

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

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ON STATISTICS

We all remember the censure that fell on the man who spoke disrespectfully of the equator. We wonder what would be the fate of the man in these days who snapped his fingers at statistics. If our memory serves us, a census in the days of David was not unnaturally followed by a pestilence : but today we do nothing else but number everything, and men's souls are satisfied if you give crease on which you prided yourself disrespect of the method and result. them enough of figures.

But, at some risk, we cannot but hold a very low opinion of statistics. whittled away until there is nothing They seem to tell you everything left. But even if you had got it and tell you nothing, and even that nothing is a lie. Yet this Dead Sea truit-the ashes of figures-is the dend ? Absolutely nothing. Because favourite food of the twentieth cen- if you saw the other side of the tury. We not only have our numaccount you might perceive that bering of the people, which may inform us of the fact that there are forty millions of people in Great Britain, "mostly fools," but we have a Registrar General to do nothing alse but to estimate death-rates and birth-rates and disease-rates. The abolishes the other. Board of Trade has a statistical department, and even the County Council possesses that treasure-a statistical officer. Indeed, all science is the useful, one as to the death-rate averaging, and all for nothing. Is apologist of figures might say, "you it a fact, for instance, that there are forty millions of people in Great inquiry. Surely it must be all-im-Britain, as the census says ? It is portant to determine the death-rate, not even a fact, and if it were, and and whether it is increasing or dewould we be? But first, it is not a to be the fact to take the necessary fact. For at no instant was there steps to reduce it in the future." exactly that number of people in Great Britain. The census is not a and pleasing. It might, however, be snapshot, but is supposed to number pointed out by a captious person that the people in a certain place on a certain day. So the deaths and rate (which is not the same thing as births of that very day itself or the next throw out all your calculations. But besides, no such numbering could be accurate. You are count ing by means of a machine-the human machine-by thousands of different individuals, and the faultimess of these introduce hosts of errors into your calculations. Human beings cannot count accur-

ately the votes cast for two candidates at an election, and every recount varies the number. How can they count forty millions of heads ? But, says the apologist, "No one ever said it was absolutely accurate.' Then if not, what is the good of statistics ? If your figures are right they are uninforming-if they are wrong they tell a lie. It is not then a fact that there are or ever were forty millions of people in Great Britain. It is an approximation to an approximation, that is all.

But if it were a fact, what is its value? What can we do with this gigantic and sprawling fact if we have got it ? Compare it with a similar lie told of another country at a different time and collected under

be ascertained, the fact would only that the magic of mind has made us mislead. You will find, for example, believe in statistics, which is an that there was a public holiday in unreal science-an untruth. You the week this year, and none in the may number peas or marbles, corresponding week last year, and although even in that case you may the apparent increased prosperity of be numbering peas that are good the line is wiped out by that fact. with peas that are bad, or marbles of But even if there were no public marble with marbles of clay, but holiday to vitiate comparison, there when you get away from a homomay have been six days of sunshine geneous nonentity your arithmetic in the one week and showers of rain is at fault, and you are only deceivin the other which affected the ing yourself with that sleight-ofpassenger traffic : or last year there hand, the multiplication table, was a strike in the coal trade, or These, then, are the uninforming this year the company is "operating" facts in your unveracious statistics, more miles of lines, so that the in- and we venture to speak with due

Take a very simple case.

is only an apparent increase. And so your poor statistical fact is THE RIGHT REV. M. J. GALLAGHER proved, what is its worth even for ACCORDED GREAT WELCOME the purpose of calculating your divi-

TO DETROIT On the occasion of his taking possession of the historic See of

owing to increase in wages, increased Detroit the Right Reverend Bishop cost of coal, a rise in the price of iron, Gallagher was given a magnificent that the working expenses had inwelcome creased by many thousands of dollars The following excerpt from the over those of the corresponding week address, as given in the Michigan last year. And so your one statistic Catholic, of welcome, together with

summary of His Lordship's reply, will be read with interest everywhere. The inquiry is the easy, and looks like Malignant anti Catholic bigotry is seen in all its pettiness in the light only weighing, measuring, and of a certain city. "Surely," some of the manly, self-reliant, self respecting spirit that pervades the address ; the same spirit that joined representacannot find fault with such an tives of all races, classes and creeds in doing honor to one who necessarily will fill a large space in the we knew it, how much better off creasing, and if the former is proved civic life of the great city of Detroit : You come to us at a time most propitious. The venemous head of bigotry, stirred by a fanaticism We admit that all this is specious scarcely to be understood in a country where religious freedom is one of its basic principles, had in recent years lifted its flattened head to even if the fact of increased deathspume its venom over the nation. "disease" rate or "attack" rate) were ism in the Catholic people of America The time worn iipe of lack of patriotproved, that would be no guidance had again been flung in pamphlet at all to the means of decreasing the and from platform, until from across number of deaths in the future ; but the seas came the cry for aid. The seasoned soldiers of the Kaiser were leaving this trivial criticism on one spilling the lifeblood of France. side, let us see how we are helped by England was on the verge of disaster. statistics. It is asserted, in the first litaly could not recover from its place, that the death rate of a cerabout to be lost to the nations. Our tain city is 20 in the 1,000 per annum, great republic responded to the call and you may be invited to compare and all men, Catholic and Protestants that with twenty other large cities, and all men, Catholic and Protestants alike, flew to arms. Look down the long list of those who fell in defense simple, but it won't do. A tyro in of American liberty in the world war just concluded, and you will find that the patriotism of the Catholic statistics knows that the death-rate tells you nothing unless you know people has been written in blood and the birth-rate. So you start out on in sacrifice in every effort made to another expedition. And when you promote the success of the American armies. Today, from across the seas, from the blood soaked fields of Belhave compared a high birth rate with a high death-rate-for it is the chilgium and of France and from every dren that swell the death-rate-you encampment in the United State are satisfied for one instant until comes voices of welcome to you, and the statistician says the death-rate the pageant which has been spread out before you has been lessened in number by 2000 ± 0.000

must be corrected because there is a hospital in the city into which people who have left their homes in this are brought from the neighbouring city to do their part in the defense of district to die. So you correct for American liberty. We as Catholics have no apology

the hospital. And then some one the hospital. And then some one we as Catholics have no apology else tells you you must correct for the new railway works, which have brought some hundreds of men in America to the world. It was when will forever stand convicted before the prime of life into the town, and footsore and disheartened at the millions of readers of public prints that care more for circulation than door of a Catholic convent that new so reduced the death rate. And you hope came to his despair. It was correct for that, until the statistical for ethical standards. his Catholic faith that first encourag-The lessons ? There are many, value of your deductions have dised him. It was a Catholic king that but these two are important : One appeared altogether; and then some flitted out his ships. It was a Cath-astonished critic gives it the coup de olic queen that offered her jewels as No man's reputation is safe in the keeping of a daily paper. Two: To a pledge. It was a Catholic Colum grace by saying it is no use taking be charged with crime is not the bus and a Catholic crew that sailed as to be convicted of crime, the death rate. You must know out upon an unknown sea where ship what the people died of to make had never been to sail before. It much less is it the same as to be guilty of crime.-America. was a Catholic hymn to the Virgin your vital statistics of any use whatthat each night closed the perils of ever. Ten out of every twenty might the day and inspired new hope for have met their deaths by accident. EPISCOPAL MINISTER ENTERS the morrow. It was a Catholic All that is true, so we inquire into CHURCH cross that was the first emblem of the numbers who are said to have died from zymotic diseases, and here world that had been named by a Cleveland, O., Nov. 20.-Announce Catholic and after a Catholic Ame ment was made in a local newspaper Monday of the resignation of Rev. we are back in the incalculable ican. From that day down to the matter of human error. And it is Andrew Chapman, who has been pastor of St James Episcopal church. present, through the throes of our Andrew that, after all, that is the basis of all own revolution, through the peril of our statistics. Indeed, statisticians the Civil War, and in the civil and Mr. Chapman had sent a letter to Episcopal Bishop Leonard to that have with their corrections and counter-corrections to be brought have many many provides the pation in all of its activities our people have played their part. We state this effect and giving as the cause of his resignation that he had made his profession of obedience to the Cathback from mere numbers-which with a pride that is pardonable, almean nothing unless you know ways mindful of the fact, however, olic Church and was now stationed that it was not through ourselves alone that this wonderful nation of at the headquarters of the Society what you are numbering-to actual of the Atonement, Greymoor, N. Y. facts, before they get to the truth, ours has been guided through all It is not known whether Mr. Chapand then they have got out of the its trials as well as in its alm man will study for the priesthood or region of statistics. Men miraculous accomplishment. not. of all religious faiths have combined It is in these ways that we are in producing the final result. Cath olics that this clergyman has 'come olic and Protestant, Jew and Genover to Rome." As pastor of the tile have vied with each other in ' Episcopal parish here his high' pany on the strength of such an "One" I know; when I say "two," I patriotic devotion to the principles under which we live. Hence it is that it comes with ill grace for any man, of any faith, whether of our a large one, but evidently it is as own or of another, to look with suspic-'high' week by week, for in relation to that mere fiction, and the further you go ion upon his fellow man because of could wish for. week by week, for in relation to that week's traffic there are many debts owing to the company and owing by the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. But even if the exact of the mere lies you have to bring the company. 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amount earned (not received) could into prominence. It is in this way by the commingling of the blood of theological studies were made at Protestant and Catholic, Jew and the General Seminary, New York. Gentile, in defence of true pcinci-ples of government before German cannon on the border land of France. In his address to the assembled throngs Bishop Gallagher charmed He has done considerable literary throngs Bishop Gallagher charmed all with his strong words of fealty to work, both church and secular. his country and to the flag which all revere. He was deeply affected over Catholic Columbian. the wonderful demonstration in his honor but he modestly declared it was gotten up, in tribute, not to him CARDINAL MERCIER TELLS OF

OUTRAGES

SAYS GERMANS TORTURED AND

KILLED 49 BELGIAN PRIESTS

personally but as a mark of devotion to the Church and to the Prince of Peace. He viewed with calmness, not fear the constructive work ahead of him work in which he felt he would have the support of all citizens of historic Detroit, a work to which he would dedicate himself, asking only in return the co-operation of all. High praise he paid to the organiza tions which marched before him; they were a credit to the city and

told in large numbers of the zeal of mitted by the Germans, the Cardinal the pastors, and the fidelity of the said, were too long and too terrible laity.

TWO SIGNIFICANT TESTIMONIES

For the last four years and more tered. Honor only is paid to the right, and restored Belgium stands the secular papers of Canada, with a right, and restored Belgium stands rare exception here and there, have free and independent. The integrity of the marvelous French nation, which roused the admiration of the vilified the Pope and the Catholic Church in a most brutal manner. Despite the fact that Canadian Cathoentire world by its unshakable tenac ics had poured out their blood as ity, remains absolutely complete The Christian faith has been reestab erously as people of other creeds, the most sacred convictions of the lished." former were outraged by the pens of scribes, in the pay of British and The Cardinal related that in the early stages of unrestricted submarine Canadian war lords. German guns warfare, the Marquis of Villalobar and Canadian editors put many a burden of sorrow on the hearts of called on the German Governor

the Catholic mothers and fathers of General in Brussels and asked him to intervene with Berlin to limit the The tide of war has ceased to flow submarine warfare to the belligerents now, and, on November 7, when it The Spanish Mini began to run swiftly to the sea of ernor this advice: The Spanish Minister gave the Gov

"The Americans are masperated and are on the verge of Mining the Allies, which will mean the defeat of the Central Empires." oblivion, the Toronto Daily Star, always fair and temperate, ventured these significant remarks :

"Now that Austria-Hungary has gone out of the War the theory that the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church are allied with our enemies is Americans, who will never be able to help the Allies," the Governor General replied haughtily, the Card-inal said. "An army cannot be badly damaged. Germany is Protestant by a large majority : Prussia is Protestant by a large majority. raised in a few months. Three But when this was pointed out it was years at least will be necessary for But when this was pointed out it was said that the real hope of the Pope them, and France and her modest lay in Austria, which of all countries ally the British, will be crushed long was most faithful in its allegiance to before that." the Vatican. Now there is none left Cardinal Mercier concluded by say to fight against us but Germany, and one of the most cherished legends of made the true prediction. He paid

made the true prediction. He paid tribute to the armies of France, Great Britain and the United States. bigotry vanishes." This scene is closed for the present and another begins at Mt. Vernon, "The triumph of justice is com-ete," the Cardinal added, "and plete,"

N. Y. Last Summer, papers from one end of the country to the other carried headlines fastening sedition, right has been victoriously vindicaserious disturbance of peace and so forth on a Catholic priest who did

not ring the church bells on some occasion or other. Mobs jumped across the papers' pages, in red ink, the priest was pictured as deflant, the judge as just and capable, the sentence as eminently fair. But on November 8, the County Court of Westchester County declared that

Throughout the country the de-"... The case is utterly barren of evidence to justify his [the mand for the freedom of Ireland is finding expression since the con-clusion of the armistice. The friends priest's] conviction of the crime alleged, or of any other crime. The judgment of conviction should be of Ireland maintain that an equita. ble solution of the problem must be reversed in its entirety, and the fine of \$200 paid by the defendant should found at the forthcoming peace conference, and they are importuning be returned to him. Let the order of reversal so stand."

As was to be expected no paper has As was to be expected no paper has heard of this decision, nor will any paper ever hear of it. The priest will forever stand convicted before discussed at a conference of the

The petition follows : "To His Excellency, the Honor-able Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, from the following priests of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Fran-cisco, California, whose names are

becon to signed, a petition: "That whereas, the people of the United States have in accordance with the constitutional laws of the said United States entered in this World War.

"And whereas, our President, com-mander in chief of the forces of these United States, has declared that our object is not territorial aggrandize-Malines, Nov. 27.-Forty-nine Balment, or the maintenance of secret diplomacy, or the old struggle for the balance of power so called, but the ian priests were tortured and put to death by the Germans during the occupation, Cardinal Mercier the primate of Belgium declared in an self-determination of small as well as great nations :

"Therefore, we as here below signed as American citizens in accord-ance with our constitutional rights, interview to day. He added that 12,000 men were removed from his diocese to Germany, where they were petition His Excellency the Presi-dent to use the unique position of the United States at this conjuncture the United States at this conjuncture forced to work. Other crimes com to the end that :

to relate. Cardinal Mercier said he was happy The claims of Ireland to be a free and independent nation in the fellowship of nations shall be to see Germany defeated, adding : "The barbarian formula of might fellowship of nations shall be acknowledged by the United States; over right has received the final

death-blow. German dreams of world domination have been shat-And that the place of Ireland, Albany and Santa Fe, whe whatsoever Congress may gather to bishop Pitaval has resigned. agree on the future of the people. that Ireland may stand in equal con-dition with Poland and Serbia and all the wronged nations of the world .- Buffalo Echo.

" DOCTOR OF SICK BUSINESSES'

CATHOLIC BUSINESS MAN GIVEN IMPORTANT POST

Ottawa, Nov. 26.-H. J. Daly, whose appointment as Director of the Re-patriation and Employment Committee of the Dominion Government was announced today, has already undertaken his duties and has gath ered together the heads of all depart. ments concerned in the work of re-"We have no fear whatever of the absorption for the purpose of co ordinating and defining their activit ies. He is to make a report immedi ately on the condition of the Gov ernment departments for the work. An official announcement respecting Mr. Daly's appointment says: "Although Mr. Daly was born in

Peterboro, only thirty five years ago, ne was lately Vice-President and Managing Director of the National Cash Register Company of Canada, Limited, and his present business connections are: Director of the Home Bank of Canada: President of New England families to the coming the H. J. Daly Company, Ottawa, Vice-President of James A. Ogilvy, Limited, Montreal; President of the United Brass & Lead Company; Director of Murray - Kay Company; Toronto; President of the Amprior Cabinet Company; President of the Porcelain Products, Limited, and a number of other companies.

PRESIDENT WILSON PETITIONED He is also a member of the Dominion Labor Committee, First Chairman of the Labor Appeal Board which rendered, at its first meeting, the unanimous decision regarding the Ottawa Electric Railway, known in the business world as a Doctor of Sick Businesses.' "He is considered an expert on

scientific management, and in selecting Mr. Daly to cope with the more or less unmeasured quantities of the President Wilson to use his influence problem of repairiation, the Govern-ment have taken into regard his rep-sopra Minerva a solemn high Mass of to the end that justice may at last utation as a business expert and his Requiem was offered up for the rerecord as a business man.

CATHOLIC NOTES

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The Sacred Congregation will urnish orders of women with translations of the Code of Canon Law. The late Lord Russell was the first

Catholic Chief Justice of England since the days of Thomas Moore.

Cardinal Vico has been appointed Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites in succession to the late Cardinal Martinelli.

The Religious of the Sacred Heart of "Marymount" at Tarrytown-on-the Hudson lately received as gift three buildings and twenty acres of land, aggregating in value \$175,000. The Catholic Union in England is preparing a bill for the repeal of all surviving penal laws affecting Eng-lish Catholics and English religious institutes.

The centenary celebration of the of 200 people.

The appointment of six Bishops to fill vacant Sees in the United States leaves four Dioceses that await a new shepherd; Buffalo, Grand Rapids, Albany and Santa Fe, where Arch-bishes Bitarel heavening

In the Church in the United States y be assured by the influence of there are, in particular, two very United States in such measure notable cathedral churches: the cathedral church of Bardstown, Ky., begun in 1816 and solemnly conse crated in 1819, and the Cathedral of Balitmore, begun in 1806 and consecrated in 1876.

> The Right Rev. Herman J. Alerd. ing, D. D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, Ind., was fifty years a priest on Sept. 22. Bishop Alerding was or-dained by Bishop de St. Palais, at St. Meinrad Seminary, Spencer County, Ind., in 1868. He was consecrated on November 30, 1900.

Washington, D. C.—The American army has reached a total strength of 3,764,677 men, when hostilities ceased, according to official figures of the war department. Of that number, 2,200,000 had been sent to France Italy or Russia. The remain were under arms in this country. The remainder

President Wilson, accompanied by Secretary of State Lansing and Sec-retary of the Navy Daniels, attended the funeral of the late United States minister from Haiti, at St. Patrick's Church, Washington. Mr. Menos Mr. Menos succumbed in that city, November 14, of pneumonia, following influenza. The diocese of Rockford, Ill., recently lost by death a learned priest in the Rev. Dr. Paul W. Sims. He was the son of an Episcopalian minister and traced his ancestry from of the The Mayflower. Educated at Harvard, Berlin and Oxford, he was destined to fill a professorial chair, a noted linguist, Orientalist, and speaking fluently all the Teu-tonic and Slavic languages.

Rome, Nov. 18 .- "Te Deums" over the victory that has been achieved by Italy have been chanted in all the parish churches in Rome, the most solemn being that in the Church of Ara Coeli, on the Capitol Hill, where the celebrant was the Cardinal Vicar himself, the Pope's religious repre-sentative in Rome, in the presence of the Duke of Genoa, the Lieutenant-Governor, representing the King of Italy, and all the military and civil authorities.

Rome, Nov. 18.-Last Saturday in pose of the soul of the late Cardinal Farley. It was arranged for by the Dominican Fathers in charge of the church and by the rector of the American College here. Archbishop Cerretti pontificated and Cardinal Vannutelli, Dean of the Sacred College, gave the absolutions. London, Oct. 31.-Catholics are rejoicing that one of their num Sir William Tyrrell, K. C. M. G., C. B., has just been appointed Under Sec-retary of State for Foreign Affairs. Sir William, who comes of an old Catholic family and whose wife was an Urguhart, a member of another Catholic family of note, has been in the diplomatic service for the last twenty years and was adviser and private Secretary to Sir Edward Grey just before the outbreak of the -a fact which caused the Protes-

different circumstances ? What satisfaction is there in that? Can we make out anything from this socalled fact which will be of use to us. or any man or woman ? If we know a man well, we can shape our conduct to his wishes. We may influence him by our persuasion. All that is of use to us, but what can we do with this large fact, which has cost the nation thousands of dollars to compile ? Nothing !

Take, for example, a statistic which is under one's eye almost every week, and which fascinates the shareholders in railway companies. The newspapers are good enough to inform us of the increase or decrease in the receipts of railway companies each week, and those who are look. ing for the "gentle due" of dividends read these unreliable figures with interest. Yet simple as these are. they have, rightly understood, no value whatever. You may see, for instance, that this railway earned so many thousands of dollars more in

the week just ending than in the corresponding week last year, and deceived by figures. Indeed, figures you may buy the stock of that com. are themselves the prime fallacy. assuring misrepresentation. But am sinking vital differences for the what is the fact ? First, that half its sake of arithmetic. There is one, earnings cannot be ascertained but there are no two. The two is a

Archbishops of the country, held in Chicago last week.

In the past the Catholic hierarchy has not hesitated to point out that the case of Ireland does not differ m that of the other small nation of Europe, whose liberation has now ccomplished by the United It is contended that Presi-States. dent Wilson's declaration regarding the self - determination of small nations, which is embodied in his fourteen peace terms, is applicable also to Ireland, and that upon this basis a just solution of the Irish problem can be found.

Since the arrival in this country

INDEPENDENCE OF

IRELAND URGED

TO UPHOLD IRELAND'S

CAUSE

of the English prelates the matter of Ireland's freedom has been constantly in the foreground. Bishop Keating of Northampton, at a dinner given at the Catholic University in Washington recently, expressed the hope that England's policy toward Ireland would at last undergo a change. When the English and French eccles iastical missions visited Boston a week ago, Cardinal O'Connell, in welcoming the prelates to the Archdiocese, declared unmistakably for the freedom of Ireland.

England has a glorious chance," ot. It is no surprise to Cleveland Cath-lics that this clergyman has 'come and the Puritan will then say tothe Cardinal said. gether : 'Let us forget the wrongs and sorrows of the past in the joy church notices, printed weekly, ad- and happiness, the peace and convertised Mass, Benediction, confester tentment of the present and the sions, etc. The congregation is not glorious hopes of the tuture."

A petition, signed by the Archits service an any one bishop and every priest of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, has been

A NATIONAL SHRINE

MILLION DOLLAR EDIFICE DECIDED UPON LAST WREEK

Washington, Nov. 25.-The ered tion in Washington of a monumental church, in honor of Mary Immacalate, to cost at least \$1,000 decided upon last week, at the Catholic University of America, when Cardinal Gibbons presided at a representative gathering of archbishops, bishops and prominent laymen. The church is to be dedicated as a

thank offering for the glorious vic-tories of our soldiers and sailors, and will also commemorate the golden jubilee of Cardinal Gibbons' episco pate.

The Cardinal has annealed to the Catholics of the country, and especially to the women, to complete the fund for the erection of the shrine

The project was prepared several years ago, and received the blessing of Pope Pius X who urged all Catholics to generously contribute toward the happy completion of this church, which so many praiseworthy Catholic women have undertaken. "In this way," the Holy Father said, "will arise a masterpiece of religious architecture, which will lift heavenward the mind of every student who enters it, make him thirsty for wisdom from above, fill his heart with the same and preserve it religiously while he lives.

The exact location on the campus of the Catholic University has not been determined upon, but the shrine will be of marble, and will

tant firebrand, Kensit, to suggest, in a pamphlet, that the Vatican was working" the British Foreign office.

Cardinal Bourne was present by special invitation at the luncheon given by the Lord Mayor of London in honor of Prince Colonna, Mayor of Rome. About this head of the princely house of Colonna several silly stories are told by the journals, who again display their ignorance of things Catholic. We are solemnly informed that his title of leader of the "black society" in Rome means that he is descended from one of the families who supported the "Black Pope"—the General of the Jesuits, of course-and that the name has clung; instead of the actual fact that the Prince is an ardent Catholic and

by his position, leader of the society, which does not mix with the "nonaccommodate at least 8 000 persone. There will also be, adjoining it, a convent and rector's house.