irish Pipes.

(By Katherine Tyson Hinkson.)

I heard the piper playing, The piper old and blind, And knew his secret saying— The voice of the summer wind. I heard clear waters falling, Lapping from stone to stone, The wood-dove crying and calling, Ever alone, alone. I heard the bells of the heather Ring in the summer breeze, Soft stir of fur and feather, And quiet hum of bees. The piper drew me yearning Into the dim gray lands Where there is no returning, Although I wring my hands, Then to the piper's crooning I saw my dead again, All in a happy nooning Of golden sun and rain. You piper, kind and hoary, Your pipes upon your knee, If I should tell my story, The things you piped to me. The folk would leave their selling, And bid their buying go, If I could but be telling, The things you let me know.

A Frenchman on France.

Very Rev. Gilbert Francois, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, one of the great religious communities whose French property has been confiscated by the Government of France, was seen a few days ago at his residence at Notre Dame University. Asked what he thought of Cardinal Gibbons' statement concerning conditions in France, Father Francois said: "I think very highly of it, so much so that I have personally written to His Eminence thanking him for his lively interest and sympathy. His statement is a luminous, solid and impartial document; more than that, it is a great act of justice inspired by a noble heart."

To his interviewer's query as to about how many Catholics there are in France, the superior general replied: "Apart from about two millions who belong to other religions, or no religion, all Frenchmen style themselves Catholics. I should divide them into three categories—good practical Catholics, indifferent ones and those who, while still wearing the Catholic name, are the declared enemies of the Church. The members of the first class are fervent, active, generous. I should place their number at twelve millions. Those in the second category form the most compact mass. They number, I should think, about twenty-two millions. They are not hostile to religion, but have either put aside religious practices altogether or occupy themselves therewith only on the more solemn occasions of life. The third class is made up of the remaining two millions of France's population. I have styled them the enemies of the Church, but there are degrees in their enmity. Of real, out and out thoroughness, active enemies of religion, France probably holds not more than a million."

NOT AN OVERWHELMING VOTE. "But, reverend father, as if you say, the great majority of French Catholics, although indifferent, are not hostile to religion, how comes it that they elect a hostile Chamber of Deputies? Did not the French people by an overwhelming vote at the last elections endorse the anti-religious government?"

"Endorse the government, yes; though not specially as an anti-religious government. By an overwhelming majority, no; on the contrary, a change of some twenty-three thousand votes in a total of

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Ten or eleven millions would have reversed the representation in the Chamber. As to your main question, the minority of whom I spoke a moment ago, dominated more and more at each change of ministry by its most violent members, has been in power in France for the past thirty years. Its dogma or creed is a pseudo-neutrality in religion, but in reality a pronounced hostility not merely to Catholicism, but to all religion, and even to that very idea of God.

It bolsters itself up by a whole army of functionaries whom it multiplies at its pleasure, who exert a wide influence, and who are devoted to the government, their employer. The prefects and sub-prefects in the departments, the judges of the courts, the Mayors in most of the communes, the teachers in the schools are all active propagators of the governmental policy. With so many and so effective auxiliaries, in a country where centralization has been carried to the extreme that marks it in France, it is comparatively easy to manipulate the elections in favor of the party in power, and to win at the polls a majority more or less shibboleth.

"Cardinal Gibbons speaks, Father Francois, of the government's absolute disregard of the property rights of the Church. As head of a religious congregation whose mother house was in France, have you any personal knowledge of such disregard?"

"Indeed I have, and very saddening knowledge. All the property owned by our congregation in France, ours by every legitimate title, has either been sold or is on the point of being sold by order of the government. And not one cent of compensation are we to receive for this iniquitous spoliation. We have still one establishment at Angers in which are grouped the aged members of our congregation, veterans in the cause of education; but they are exposed to the risk of being thrown into the streets, from one day to another, without the slightest consideration for their advanced age or their long services in the schools."

"But, father, were not the people, the municipal councils, etc., of the different cities and towns that were the seats of the religious communities—were they not willing and even anxious that the communities should be suppressed or expelled?"

NOT THE WISH OF THE PEOPLE. "No; they were not. The French people have much to answer for, but indifference and apathy are their worst crimes. It is quite true to say that the people have not desired what has taken place. They protested against the laicization of the hospitals. They deplored the removal of the crucifix. 'Tis not the people who have wished, or wish now, the separation of Church and State. A petition against that separation, signed by from two to three millions, was presented to the Chamber and the Senate, and was utterly disregarded. The municipal councils, officially consulted a few years ago, voted by a large majority for the retention of the schools and the religious. As far as my own Congregation of Holy Cross is concerned, we had twenty-two establishments in France, and in the case of the twenty-one of the twenty-two, the municipal council advised our being retained. And so it was as regards the other congregations."

Can you inform me just why French Catholics are being persecuted? Is it true that they are opposed to the republican form of government?"

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A GREAT UPHEAVAL SEEMS INEVITABLE.

"And now, Father Francois, what do you think will be the outcome of this conflict regarding France generally, and the French Church in particular?"

"There has been within the past three decades such a change in the traditional French spirit, such a compression and depression of character, such an accumulation of abuses of all kinds, such impiety and profanation, such an oppressive burden of taxation, such a disunion among the different classes of society, that an immense upheaval appears to me inevitable. As for the Church in France, the present conflict will assuredly bring into the open treasures of faith and virtue. France's Bishops are pioneers and soldiers, closely united among themselves and indissolubly attached to the Holy See. They are at the head of a clergy possessing the most sterling qualities. These are good troops, well commanded, and they will eventually be victorious. The religious future of my native land is to my mind assured; for France in the very depths of her soul is too thoroughly Catholic ever to be lost to God or to God's Vicar, the White King of the Vatican."

The Holy Father Would Welcome Martyrdom.

Paris, December 30.—In an interview published by "Le Croix," Pope Pius X. is quoted as being eager for martyrdom, if opportunity should offer. M. Franco, the correspondent of the newspaper, talked with His Holiness on the situation in France. The Pope is reported as saying that he knew some of the priests were complaining that they alone suffered for their resistance to the State. The Pontiff, it is asserted, then commented as follows: "Most surely I desire to suffer for the cause they support. I would be glad to endure privations of all sorts to be dragged before judges, to be thrown into prison, and even to give my head. I should be happy to die a martyr to the faith, for I know I should go straight to heaven."

Mgr. Adams, Archbishop of Caserta, Pontifical Vicar of the Pontifical throne, who died at his residence, the Altieri Palace, Rome, on December 13, used his great wealth with large-handed generosity for the Church's needs and in almsgiving to the poor. There, with other facts, seemed to have created a strong likelihood of his becoming Cardinal, and his name was often quoted in apparently trustworthy lists of the eligible. Mgr. Adams was born at Torino del Sangro, Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, on December 21, 1830. He took the doctorate in theology at Rome. On his return to his diocese he gradually reached the higher dignities, became missionary apostolic, domestic prelate and protonotary. In January, 1893, he went to reside at Rome, and received the archiepiscopal title from Leo XIII.

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Clemenceau. After a long obscurity M. Clemenceau is again at the head of affairs in France. He controls the French Ministry. It was thought at one time that he would never again be permitted to hold office. His connection with financial scandals and lootings some years ago drove him out of office, and had kept him out ever since. His strength in the parliament and his undoubted ability to make the proper parliamentary combinations in difficult crises did not avail to lift him in the public estimation. Only when the Dreyfus affair and the radicalism of Combes and Jaures had exhausted the people and terrified them, and no other brain and hand seemed able to manage the situation, was Clemenceau permitted to resume office.

Strengthened by the confidence of the nation, that part of it which fears the loss of its income, still rejoicing in the revenue of stolen goods, still stained with the evil deeds of the past, Clemenceau today represents the comic opera affair called the French Republic. It is a republic for revenue only. There is not a solitary patriot in that conglomeration of rascality, madness and money seeking called the parliamentary Bloc. They are all self-seekers, pleasure hunters, money grabbers, grafters of the worst type, atheists and nihilists, enemies of all religion, ever burning with the thirst for Christian blood and Christian property, enraged that one-half of France refuses to accept them or their theories so as to justify their villainy.

Unlike their blood prototypes of the Terror, they are cautious and prudent with regard to their own interests. They desire to confiscate the property of the Church, as they confiscated the property of the religious communities, but they wish to do it as Henry VIII did, under such forms of law that the owners may never be able to get back at them in the courts. They have instructed their comic opera Premier, mud-covered Clemenceau, to go slowly in the matter of confiscation. We are therefore being treated, through the columns of the press, and particularly through the columns of the Times, to explanations of Clemenceau's policy. He is going to be generous to the Church. He will not close the churches. He will not give them over to grafters for the worship of the goddess of reason. In consequence of his generosity, the clergy are laying aside their opposition, and the people are no longer sharpening their scythes for battle.

All this is very lovely, but it is not true. The sharpened scythes last year hung Combes into bysses. Their glitter this year frightened Sarrien out of office. Their ominous clank has determined the utterance of the Clemenceau press agency. He is singing his song of peace and good will to the world, because he already feels the point of the sharpened scythes in his back. In a word, this Premier of France is a truly comic opera clown at the head of a thieving faction in the fake republic, which, like a cancer, feeds on the bowels of a once great nation.—New York Daily News.

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