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THE IRISH QUESTION

Irish leaders are congratulating themselves that Ireland has so successfully withstood the policy of the mailed fist, for such is their characterization of the present form of government in that country. To the embarrassment of England, the outside world is asking the reason why this should be the case, why Ireland should be held by an army of occupation, now that the war for the freedom of small nations has been won. It is not much of a distinction for any nation to be branded as the one Power which holds a white nation in chains.

About £900,000 per month is according to the Secretary of War, the cost of maintaining the British army in Ireland. This means an annual expenditure of about \$55,000, 000, and is about equivalent to the whole cost of the Irish civil adminis tration before the War, so that it costs as much to keep Ireland in military subjection as it does to govern it civilly.

Many have raised their voices in protest against this substitution of Baptism of desire, that is, by a pergovernment by constraint for govern- fect love of God which includes, at mentby consent. Repeated have been least implicitly, a desire of Baptism, The falsity of these exaggerated the resolutions from the governing or by Baptism of blood by which the stories has long since been establin recent years increased the number to gain popularity and to be conbodies of the United States, Canada and the various British Colonies.

The Cardinal Archbishop of West minster has put himself on record by insisting upon justice for Ireland. 'There has never been any question," he says, "demanding the more urgent attention of those who hold the responsibility of government than the prompt, just, equitable and permanent solution of the problems that surround the history and the actual laver of regeneration or the desire conditions of our Sister country, Ireland."

lems in the Empire is the Irish ques- to receive Baptism is sufficient. tion It has become a chronic most vital foreign relations."

Even an English journalist writes God, infants, children and youths." of conditions in Ireland as follows : 'The scandal of anarchy in Russia, of soul says: "If you wish to be a rule, except by martial law, a little

dwindling nation at her side." world. To remedy this the prac- be vivified in Christ." tical support of America is necessary and this will not be given until England is at peace with Ireland.

be heading straight for national be not guilty of actual sin. bankruptcy," he said. "Throughout the War the value of the sovereign infants suffer the pain of loss or priwas maintained by Government vation of the beatific vision, still, borrowings in America. Last March it according to the teachings of St. became necessary to let the Exchange | Thomas, St. Bonaventure and the go, while it was still necessary to great theologians of the Church, they forbid the export of gold. This do not suffer the pain of loss, which means that our gold standard has is the lot of the damned. gone, and that the erstwhile finanincontrovertible paper currency they are not separated from Him en-

thing may happen again."

At a time when economy is so \$55,000,000 could be eliminated from the Budget, by pacifying Ireland, with England would go far towards | hell." producing a genuine and abiding vital towards insuring the financial event of any crisis.

"WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" Of the numerous errors introduced in the sixteenth century, none are more terrible in their results than those concerning the sacrament of Baptism. Since this sacrament is the foundation of our entire spiritual edifice and absolutely essential to galvation, it may readily be seen how loose notions regarding its necessity. its matter and form and the proper manner of administering it, have deprived countless souls of the vision of God.

That Christ instituted the sacra ment of Baptism is unquestionable and unquestioned save by those who arbitrarily rule out from the Sacred Scripture the texts which prove it. Our Lord Himself not only commanded His disciples to baptize, but also determined the matter and form which are to be used in the administration of this sacrament, which He explicitly declares as absolutely necessary for salvation. "Unless a man be born again of water and the Holy Ghost he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John iii. 5.)

Christ makes no exception to this law and it is therefore general in its application, embracing both adults and infants. So essential is this sacrament that if it be not received, even inculpably, salvation is impossible.

It must be noted, however, that it is the teaching of the Church that when Baptism of water becomes a physical or moral impossibility, eternal salvation may be obtained by grace of justification is obtained by lished. suffering martyrdom for the faith of Christ.

This is the sense in which the Church, the infallible mouth-piece of God in faith and morals, has ever understood the doctrine of Christ regarding Baptism. The Council of Trent teaches that justification cannot be obtained, since the promulgation of the New Law, without the Prussianism. for it. When the Council says that there must be either the actual

The absolute necessity of this wound, the septic effects of which sacrament is insisted upon by the Poland is the question of the disare spreading to our whole system; early Fathers, especially when they puted possession of Upper Silesia. writer in the Ecclesiastical Review and through its influence on America speak of infant Baptism. Thus St. Germany wishes at all costs to retain who, in commenting on Monsignor it is now beginning to poison our Irenæus says: "Christ came to save all who are reborn through Him to same time, so rich in mineral wealth,

red Revolution in Hungary, of alarms | Catholic, do not believe, nor say, nor and excursions in the Balkans, is as teach that infants who die before nothing in the eyes of the world, Baptism can obtain the remission of compared with the glaring failure of original sin." A still stronger pasthe far flung might of England to sage from the same doctor reads : "Whosoever says that even infants selves. are vivified in Christ, when they Not without its bearing on the depart this life, without the partici- question furnished Ebert, Bauer and ity is being defined as the ultimate Irish question, is the financial state pation of His sacrament (Baptism,) of Great Britain which is causing both opposes the Apostolic preaching than the Machiavellian statesmen of supported by the dicta of the Bible. serious apprehension; for, as all and condemns the whole Church old, with the means of carrying out Meanwhile the old lines of a positive know, the relative value of British which hastens to baptize infants, in Silesia, a campaign of frightful- faith are being eliminated; and the currency has dropped to a point because it unhesitatingly believes hitherto unknown in the financial that otherwise they cannot possibly which Germany was guilty in Bel- Catholic doctrine, as exemplified by

The Catholic teaching is uncom promising regarding the fate of infants who die without Baptism. It is based prisoning or deporting into Germany, represented by Fraternal Societies That Great Britain has reason to on Scripture, Tradition and the almost the whole educated class of be justly apprehensive of her posi- decrees of the Church, which unantion has been clearly stated by Sir imously agree in this, that those who ance of these leaders the working Alfred Booth, the chairman of the die in original sin, are deprived of class could be persuaded to vote for Cunard Company. "We appear to the beatific vision, even though they Germany in the forthcoming plebis-

While it is certain that unbaptized

Thus St. Thomas says : "Although cial centre of the world now has to unbaptized infants are separated from put up with what is in effect an God as far as glory is concerned, yet

which differs only in degree and net tirely. Rather are they joined to Him policy on Upper Silesia, ought to kind regardless of creed and opinion," of information peculiarly his own. Word," opines the Globe scribe, "it in kind from the money of Bolshevik by a participation of natural goods; have known that such a policy would one involuntarily exclaims "rot!" If, on the other hand, divorce is, as is difficult to see how they can be Russia. The Labour situation today and so they may even rejoice in Him provide the Germans with tempta. How absurd it would be to place in he would seem to claim, to be re- assured of the personal, incarnate is so grave that it is idle to ignore by natural consideration and love. tion and incentive to crime. It is a the mouths of such men these words garded as one of the attractions of and glorified Word," which deliverthe fact that great civilizations have They will rejoice in this, that they hellish conspiracy. We regret to say, of the Book of Wisdom which are Protestantism, there are many thou- ance in itself smacks of the same vanished in the past, and the same will share largely in the divine good- we believe several of the Allied applied to the Church: "I preferred sands of its adherents, within his school. Fortunately, however, for necessary, at least, one item of decree of Innocent III. which reads: is now a mockery of justice. The the deprivation of the vision of God : | condign punishment." and the reconciliation of Ireland of actual sin, the eternal pains of

can determine what conditions He threaten their native land. chooses for imparting it or withholding it.

No injustice is involved when an undue privilege is not conferred upon a person. Original sin deprived the human race of an unearned right tradiction in terms, but upon examto heaver. Through the Divine mercy this bar to the enjoyment of God is removed by Baptism; but if Baptism be not received, original sin remains, and the unregenerated soul having no claim on heaven, is not unjustly excluded from it.

It is evident, then, how serious a matter it is for parents to unduly delay in having their children receive this great sacrament which incorporates them with Christ's mystical body and makes them partakers of all the privileges flowing from the redemptive act of the Church's Divine

AFFAIRS IN POLAND

even in its present humbled condipromising future.

enfranchised citizens of Poland, Ger. Church's laws, thus giving scandal wrote such a letter, but the story is man agencies have been busily cir- not only to their weak brothers in an indication that there has been culating reports of "Pogroms," or the faith but to those outside the a little too much dogmatic trimming atrocities committed against the Jew- fold who are by them deceived in on the part of Catholics or at least ish residents of the former country. regard to Catholic belief and practice. too much shelving for the time being,

a German adds to these handicaps by and the swallowing of the poison of a Creed worth fighting for, and an the hands of a Catholic people who antidote in the form of Catholic Apostolic continuity, rules that the are just beginning their free national reading. life and who abhor both anarchy and

German Jews as the authors of the barriers and joining hand in hand anarchy of Russia, the fomenters of with Protestant societies in the vari-General Smuts of South Africa, a Baptism or the desire for it, it by no revolution and the foes of patriotism. ous forms of war work; but it was a most level-headed observer, said in means teaches that a simple desire This being the case, it is easily dangerous venture and we have not his farewell message that "the most for Baptism is all that is necessary. understood why they feel that they emerged from it unscathed. There pressing of all constitutional prob. Nor does it mean that the resolution have need to be apprehensive of has been a loss of prestige, a weaken-Jewry.

St. Augustine in his sermon on the to German statistics the vast major- which are being drawn, through ity of the population is Polish.

gium in 1914.

Finding that the workers remained loyal to Poland, the Germans commenced to massacre them. Five forty were executed at Grossdomfleeing into Poland proper.

The Morning Post, commenting and accepts with so much complac-

ness and in natural perfections." statesmen have fallen too easily prey This teaching is borne out by a to German cunning. The plebiscite "The punishment of original sin is situation demands prompt action and

Poland will successfully overcome of her shall be counted as clay. I It must indeed be borne in mind and meet all the difficulties with loved her above health and heauty. alliance with the United States, so that unbaptized infants are not un which she is confronted and that and chose to have her instead of justly deprived of heaven. The this splendid Catholic people so long stability of Great Britain in the vision of God is not something to persecuted and downtrodden will which human beings have a claim in triumph over all the perplexing me together with her, and innumerjustice. It is a free gift of God, Who foreign and domestic problems which able riches through her hands. She are reminded by a daily contempor-

CATHOLIC HERETICS BY THE GLEANER

The above title may seem a con ination it will be found that such is not the case. One who would wil. pleased to call our dogmatic aloof- tity only that Canada distinguished fully and knowingly deny any article ness. In an editorial in the Toronto herself: all accounts agree that in of revealed truth would thereby cease to be a Catholic, for he would fusal to consider union with other soldiers set a new mark. be guilty of formal heresy. But a churches, the writer tells a story of parson while professing his belief in all that the Catholic Church teaches may, unconscious of his error, adhere to doctrines that are opposed to her teaching. Such a one may be described as a material heretic. Material heresy is not a sin, unless it arises from neglecting or refusing to learn the Christian doctrine.

Nowadays one meets with many who call themselves Catholics but who do not act or speak as a Catholic The Republic of Poland formally should. They have some knowledge which threaten the Polish" Ship of of a Catholic instinct and aliens to shackled State of Poland, with its expression to opinions that are contrary to the Church's teaching, and and I in His?" With a view to discredit the newly. do things that are forbidden by the It is not claimed that there have I may mention the united drives and comes with very bad grace at a time not been isolated cases of violent humanitarian movements incident to when the Episcopal Bishop of Dalatreatment of Jews. It a Jew who is the War or the work of repatriation, ware declares that he believes the becoming a Bolshevik agent, he materialistic, bigoted and propagan. Anglican Synod, in a vain and belated cannot expect gentle treatment at dic press unaccompanied by any attempt to bolster up the claim of

It was all very nice for Catholics to be lauded by the daily newspapers | Pentecost, the Birthday of the Cath-Moreover, the Poles consider the for breaking down conventional olic Church. ing of spiritual vigor and a clouding this territory so fertile and at the Banson's "Lord of the World," says: "What we see on all sides to-day is despite the fact that even according the growth of Humanitarianism, into political agencies and an appeal to The Peace Conference could not bishops and priests, our various agree regarding the awarding of Catholic interests. Catholic senti-Silesia to Germany or Poland and ment is thus being weakened step by ordered that the matter be decided step through identification with a by the vote of the inhabitants them- practically pagan altruism supported by the State and by influential organi-This plan for dealing with the zations of public beneficence. Char-Erzberger, who have no more scruples object of all religious professions ness comparable only to that of vivifying charity that flows out of the the history of the ages of faith, is which assume the Masonic phraseol-Poles, hoping that without the guid- ogy, and by various Benevolent Associations which are the formalities of the Red Cross, or the White Ribbon of Prohibitionists, or the distinctions of Ethical Culturists."

In the light of the recently reported interchange of compliments between the Knights of Columbus and the

comparison of her. Neither did I sien. compare unto her any precious stone; for all gold in comparison of her, is is an infinite treasure to men."

of Catholic societies with Protestant of the magnitude of the late conflict churches in charitable work, which that in point of numbers Canada is in itself quite permissible, as an alone should have exceeded all evidence of the breaking down of former British achievements in that what our separated brethren are line. It was not, however, in quan-Times apropos of the Vatican's re- the matter of quality also her citizen in existence, at least in our western two Canadian chaplains, the one a Catholic and the other a Protestant who had worked together and looked after each other's charges in the trenches. During a period of rest the two got into a theological argument and quarrelled, with the result that they did not speak for weeks. Finally the Irish Catholic chaplain addressed this letter to his old comrade : "Dear brother-We were long devoted friends and co-workers. We looked after the members of each established by the Peace Conference, of their religion; they go to Mass other's flocks. We became the warmhas been launched upon stormy andreceive the Sacraments from time est friends and by acting together waters, for many are the dargers to time, but they are wholly devoid brought much spiritual comfort to the sick and to the dying. I greatly State." No less serious than the Catholic sentiment. They view miss your congenial society and enmenace of the Bolshevism of anarchic public questions not in the light of thusiastic co-operation. Isn't it a Russia, is that of Prussianism which, Catholic truth and principles, but great pity that we have quarrelled according to the maxims of the world. over a mere question of dogma. After tion, views with dismay the un. While posing as Catholica they give all are we not both striving to serve the same Master-you in your way

Needless to say no priest ever There are several causes which have of their religious principles, in order of such persons. Chief among these sidered broad-minded, all of which Sundays after Trinity shall in future be referred to as the Sundays after

In a future issue I will continue the discussion of this subject which is of paramount importance in our day.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

CARDINAL GASQUET has succeeded Another difficulty which confronts of the supernatural vision. This the late Cardinal Cassetta as Profor the Diffusion of the Gospels. And yet there are those who still cleave to the old fiction that the Catholic Church aims to suppress the Bible!

A Pole, a Lithuanian, a Syrian, an Armenian, a West Indian, a South American, a Spaniard, an Italian, a Frenchman, and a German prisoner received Holy Communion on the same day from an American Army Chaplain. This is comprehensiveness of the genuine kind, -comprehensiveness in the matter of persons or nations, not in the matter of doctrine such as the Anglican Church prides itself upon.

least the master of striking phrases. It now transpires that the German | made to give way to the pleas for | This, with reference to England, is authorities have been gradually im- philanthropic service. The latter is his latest: "The divorce courts are congested, the nurseries are empty. and the undertakers have more than they can do. We are a nation travelling to the cemetery, and every day quicker. We gallop to the century, and slowly we go to the marriage and then we undo it."

Churchman (Anglican) hints that one by a minister should be regarded as eli, Perosi and other great masters of persons were shot at Myslowitz, Masons at Fargo, N. D., these words of the attractions of Protestantism an antidote to the Bible. So it is, of warning are of special interest. for many who have been brought up and, unhappily, the book in question browska and forty others at Frien. When a society of Catholic men ex. Catholics, is the facility for obtaindenschutte. This resulted in many presses the desire to co-operate with ing divorce. Possibly there are the avowed enemies of the Church, Catholics who answer to this descrip- people the Christian revelation tion, but if the impression intended should have to depend upon the upon this crime perpetrated under ency and evident approval the assur- to be conveyed is that such a state shallow speculations of the product the eyes of the victorious Allies, says ance that "one of its fundamental of mind is common amongst us, the of German universities? "If men those who imposed the plebiscite principles is the brotherhood of man- writer in question must have sources cannot be certain of the written beauty of Christian character.

IN ANY estimate of Canada's part It is the sincere hope of all that as a little sand, and silver in respect in the Great War it would be well to living voice of that Church against remember that the army she placed ever heretofore assembled by Great prevail. light; for her light cannot be put Britain herself. The army comout. Now all good things came to manded by Lords Roberts and Kitchener in South Africa was, as we ary, the largest army ever got to-The secular press has not been gether by Great Britain up to that slow to seize upon the co-operation | time. It helps, then, to realization

> WHILE THE Heir to the Throne is making an enviable reputation for the Sistine Chapel; that there were himself in Canada, and winning all hearts by his geniality and un. affected bearing, a certain class of Canadians continue to qualify as Vocal Quartette is a part of the Sissnobs of the first water. It is now well known that by the Prince's own direction certain "exclusive" society a shadow of doubt, by the documents functions were set aside in the they have brought functions were set aside in the several cities which he has visited, Letters from Cardinal Merry Del Val. Cardinal Pompili, the Victor Officialdom, affiliated as, unfortunately, it too often is in this country with a clique or class that mistakes | Chapel,—and from Dr. Ernest Boezi, slavish imitation of the English privileged" classes for gentility, seemed to regard the Prince of Wales seemed to regard the Prince of Wales
> as its own peculiar possession, to be
> with the Sistine Chapel Choir and gazed at with wonderment and awe are the soloists there. These are by the multitude at a safe distance

AND IT was not enough in the be mainly at the public expense into the bargain. The people were to pay while snobocracy had the say. It says much for the prescience and mander of the Pontifical Order of St. good sense of the Prince of Wales Sylvester, we have this certificate: that of his own volition this little scheme was nipped in the bud. He had come to Canada to see the country and its people and was not to be baulked of his purpose by the social ambitions of the newly-rich, who, forgetful of their own antecedents, shrink from rubbing shoulders with their, in that respect, less for- years." tunate fellows. It is well that the Royal visitor should not carry away the impression that such individuals fairly represent the people of Canada.

altogether a thing of the past. The recent arrival in New York of a four. masted schooner laden with grain, and infested with weevils reads in O Connell who knew them when he its details like one of those old was rector of the American College romances of the sea famillar to us in in Ro boyhood. The weevils (a beetle-like insect), it is related in press des- and sent for the singers whom he patches, made the two month's voyage a nightmare. Appearing when entering the Gulf Stream, they multiplied so rapidly that the deck was covered through the country. with them: the wheel became so functions it was necessary to rig up a hose and blow a passage through of unusual interest as it will be the them. Further, driven from their bunks the crew were compelled to upon reaching port to seek medical assistance to recover from the insects' a chapter from Captain Marryat or these singers are famous. Mayne Reade, whose novels were FATHER BERNARD VAUGHAN is at supposed to depict phases of life at sea now relegated to the dim past.

written by a "well-known English twenty years.

The object of the present tour of clergyman," and presented by a free- the Sistinesoloists is to illustrate the thinker to the graduates of certain height of artistic perfection to which universities in India as an "antidote to the Bible." The tweedle-dum, tweedle-dee editor of "The Outlook of the Church" in the Toronto Globe A CONTRIBUTOR to the Canadian thinks it unutterably sad that a book from the works of Palestrins, Mich does not in that respect stand alone But is it less sad that to millions of

her before kingdoms and thrones, own communion and out of it, who mankind, the Christian revelation and esteemed riches as nothing in will not thank him for the aimis does not so depend. Not on the dead letter of the printed page, or the mere ipsi dixit of this or that self-appointed teacher, but upon the which, according to the Word's own in the field outnumbered any army promise, the gates of hell shall not

THE SISTINE CHAPEL SOLOISTS

ROME'S FAMOUS QUARTET OF SINGERS WITH CAMMETTI, COMPOSER, ARRIVE

By Myles Murphy The announcement that the celebrated Roman Vocal Quartette from the Sistine Chapel had reached this country was received in many places with a smile of incredulity, as t has been assumed that the mem bers of that famous choir, the oldest world, would never leave Rome under any circumstances. Some people asserted that these singers had no connection whatever with no soloists in that organization and

it was entirely choral best authority, that the tine Chapel Choir. More than that they are the soloists of that body That is now definitely proved beyond Val, Cardinal Pompili, the General of Rome, from Abbe Perosi, -who if anyone, should know as he is the musical director of the Sistine maestro of the choir in the Patriar chal Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican, all certify that the memproofs that should convince sceptic of the validity of their

The Abbe Perosi writes the follow-

ing:
"I can certify that Professors
"I can certify that Professors estimation of this clique to make of Allesandro Cabrielli, Luigi Gentili the Royal tour a mere series of Ezio Cecchini and Augusto Dos social functions, but these were to Santos are very artistic singers and for years and years they have sung in the Sistine Chapel, meeting with general satisfaction."
From Dr. Boozi, who is the Com-

"They (the Roman Vocal Quar-tette) always take part in all the principal functions in the Major Basilica and other churches of Rome and especially Basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican where I am the maestro. . . "I can also certify that the said artists sang at all the functions of the Sis-tine Chapel, as soloists for many

In addition to these general letters, the singers brought with them others commending them to the care of members of the Catholic hierarchy in the United States and Canada. Among the letters some to Cardinal O'Connell, bishop and to Brnchesi of Archbishop THE ROMANCE of the sea is not and Toronto. These letters were from Cardinal Merry Del Val. arrival of the singers in Boston,

n Rome. Last Thursday, His Grace, Arch. hishon Haves came to New York received at his residence. After learning their plans, His Grace gave them his blessing and wishes them the best of success on their tour

The first American concert of clogged that to have it perform its these distinguished artists will be at Carnegie Hall on Sunday evening, September 14. It will be an event first time the music of the Sistine Chanel will have been heard outside sling hammocks in the rigging, and of Italy, or that singers from that body have strayed outside of Roman limits. Some of the choicest gems from the Vatican repertory will be attacks. The whole story reads like given in the matchless way for which will be modern music too: songs. duets and quartets, some of them from operas. One of the novelties will be the rendition of several solos by Signor Gabrielli, the greatest living male soprano, who has THE LATEST caper of so-called held the position of soprano soloist in higher criticism appears in a book the Sistine Chapel Choir for nearly

> music has been brought in the Vati can, and to give the American public some idea of the beauties of the sacred music of the Sistine Chapel. Their singing of numbers composition should be a stimulus and inspiration to American choirs and musical directors.

The virtue of silence under trial is one of the rarest virtues and the most difficult to acquire, therefore it conducive to the strength and