## The CATHOLIC CHRONICLE ..

DEVOTED FOREIGN NEWS

## **FRANCE**

M Combes prides himself on haying put down the bold enemies of the Republic-Nationalisin and Clerical ism. He might have added that he had also gained imperishable faurets by routing several thousand nuns who were drawn up to battle array against him.

M. Camilco Pelletan, the journalisthe Minister of Marine, is undoubtedly in hot water all round Denounced by M Combes as a rhetorician, an evolver of flamboyant figures of speech, and of fabrication of far fetched tropes and metaphors, his blood is called for by the anti-Clericals because he has allowed two hattleships to be blessed by the priests. The first vessel, the "Repubile," was launched at Brest and a naval chaptain sprinkled the decks and sides with holy water A more imposing ceremony took place at Bordeaux, where the "Kleber" was recently launched. A local priest, accompanied by numerous ecclesiastics and acolytes, walked in procession around the ship, after the aspersions and blessing, the "Ave Maris Stella" anti-Clericals have succeeded in abolishing "church parades" in the Army, but they cannot prevent the benediction of the battleships The question of "church parades," which were done away with in the French Army by the Republicans, reminds me of what I saw lately at Aix-la-Chapelle, one of the most Catholic towns on the Continent. In the Church of the Redemptorist Fathers in that historic oity, only a few Sundays back, I could not 2014 a seat during the Garrison Mass. The whole place was nacked with Catholic soldiers of the Rhinoland regiments stationed at Anchen, to use the German name of the old city of Charlemagne. And not only that, but the soldiers formed a splendid choir, and, under the leadership of a bandsman, sang hymns during Mass in a most effective manner The German Catholics, it must be noted, are allowed every possible freedom, except this-The Jesuits have been disbanded ever since Bismarck's Kulturkampi decrees, now being imitated by M Combes in France, and their fine churches Anchen and elsewhere are served by secular priests. All other Orders and congregations are perfectly free In Aix-la-Chapelle there are many orders of nums, but only three of themen's are represented. These are the Franciscans, the Redemptorists, and the Alexian Brothers, who have their chief house in that city. At Vaals, in Holland, a few miles from Aix-la-Chapelle, the Redemptorists and the Camillians have very

## MISH NATIONAL DEFENCE FUND

large establishments.

Appeal From the Trustees. The following has been issued. 80 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, 24th September, 1902

To the Irish People: Fellow Countrymen-We invite your

marnest attention to the following resolutions, unanimously passed at last meeting of the National Directory;

(1). The National Directory turns its thanks for the unanimity, enthusiasm and irreproachable good sense with which the country has responded in its appeal of the 27th of June last for renewed energy in the work of the organization. The consequence has been that the United Irish League has now attained to an unsurpassed degree of power and discipline in the country This work of crimeless combination on the part of the people has been met by an outburst of furious Coercion directed against the rights of free speech and of a free press in the interest of a escret counter-organization of the landiords, with the result that seventeen of the counties and chief towns of Ireland are now deprived of the most elementary constitutional rights. The Directory bails with satinfaction the calm and resolute atti-tude with which this iniquitous conspiracy between Dublin Castle and the Landowners' Convention has been confronted by the Irish Race, looks forward with anxiety-to continuance of the illegalities and barbarities of the Coercion regime, relying for the certainty of ultimate victory (1) upon the continued and incontestable freedom of the country sen'agrarian crime, (2) upon the ot that the United Irish League re-Hisa for if4-shiclency wholly upon the wassen of satspeken public opinion and freedom of combination for common action, which are the admitted rights of Trade Union combinations in their conflicts with capital; and z (2) that the Oblef Secretary has publisty contensed that the Government cannot settle the question which he green to be the most argently prossing the nettlement in Ireland, and declared that it must be settled by the parties interested, and conse positive has deprived himself in the

against the tenants' organization. which alone has displayed either the willingness or the capacity to settle the question, and in the interest of a landlord counter organization, which has set its face against every project of settlement, and has notoriously flouted his own advise as to the proposed Land Conference

(2) The National Directors, hav-ing regard to the fact that the Landowners organization has appeal ed to its members for a fund of £100 000 wherewith to crush the peonies combination, and to carry out its diabolical projects for the extertoination of our race, and, in pursuance of this design has instituted costly proceedings in Chancery for the ruin of the people's leaders, and, having regard to the fact that the landlords allies and brother conspirators in Dublin Castle have made it one of the principal objects of their Coercion proceedings to heap up crushing expense upon the United Irish League by instituting a gener-

al campaign for the destruction of he Irish National press, and for the prosecution with special virulence of the members of Parliament and organizers who distinguish themselves by effective action in the movement, your was sung. Evidently Pellotan is as and that, in consequence, the ordinunable to eradicate time-honored cus- ary funds, of the United Irish League toms of the Navy as were his prede-, will be quite unequal to the extracessors, Lockroy and De Lanessan Tho ordinary demands upon them, while the necessities for large and immediate expenditure are weekly increasing, hereby declare that the time is come to appeal to the Irish people to take immediate steps to raise a National Defence Fund of sufficient extent to enable the National Directory to combat the powerful financial resources at the disposa' of our enemies, that the Branches of the United Irish League be requested at the sarliest possible moment to institute parochial collections with that object, and that all subscriptions be forwarded to this office on account of the National Defence Fund, or to any of the National Trustees, Most Rev Dr O'Donnell, Lord Bishop of Raphoe, Mr John Redmond, M. P.,

> ed), or to Mr Alfred Webb, 39 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin." It is unnecessary to emphasize the above appeal by any words of ours. The necessity for an immediate and liberal response from the country is obvious and urgent. The public lib-erties are being assailed incessantly and unscrupulously by two agenciesthe Landlords' Organization and the Castle-commanding vast pecuniary resources as well as all the unlimited powers of Coercion Courts and of armed force under the control of the Administration.

and Alderman Stephen O'Mara (in

whose names the fund will be invest-

To combat these assaults resolutely, and by every legal method, and exhibit the Coercion regime for the indignation of all lovers of National freedom, the League will have to be strengthened with prompt and generous financial assistance.

A special obligation lies upon those tions of the country which cannot otherwise come to the rescue of those of their fellow-countrymen who are most exposed to the hateful excesses of Coercion.

We appeal with the utmost confidence to the Irish people to make a response worthy of their sacred duty to the peacetul country which is being thus wantonly exasperated and misgoverned

Very truly yours, Patrick O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, John E Redmond, Stephen O'Mara, Trustees, Alfred Webb, Hon Secre-

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING The time for Dr Thomas' Eclectric Oil is when croupy symptoms appear in the children, when rheumatic pains beset the old, when lumbago, asthma, coughs, colds, catarrh or earache attack either young or old, when burns, scalds, abrasions, contusions or sprains come to any member of the family In any of these allments will give relief and work a cure

'BORS' " SUPERSTITION ABOUT

CATS. Lord Roberts was entertained at Bath last week, and the only circumstance that his admirer, The London Daily Mail, thinks worth mentioning in connection with the event was "Bobs" " dislike of cats. It appears that when unveiling a monumental tablet Major Sheraton observed two cats quietly sunning themselves close by. The Major probably saw a familiar expression in "Bobs'" eye, for he at once announced that the Commander-in-Chief could not speak while his native land and departed for the cats were there. So they had to be poked up with long poles, and one of them actually ran between the Commander-in-Chief's legs. It has always been averred, without question beretofore, that a cat may look at a king; but it is evident that the members of the feline tribe are not to be allowed to look at the Command-

to the threat. Nip the paril to the

THE... SCHOOLMASTER'S QUEST

The schoolmaster hung up the key of the school house for the last imo, then he went slowly toward the pastor's house, his heart full of sadness Father Mulligan was smoktog in his little parlor as the old man entered

"Well, Father, ', he said, "overything is in good order for the new man when he comes."

"He will be here to-morrow evening," said the priest "But, upon my word, I will 'wire' him even at the last moment, if you say so id rather pay him a month's salaey out of my own pocket than let you go. Como now, think it over. I will give you until to-morrow morning Sleep on it, Mr Burke."

"No, no," replied the old man, sadty shaking his head "I have slept on it-have been sleeping many times too often My passage is paid, and I can never be content in this world and the next he went from place to again until I have found him - or done my best to find him '

"Well, I see there is no persuading you," said the priest "But you are no longer young, your money will soon be exhausted, and then what?" "I don't mean to sit idle till my money is all gone, Father I will get something to do."

"What can you do in a new country where there is so much competition, and where the battle is to the young and strong, not to men like

"I might get teaching I write a good hand, there must be some copying," answered the schoolmaster

"But teaching goes by competitive examination, and to those who have graduated in the normal schools, while typewriting has long ago superseded penwork overywhere.

"Don't discourage me, Father You can't discourage me, for I am fully determined to go.'

"Very well. I can say no more," rejoined the priest "But remember, if all goes ill at long last you must come back to home and friends that will always have a welcome for

"I'll not forget it, I'll know where to turn my steps, Father, if my quest fails me," said the old man. 'I'd like to die in Rathnagle." The schoolmaster went away; the priest held a colloquy with him-

self something after this fashion. "It is atrange how parental affection will blind a man. He would never believe but that his boy was perfection, even when everyone elsa knew he was a bad fellow, a selfish cur, draining his poor father of evary cent he possessed, and never amounting to a brass farthing all his life-from the day he left school till he went from here. Now I'd wager that the fellow is alive in America this day, engaged in some rascally business or other. The old man will never find film; but if he does he will sup sorrow with the discovery. God

has sad days in store for him." Thady Burke, the schoolmaster's son, had been early left without a mother. Perhaps it was better for the poor woman-who had hardly known the color of her baby's eyes before she had been summoned—that God had called her to her reward. more handsome, more unconscionable ed, learning was no trouble to him

help him, poor mant I'm afraid he

But he had no love for study At the age of eighteen he to grow restless, and gave his father no peace until he had allowed him to go to America. For two or three years after he arrived there he wrote at intervals, generally when he found himself in need of money Of this commodity the schoolmaster possessed but little However, his wants were simple and few, he had always contrived to meet the request with a modest offering But after a time the letters ceased coming Vainly the fa-ther had endeavored to locate his boy, until at last he resolved to go to America, and find him if living, or some traces of him if dead.

It may have been that in his heart of hearts the poor man doubted the loyalty of the truant, but to others he invariably maintained that if the boy were alive he would never have forgotten his old father. He had a theory, sometimes expressed to a few intimate friends, that some accident might have reduced his son to such a state that he had lost his memory, such things had occurredwhy not?-though God forbid that a similar affliction might have visited his absent boy! His neighbors! had humored him, even to the extent of strengthening this belief until it had almost become a certainty. It was under these conditions of mind that the old schoolmaster bade adleu to

When Thaddeus Burke found himself a steady stream of people was passin the city from which he had last heard of his son, he had only five dollars in his pocket Misfortune and sickness had pursued him since he had landed in America six months have walked with his eyes downcast before He had been two months in in meditation, unobservant and the hospital in Buffalo, and his little purse had been atolen from him on the cars. But this thriving Western city had been his objective point from the draft from there his son's let-

not be found within its ilmits. On the morning of his arrival he had gone from the station to Mass,

and had received the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion. His thanksgiving over, he went to the pastoral residence, and was kindly received by the priest. But the latter had never known Thaddeus Burke.

"How long is it since you heard from him last?" he inquired of the pale, lonely old man, whose gentlemanly appearance and intelligent recital had impressed him most favor-

"It is nearly eighteen years, Father," was the reply.
"It is more than likely that he is

dead, . said the priest, "I will get a city directory and we will look over it."

There was no Thaddeus Burke in the directory, though the last name figured quite prominently in its pages. The priest directed the old man to a

decent boarding-house, from whence he set forth that same morning in search of employment. All that day place endeavoring to get some copying to do; but Father Mulligan had been right; typewriting had superseded all clerical work of that kind

He was feeling very despondent when he paused in front of a building whereon was affixed in large, letters the sign "Methodist Book Concern.11 He entered, and very soon had arranged to come next morning to direct envelopes at the rate of twenty cents a hundred. His heart grew somewhat lighter as he returned to his boarding-house At least he need not starve as long as the work lasted He smiled as he thought:

"Strange that I should be addressing envelopes for a Methodist Book' Concern. What would the people at home say if they knew? I doubt but: that, with my long coat and clerkly aspect, they took me for a colporteur of their own."

In truth, this was the case the man who had engaged him was of that opinion, but when in the course of the next day he learned otherwise, old Mr. Burke though quick to profess himself a Catholic, had already made such a good impression that he was not disturbed.

For several weeks he sat at a little desk in the corner, away from the notice of the numerous visitors who came to the office. There were many Methodist ministers among them, and a prosperous and kindlylooking Bishop had once or twice given him a kindly nod. He had formed the habit of carrying a light luncheon with him to the office; and one warm day in June, while he was sitting at the open window eating it—being alone at the time-a boy of ten years put his head in at the door.

"Oh!" he said, "Every one gone?" "Yes, my little lad," answered the old man, with a pleasant smile. He loved children.

"I thought mamma would be here," said the boy, "I think I'll wait," "Do," said Mr. Burke, "Sit here near the window. There are very many people passing during the noon hour

The boy, a handsome little fellow, came close to the old man. "It's very high up here, isn't it?" he said, standing near the sill. "Yes, very high. Don't lean

You might get dizzy." and altogether graceless scamp than him back from the window, and then Thady junior had never opened his a sweet-faced, handsomely-dressed eyes in the village of Rathmagle lady came in, who bowed pleasantly From his father, a very well-educat- to the old man, and, after leaving a ed man, he early learned the rudi- note and a package on the manager's ments of Greek and Latin, and ac-desk, went away with her little son quired a good foundation in English. Afterwards an employe who met The boy was as clever as hair-brain- them on the stairs told Burke that she was a woman of some literary reputation, who had written several books, and contributed regularly to the Children's Weekly, published by the Concern. Her father had been a Methodist Bishop.

The boy and his mother came of ten The lady was very sweet and kind, the child always sought out the old copyist to have a chat with him while waiting for his mother One day Mr Burke asked him his name

It is Theodore-Theodore Berkeley," he replied. "Mamma calls me Feddy, but papa does not like it He says it is too Irish "

The old man winced It was not the first time since coming to America that he felt his blood boil for the same cause. He said nothing to the innocent shild, but in his heart he cherished the assurance that the acquaintance with the child's father would not be quite as agreeable to him as that of the boy and his mo-

The continuous mechanical labor he was obliged to do soon began to his duplicity tell on the old schoolmaster. He sat faithfully at his desk in the corner from eight in the morning till halfpast five in the evening, copying addresses until his hand ached and his eyes were blurred Every Saturday night, after he had paid his board be put two dollars into the small s green pouch he wore around his him whom he had gone to seek; and, neck, reserving fifty cents for his use during the week. When the lamps were lit it was his custom to walk up and down the long avenue, where ing, looking almost furtively in the faces of those whom he met, for he was very shy, Only for the mission on which he had set forth he would

observed. He joined the Sodality of the Holy Family at the thurch, and thur made acquaintance with a good many of his countrymen; but ment, either

that first morning 'I think when I have enough money put by I'll go home again I see now that I made a mistake in coming at all I had no idea what an immense place America is, or how hard it would be to find anybody here And the longer I'm looking, the more I realize how im possible it would have been for my Loy to have forgotten me all those years I was doing him the greatest wrong even to think of such a thing I feel now that he has been dead many a day 🖰

"I think you are right, Mr Burk)," replied the priest "You are too old to begin the world again in a new country, far from titelong triends and familial associations. I have often thought you must be very lonely.

"I am. Father-I am indeed " said the schoolmaster "All I think of now is to get back to Rathnagle, where I'll soon be lying-please God! -by the side of the boy's mother Wherever poor Thady's bones are testing matters little, after all Ac'il he together in Paradise, I hope,

The longing to go back became more intense as the promise of its realization drew nearer September came, and the old man missed the almost daily visits of the child, whom he felt strangely attracted After a while he learned that the boy was dangerously ill, but was now recovering. It was Saturday oven-ing Mr Burke was about to leave his desk, when the manager said "Mr Burke, I believe you go

by Chalmers avenue? "Yes, sir," replied the old man 'Can I do anything for you?'

"There are some proofs here I would like Mrs Berkely to have this evening The errand boy has gone

"Very well, sir I will take them with pleasure

The manager gave him the ber of the house, and, taking the package, he left the office It was a beautiful house, standing far back on a smooth-shaven lawn, with gay flower-beds scattered through emerald grass.

Mrs. Berkely received him with great kindness, thanking him for the trouble he had taken. "And how is the boy getting on?"

he inquired.

"Very nicely," she responded "We had great fears for him at first, but now we hope he will soon be well again Next week, if you would like to pay him a visit, he will be ready to see you. He has formed quite an attachment for you."

"And I for him, God bless him!" the old man replied "He is a dear Own in little lad May he long be spared to you, madam! I'll be very glad to come to see him next week, thank you!"

Just as he rose to go a gentleman approached from the back parlor "Theodore," said Mrs. Berkely, there is the old gentleman of whom Teddy has so often spoken to you He has been inquiring for the boy

The minister came forward with the slow, sinuous walk which makes for much that is unfavorable in the opinion of brisk-stepping, outspoken men of the world He was tall, wellbuilt and strikingly handsome, but the blue eyes, beneath their heavy lids and lorg, curling lashes, were He took the child's hand, drawing not of the kind which compel one by their straightforward gaze, while the full dark mustache—an unusual adornment of the clerical countenance -was worn, it had been said by illnatured persons, to hide the treachery and weakness of the lips beneath He came now into the full light of the front drawing-room, suavely smiling, his head slightly forward in an attitude of greeting

The eyes of the two men met. "Thaddeus!-Thaddeus! Is this how I see you?" cried the old schoolmaster, covering with a glance of mingled sorrow and contempt the form of the man before him from the top of his sleek black head and high white "choker" to the hem of

The clergyman fell back "The man is crazy, Emily!" he said hoarsely, as he sank into chair Before the astonished woman could utter a word the old man had disappeared

ministerial coat

The Rev Theodore Berkeley had no need to pass a sleepless night. The Nemesis of whose unwelcome face he had caught a dreadful glimpse that evening withdrew as suddenly and unexpectedly as it had come-it may be presumed, no more to appear until the hand of Death should have snatched aside the ministerial cloak which for so many years had covered

Old Mr. Burke never again took his place at the desk in the corner He started the next week for Rathnagle, arriving there in time to take his former position, vacated a month previous He was warmly welcomed, but it had been guessed before his coming that he had not found with the innate courtesy of the Irish poor, his neighbors forbore to question the pale, attenuated, aged man who returned to them That there was some mystery no one doubted; and it came to be un ratood that young Burke had died in America, some feared in a discreditable man-

Only the priest knew the truth; and it was with a feeling almost of joy that a year later he said the last prayers and threw the first clods of earth over the come of the poor old schnolmaster, carried to rest at last by the side of the beloved wife of # The Highest Type of Excellence in Musical Instruments is Exemplified

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