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### TORONTO, THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1904

#### CHRONICLES OF AN OLD- I reflected upon the verdict of the jury; but a moment more, and with the rich, musical voice of his lord-TIMER ship, "a change came over my dream," as the low

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The Theller Memoirs Continued— The Sentencing of Mont- why sentence of death should not be gomery and Other Convicted Prisoners-Theller's Defence dressed him as follows, poorly preand Sentence - Had the gine, under such circumstances, lit-Sympathy of the Populace. Chicago, June 18, 1904.

Editor Catholic Register:

Following are some more of the interesting Theller memoirs, reminding have to say will not prevent you

On the fourth day of my trial, the from passing the sentence which you 10th of April, Messrs. John Ander-son, John Montgomery, Gilbert F. Morden and myself were called out prescribed form, and nowever fruit-guilty of treason." and escorted by a guard to the court house and placed together in the criminal box, to listen to the ship first called up Mr. Montgomery, who, when asked why sentence of death should not be passed upon him, remarked that he had nothing say other than to protest that he had not been allowed a fair trial; and to assert that if he had guilty. thus favored he could have been shown to the court by competent witnesses that the persons who had testified against him had been hired for that purpose, and that they had committed a base and wilful perjury. Anderson thought it extremely whard that he should be treated with so much severity after being en-trapped by the proclamation of the your present laws, as the feelings, Governor, Sir Francis Bond Head- minds and pursuits of that day differ from those of this day. that he could have made his escape to the United States as well as others, who nad fled and reached there safety; but, replying implicitly on person of this numerous assembly, the supposed honor of the Government, he had come voluntarily into town and delivered himself up in per-

from emigrating to any country where reasons particular or pecuniary might point out, and bind you to the country, where by the chanceson to the governor; that the governor had accepted his delivery, but born in fetters as strong as those kept him in waiting in the appartthat bound the Saxon serf to till the when he sent him to prison; that he farm of the Thane, whose born ment until he had procured a guard, neither pretended to plead anything thrall he was.

"Is it possible, my lord, that, at this advanced age of civilization such in vindication of his conduct nor deny that he had taken up arms; but a law would be enforced-a preroga-Francis in the proclamation, that the tive which no other nation holds over that he thought if, as stated by Sir their born subjects; and one which principles of monarchy were honor, it was a disgraceful affair to entrap a man as he had been and, when in their power, visit him with the sever-U am a citizen will and ought to will, and ought am a citizen.



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of another; that both were incompat- duty as a judge, I would request you ible, and they gave in a verdict not to be in a hurry in this mat-which to me seems a strange one: ter, and do nothing rashly. 'If I observed as a strict holiday in Rome, from Myrtle and all points east thereof, including Peterboro, Perth, "If I was a British subject I was must be executed," as your lordship and almost all the shops were clos-

less any remarks from me may ap-pear at this moment, standing in the peculiar position in which I am hears me, to understand me to say, judgment of the court. His Lord-ship first called up Mr. Montgomery, tunity, without answering you, by what I have done. No! I embarkereign's pleasure thereon." solemnly protesting against the jur- ed in what I considered then, and isciction of this court to try me, and most religiously believe now, to be a strange to republican ears-then re- sant coolness prevailed. His Eminagainst the unjust, tyrannical, and holy, a just, and a virtuous cause -barbarous law under which I have the cause of the people oppressed. been tried, and conditionally found But, my lord, I will admit that in ful and unpleasant duty to perform; the altar of the Cathedral-in the my enthusiasm I may have stepped

"It well may be called unjust, ty- over the bounds prescribed by the laws rannical and barbarous; a relic of of my own country, to which I am your oldentime-of baronial and feu-amenable; and were I before a tribunal there, I might admit my offence dal legislation-a law made six hundred years ago, before England had but in extenuation, 1 would show a colony, and when her sway was them as was proved at my trial here, confined to her own island. A law before your lordship and your packed totally unfit for the present day and jury.

differing as much from the spirit of I was here informed by his lordship that I must not insult the court. "I mean no insult to your lordship, but I reitterate what I have said, I "It is a law, my lord, which would show in extenuation that in the middle of December last there would deprive you, and every other came to Detroit, where I resided, a vast number of men who fled from this country; many of them were poor, hungry and naked. They had fled from their homes and their fammedley of circumstances you were lies at a moment's notice. They fled, for the Orange bloodhounds were on their track, the polluters of female innocence, and the loyal burners of houses and barns were behind. They came to us. They told us the story of their sufferings and their wrongs; and, my lord, I believed

them; for on every page of the his-tory of my native land I could find

ed them with arms and munitions of so trivial mat We said, 'Go back to your ter as that of the dress in which any war. homes, there is what you have said person should appear, particularly in my peculiar situation, when I was you wanted; and if you show your assured his lordship was acdetermination and want help to gain well your country's liberty, we will vo-trainted with the circumstances of lunteer and aid you. We knew they the case. "Why not take off mose stars?" "They are fastened on, my lord, spoke the truth when they told us of what they suffered from the petty in such a manner that they are not officials of your government, for we easily taken off; had they been they would have been snatched off by some ment. had it confirmed by those on our frontier who had been in a little of your volunteer officers who atbrief authority, insulting our citizens

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#### **Birthday of Pope Pius**

On June 2, the Feast of Corpus Christi, His Holiness, Pope Pius X., completed the 69th year of his age. He celebrated Mass in the morning in the Consistoral Hall, to which a great number of Spanish pilgrims were admitted. Many telegrams vince, and from his native Riese, were specially distinguished for ported that the Austrian monarch, Emperor ~ Francis Joseph, and the

remarked some weeks ago, give at before the proper tribunal of the noon.

His lordship, as I was obliged to before the church, as the heat lelt and connect with special at Port call him, although it may sound tropical. In the church itself a pleaturned the compliment, by addressing ence Cardinal Rampolla, Archpriest tion. me, saying that he had a most pain- of St. Peter's, celebrated Mass at was pleased to bestow upon me a apse of the church; and, on its conreputation for eminent talent, but clusion, the procession of the Bless- Montreal express trains, procure rewas sorry to remark that as yet I ed Sacrament took place through the had shown no signs of contrition for length of the vast basilica, passing my conduct, and that I should come out into the vestibule-which, +like there dressed in the rebel uniform, the interior of the church, was hung tance east of Toronto, purchase with the stars, the insignia as he with red damask-and returning termed it, of my command, blazon- again into the church. This was my breast, to insult the but a faint reflex of the grandeur court. Here, to the evident amaze- that surrounded the Corpus Christi then take special trains which will ment of the whole assemblage, I in- procession of the past, when the terrupted his lordship by saying, Popes were rulers in Rome, and ere that as his lordship had interrupted a "hostile domination," creating a me when I was addressing him, I moral imprisonment to them, had morning,

presumed he would not take it wet settled down in Rome. The me-amiss, that I would inform him that mory of this grand religious cerenone could better know than him- mony is well-nigh forgotten by the self that I had been robbed at Mal- new generation that has grown up den, when I was captured, and that under the Italian sway. It was one special train going, but valid on any I had no other dress but that which of Rome's grandest sights. When regular train returning up to and in-I then wore; that money and cloth- it took place for the last time-the cluding Tuesday, July 26th. ing which had been sent to me since Corpus Christi of 1870-close upon confinement had been kept from seven hundred Archbishops and Bish- bec city by the night trains of Tuesme by order of the governor, and ops, assembled here for the Vatican day, July 26th and Montreal by the that in a strange place, and in the Council, accompanied the Pontiff in morning trains of July 27th; but if present state of public feeling, when the procession. This vast body 'of a stop-over, at Quebec or Montreal I could not obtain leave to see my prelates came forth from the cen-friends, it was a strange perversion tral door of the Basilica, and at to leave Montreal for a continuous of his lordship to attribute that to once passed into a portico, formed of wooden pillars, all decorated with insult, which I was compelled to by necessity to appear in the only dress hangings and tapestries, which por-I had that in my humble opinion it tocoes joined the entrance of the not only for a day at the Shrine, was beneath the dignity of the court church to the colonnade on the right. but also for a tour of the far-famed reat coh

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est penalties of the law

Mr. Morden argued pretty much in the same words, when the three were called upon by name to listen to their sentence. The judge, au-dressing Montgomery, said that the jury had recommended him to mercy; which recommendation he would lay before the governor and his council; and he thought it would be considered attentively; but that he, Montgomery, had been always known as a bitter opponent of Her Majesty's government; that by his wealth and influence, he ought to have sustained the government, not aided those wicked and designing men who attempted its overthrow. To Mr. Anderson he explained the manner in which he had lived under the Government; that he had become wealthy, but was. always found in the ranks of those troubling the Government for reform, vindicating the Governor in his manner of treating him, and concluded by saying that he need not expect any mercy. The judge recapitulated the evidence against him, and said that, not satisfied with the very active part he had taken in the late "wilful and unnatural rebellion," he had induced others to solicit aid. a foreign power, and invite from over the brigands of that country to aid the discontented to overturn and subvert Her Majesty's Government in those provinces; that even a letter had been found in his possession to that effect, which he was to carry over to the United States for such purpose; but that a wise and benificent Providence had overthrown his evil designs; that he was now about to meet the punishment due his "heinous offence"; and prayed earnestly that he should, by his repentance, prepare to meet his offended God. Sentence was then pronounced upon

those three gentlemen, and having been an attentive listener, and not being called up with them, I was induced to believe that some different fate awaited me, particularly when



look upon with horror and detestation

"I protested on my trial against the jurisdiction of this court. That I could not be found guilty of treason, not being a subject of Great Britain, but a citizen of the United States; and that, if I had committed an offence, it was one against the law of nations, and that I could not be tried in this province, but in England, or the country of which I was a citizen.

dream," as the low, shrill sounds reached the ears of that silent crowd: "And you, Edward Alexan-

der Theller, what have you to say

pronounced against you?" I advanc-

ed to the front of the box and ad-

pared, as the reader may well ima-

tle believing, cruel and vindictive as

I knew the British policy to he, that

they would dare to venture to this

extent, in trampling under foot their

own laws and their solemn treaties

in their own halls of justice:

"It was admitted, my lord, by the court, "that I am a citizen of the United States but not less a subject; no act of mine could make me ought That Great Britain could not, else. notwithstanding my citizenship, still hold me as a subject." Such doc-trine certainly places the natural-Such docized citizens of the United States in a singular predicament; obliged as they are to do military duty as well as the native born, without distinction. In event of war, if they were ordered to invade the British dominions, by refusing they would be punished by the one government, as for insubordination and cowardice; or obeying, be punished by the others as traitors.

"A precedent was quoted by the Attorney-General in the case of Eneas McDonald, which somewhat resembled mine, as your lordship remarked. He was found guilty also, but not executed; and this happened ninety-three years ago. Since that time what a change has taken place among the nations, as among men! More liberal and extended views have been held both by the governors and the governed; a new nation has sprung up rom English colonists, with a population of upwards of seventeen milions, one-fourth of whom are in the same situation as myself, having been under a monarchy, but who born since become citizens of a have free and independent republic, whose constitution was framed directly opposite to the law laid down by this court-"once a subject, always a subect.

"When tried, my lord, I laid my detence upon that ground. I did not call evidence to prove, as I might have done, that when pursuing my course from an American port, in an n schooner, and going to an

AIF ican island, and in the regular channel and thoroughfare which all vessels take that pass and repass from the ports of the states of New York, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, I was fired upon in repeated volleys of musketry, by your militia, Indians, and negroes of Malden, and when driven upon your shores by the inclemency of the weather, and my men killed and wounded by the galling fire of three or fou hundred concealed riflemen, I fired upon them in self-defence; this I would have proved, and if your lordship could remember, nearly all of which was admitted by the very evidence brought against me by my captors. as they styled themselves. They, even they, admitted the greater part. "And now, my lord, after three

months' severe imprisonment, the greater part of which time was pass-'not having the fear of God in my heart, not weighing the allegit ed in chains, I have been tried for

which I owed Her Majesty the Queen." An allegiance which I did not consider myself to owe, and which many years before, I had solemply sworn in open court to reounce in the manner prescribed by the constitution of the United States "And what, my lord, was the verdict of the jury? A conditional one Their discriminatine minds plainly perceived that I could not be a citi-

whom business had induced to go over among them.

"In the midst of this excitement there came to us the thrilling ' news of the cutting out and the burning of the steamboat Caroline at Schlosser-a cold-blooded, murderous act, my lord; and one that will yet be avenged. It was felt as an indignity committed on our national honor-an insult to our national flag. Before that time nothing was done that could be said to compromise our neutral relations; we wished scene was changed; we became, revengeful-participators in the mating committed a breach of the laws of our own country, to whose jurisdiction I ought to be restored.

"And now, again, my lord, in the face of high Heaven, and in this presence, before this assemblage of your citizens and soldiers, I again solemnly protest against your proceedings, to carry into effect the iniquitous sentence which, months before, your late governor threatened me with, if I would not accede to his wishes, and turn traitor to the cause in which I embarked-warning you and had those that hear me, that you are exceeding the powers which a colonial government may have given you; and in an obscure part of the dominions of Great Britain, enforcing a barbarous law, which she in her own

island dared not to do. " I have now done, my lord, I will not detain you any longer; nor will I ever condescend to sue or entreat you; but, if consistent with your

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Note by the Editor.-The address of ieneral Theller to the court was **#A LIST OF** decided to start at PARISHIONERS once." He's here with us now, booked for a six months' course. with a family record and a record of visitations can be fitted up right in your desk by means of the Thought, before he got our letter, that schools fizzle out in Juneclosed up entirely in July and August. CARD INDEX SYSTEM Not ours. You can record any kind of infor This is a business school. Ready ation so that it can be referred t instantly. ... Write for a sample of our special church card with par-ticu ars of our special Trial Outfit for \$2.00. to serve its patrons every month in the year. If you have a business, shorthand, or telegraphy course in view don't defer till September. Write now and get our terms. The Office Specialty Mfg. Co 0 M 7 119 CENTRAL BUSINESS COLLECE Temporary Offices 55 Yonge Street, Toronto Yonge and Gerrard Sts.

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tempted it at Malden.' "If you were disposed, sir, you might have cut them off before appearing in this court.

"I am not disposed, my lord, to do them in fight, I have worn them since and I religiously intend to wear them for the brief period which you may allow me to live.'

His lordship then proceeded to pass the sentence, which was that Edward A. Theller should be taken from the court to the place from whence he and prayed for the success of those last came-that on Tuesday, the 24th of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The who, like the sires of our own revo- day of the present month, April, girls were dressed in white, indicatlution of '76, were, like them, bat- 1838, he should be drawn on a hurtling against oppression; but the dle to the usual place of execution; there hanged by the neck until he was through the outrage committed on dead; that his body he quartered our country's honor, indignant and and given to the surgeons for disection; and that the Lord have mercy ter-and might be considered as hav- on his soul. To the latter words I gravely bowed, as expressive of my thanks for his lordship's kind wishes for my Creator's mercy for my soul, inwardly praving at the same time that He might be lenient to

those who had no mercy. On our march back to prison I was somewhat affected by the general expression of sympathy displayed for my situation, as the guards made way for us through the immense mass of living beings, assembled to catch a glimpse of us or learn our doom. And it was gratifying, as we passed those who had been spec-tators and listeners to the whole proceedings, to see friends to whom I could bestow the smile, alas, tortured by the Tory press into spirit of levity and reckless bravado. I felt somewhat remunerated, too, for the sacrifice about to take place, when I heard their whispering prayer for my release, and the proud gra-tulations of even many of the Tories, that they were proud and happy to

.and so

W. H. SHAW,

President

call me their countryman.

hung the coats-of-arms of the Bishops-the enlarged device of their Episform on which he knelt at a priedieu, and held in his hands a mons-

**Barrie Correspondence** 

half-past eight o'clock Mass, about

they reassembled at vespers, where all were invested with the scapular ing the purity of their hearts for so great an event in their lives. The the children quickly walked out of the church, from the appearance of

their bright and happy faces, one looking on might say for them as the self. It was not on the field of his most brilliant victory at Austerlitz, his campaign in Italy, his election as first counsel, the splendor of his

first entry into Paris, nor the day he was crowned Emperor that were his happiest days, but it was the day he made his First Communion. From the Catholic Standard and

Times, Philadelphia, June 11th: Rev. Richard Baxter, S.J., who died reyears, spent the greater part of his life at the Fort William Mission, in the North-West, devoting himself to the conversion and welfare of the Indians. N.B.-The deceased reverend gentleman was well known in Barrie by the elder residents and was a brother of Miss Baxter, Penetanguishene street, who has the sympathy of her many friends. /

of the instrument. The

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dousac or Cacouria or Murray Bay. The Director of the Pilgrimage will copal seals—and with these, magnifi-cent tapestries, the most rich and elaborate productions of Arras and Gobelins, and other famous factories. The Pope was borne on a high platbe very glad to indicate how the most favorable terms may be obtained by parties of ten or more persons starting together to join the pilgrimage from any given point in Western Ontario, if only he shall have timely notification from one of such a party. The pilgrimage will be un-

On Sunday morning, June 12th, at der the immediate direction of Rev. D. A. Twomey, Tweed, Ont., who will anything of the kind. I have worn them since forty boys and girls who had been send posters to intending pilgrims. carefully instructed by the Very C.P.R. special, in which excellent Rev. Dean Egan and the Sisters of meals may be procured on the jour-Saint Joseph, received their First ney, and whilst at St. Anne's, for Holy Communion. In the evening the nominal sum of 25 cents per meal.

### Father Vaughan's Escape From Death

Father Bernard Vaughan had an almost miraculous escape from death in London last week. He was bicyboys looked devout and neat with in London last week. He was bicy-their badges of white ribbon, and as cling through the Park, and at Grosvenor Gate was run into by a refractory pair in a Victoria and knocked off his wheel. The carriage great Napoleon admitted about him- went right over him, and the off-side horse got a leg into the bicycle spokes and literally danced it to fragments. There was an immense crowd in a moment, expecting to see the Father carried off dead, but in some extraordinary manner he came out under the back of the Victoria unhurt, and walked home. He must

have been shaken by such a hairbreadth escape, but he changed his mud-covered clothes and went off to cently in Montreal, Canada, aged 83 the East End to one of his charities.



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