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## "AN ENEMY HATH DONE THIS'

We have emphasized in our col- the hosts of reasonable Protestants umns that the circulation of such from being misled by pro-German mischief making documents as the and Satanic falsehoods. Accordingforged Knights of Columbus oath is | ly, we rejoice to see that the Rev. the work of the enemies of Canada, R. G. Peever, a Methodist pastor of of agents of Germany. This is not London, Ont., has written to the a mere gratuitous assertion on our press rebuking the folly and unpart. It is borne out by the explicit charitableness of those who give statements of Government author- credence to evil reports against ities in the United States where a Catholics. The Rev. Mr. Peever similar campaign for the promotion says that Renfrew is his home town of national dissensions has been and he testifies to the absolute carried on. In The Ladies' Home reliability of "the Protestant Com-Journal for July there is an article mittee of Investigation in Renfrew with the title, "They Say: But which reported on the alleged They Lie," and the sub-title is "An Knights of Columbus oath as a for-Authoritative Announcement for the gery. Mr. Peever says : Government of the United States." This announcement is issued by the banish from our hearts distrust and U. S. Secretary of State, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the sarily the feelings of others." Navy, and Chairman George Creel. The announcement deals with "infamous lies circulated by Prussian agents throughout the United States." The first lie that the announcement deals with is a story that moral conditions in hospitals in France are so bad that American nurses have had to be taken away from them. The second lie dealt with is equally disgusting. The third lie is an allegation of wholesale waste of food in the Navy. The fourth lie that this Government announcement sets out to refute is of particular interest to Catholics. We quote verbatim :

"The mails have been full of another German deceit in the shape of a printed 'Blood Oath of the Knights of Columbus.' It purports to be a solemn vow taken by the Roman Catholics to 'make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against' all heretics, Protestants and Masons' and to 'burn, hang, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics.' It is given as printed from the Congressional Record, Sixty second Congress, Third Session, Vol. 49, Part 4, pp. 3216-17, Feb. 15, 1913.' And it does indeed appear in the Congressional Record Novitiate. There are other vows that date, but only because it taken by special classes in the was produced in an election contest and denounced before Congress as an abominable forgery by the candi-

"An agent caught passing around every Jesuit who is ordained to the involved in the War. printed copies of this 'oath' in New Jersey has been arrested and im-

not to harbour or express suspicions are professed liars and that none of no effect at all. It is often a condi- bigotry among the ignorant and fanof your neighbour that you would their statements can be believed. tion of the insertion of a big adnot have him harbour or express regarding yourself. A man who has his truthfulness or honesty gratuitously questioned regards himself as insulted, and an insult is one of the worst of social sins. When Catho- trying to influence Protestants like apply to the editorial columns as lics are insulted by having their patriotism assailed they do not relish other Protestants more fair-minded, is not so frequent. It is a common declaring that they are patriots. They would prefer to treat the insult with silent contempt. A Knight of Columbus does not enjoy telling the world that he is not a Jack the Ripper. A Catholic editor does not find it agreeable to spend mies of the Society of Jesus. his time disproving malicious fables like that of the bogus oath. But we BISHOP BUDKA FALSELY have to repeat these denials and refutations for the sake of Protest-

CHARGED ants, to save them from being de-It may have been only a coincidence or it may have been something prietors are not unregardful of the ceived. We may not care very much what Protestants think about Cathoelse that the raid on St. Stanislaus' Novitiate, as well as the arrests of a stopping advertising for a few issues, lics, but we have to care what Pro-Catholic Bishop and priest should can make a difference of thousands testants think about the Church of take place shortly before the Twelfth of dollars to the revenue of a paper. Christ. It is only because it is our of July. There are always victims to A legal provision against directly duty to battle against calumnies that we labour these unsavoury be butchered for the annual Orange paying for the insertion of editorial holiday. However, the charges of matter could not stop the indirecttopics. We do not expect to have sedition against Bishop Budka, a paying for such matter. No Act of any effect on the minds of fanatics. Ruthenian, and Father Bossche, a Parliament can make men honest in but we may succeed in preventing Belgian, have failed as completely as this connection. the charge of harbouring defaulters What is wanted is more intelliagainst the Jesuit institution. Bishop Budka and Father Bossche public, so that the press will not be able were arrested at Hafford, Sask., on to manufacture public opinion as it July 8. The cases came up for hear- so often does. But the public has a ing in court on July 15. The charge curious habit of continuing to supagainst the Bishop was withdrawn port papers it knows it cannot trust. and the charge against Father There is a well known paper. Bossche was dismissed by the magistrate for lack of evidence.

> No doubt the arrests have served their purpose. They have served to trivial or stale war news as if it keep up the atmosphere of suspicion against Catholics. Many people who important. The people who have read about the arrests will not have been so often fooled out of their read about the failure of the prose- coppers must know by this time that cution to make out a case that a they cannot trust the scare head-

"These are times when we should suspicion, and refuse to repeat any slander that would hurt unneces-Toronto Globe featured on its front paper. Improvement of newspapers page the news of the arrests; it fol- will come when the public learns to lowed that story up the next day support the better ones and to leave These are the words of common with another spreading over half a the others severely alone. sense as well as of Christian charity.

column ; but it did not give a single To think evil of our neighbour is to word about the acquital. The press do him an evil. It is not surprising despatches at the time of the arrests that there should be in any cominsinuated that the Ruthenian munity one or two disreputable Bishop had a bad record inasmuch organs that cater to the baser eleas that at the beginning of the War he appealed for recruits for the Austrian army and that an indignation meeting was held at Yorkton at the time calling on the Bishop to retract tude. The facts of the matter are

> that on July 27, 1914, when it was and all necessary information can be only Austria, Serbia and Russia who gations. The entrance of Britain in done to Catholic travellers. the war against Germany and Austria

eight days after the Bishop's pastoral completely changed the situation as far as Austrian subjects resident in Canada were concerned and Bishop Budka's newspaper, The Canadian Ruthenian, made it plain respect will compare favorably with that the Bishop and the Ruthenian that of any educational institution people were with the British Empire in Canada. and with Canada. "We love our adopted country, and will, if necessity requires it, shed our blood in her defence," said The Canadian man forces last year, an English

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atical. Men like the Rev. Mr. Spence will vertisement that the paper give a not believe in the genuineness of the paragraph in its news columns

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Catholic Truth Society of

THERE IS MORE than a suspicion vow we have published here. They favourable to the advertiser. This abroad in England—there is practical certainty that the Anti-Vatican campaign there and elsewhere is fed with German money. "It is not in any Rev. Mr. Spence. But there are well as the news columns, but this spirit of fanaticism that we give publicity to this," says an exchange, "but and we are confident that they will thing for notices of concerts and because experience has taught us be edified by the Christ-like spirit of theatrical performances to have that in every element of division the real Jesuit vow and they will their space in the news columns among the Allies, we must look for contrast its beauty and charity with determined by the amount of adverthe filthy coin of the Central Empire." the diabolical impostures that have tising in connection therewith. To set Catholics and Protestants by been circulated by unscrupulous ene- Again, a large advertiser in a paper the ears, to cast a slur on the loyalty secures incidentally a considerable of Catholic soldiers, and to foster degree of immunity from criticism distrust of Catholics generally is in the paper he patronizes. These certainly a game worth the candle in things may not be called corrupt, the enemy's eyes, and he has made but they show a lack of independ use of it to the fullest extent on both ence in the paper. Newspaper pro-Continents. In France, General powerful interests that, merely by tunic, has been their special mark, and, in the United States, President Wilson, with his ear to the ground, has proclaimed that anyone who lends himself to stirring up creed or race hatred is doing the work of the

Enemy.

SOME WEEKS ago, a member of the the editorial staff of the Tyd (a Holland gence and discrimination among the paper) returned from Belgium with the news that the Germans had devoted a million marks to a press campaign against Cardinal Mercier, with a view to undermining his theatrical and ambitious man, whose a neighbour but not a friend of The sole aim was to make capital out of Globe's, which day after day sells the misery of his people by winning special editions by dressing up some credit for himself and his high office-Now, comments an overseas contemwere something fresh and mightily porary, we ask our readers to watch the press despatches, and if dubious hints and innuendos against the Cardinal begin to appear, make up your mind that the Tyd's story is the field of battle Court could even consider. 'The lines, yet they continue to buy the true. The smell of German" grease will have betrayed itself.

WE CAN imagine how shocked the Spences, the Palmers and the like gan. such iniquitous proceedings. We, for stroke on Thursday caught our part, readily acquit them of any enemy entirely unprepared. Canada is to be congratulated on the bigotry or appetite for cheap notori-ety has not stupified them entirely, tered that French cavalry was sent ience of the hotel registers it has Catholic churches and hours of Mass. into doing the enemy's work in this enemy. In one case a German bat. his statements and change his atti- The register is a frame holding a country, and in the great summingcard that may be changed at will, up find themselves arrayed among placed on the card. If hotel propri- wittingly, have in the carrying on of called upon all Austrians liable for display these registers in a place of the Allies and put off the joyful world.

> A SAD END to apostasy and a life estranged from God was that of Rheims by way of the Valley of the ST. JEROME'S College, Kitchener, is Roberto Ardigo, the well known phil- Vesse, collecting the records of its alumni in the great War. Its record in this WHEN THE British troops entered Peronne after driving out the Gerregiment was told off to a certain house for its quarters. In one of

Red Cross, the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Salva tion Army. Give of your money your services. Give Fight and pray." Fight, give

and work reverently, with a prof realization of the sacredness of the cause for which you fight, give and work. If you are driving a rivet in a ship plate, drive it with the power of the spirit as well as the dexterity of the hand. If you are giving up a luxury, give it up with the cheerful ness of one who is doing a spiritual 'Fight and pray." In these three

words is comprised the gospel of national devotion, national deter mination, national will to win. "Fight and pray."-N. Y. Evening

Mail

# ON THE BATTLE LINE

THE MIRACLE of the Marne has een repeated. In full confidence Foch, a solid Catholic who pins a that the Allies' powers of resistance badge of the Sacred Heart on his were almost broken, the Crown tunic, has been their special mark. Prince set out five days ago upon that decisive drive towards Paris, for which all the other battles of the present campaigning season had been merely preparatory. His program was mapped out with precision. Rheims was to be captured within a few hours. Chalons, Epernay and Sezanne were to be take before

Wednesday night, and on Thursday the German army was to swing into line on a front of sixty miles for the great "promenade" to Paris, while the fragments of Foch's beaten corps were falling back, shattered and dis-pirited, towards the crossings of the Seine.

THAT WAS the dream of the Gerinfluence by representing him as a the training or the training and any the training and traini official French reports. The German advance is stopped everywhere, and by a splendidly successful counterattack Soissons has been brought under command of French guns, 17,000 German prisoners have been counted, and more are coming in 360 cannon have been taken, including a battery of eight inch siege guns, and enormous quantities of supplies have been gathered upon after their aban donment by the fleeing enemy-the elite of their country's fighting men. Rheims is out of danger, Paris is farther away than it was from the enemy lines when the offensive be-gan. The official despatches are would be at the merest suggestion of still laconic and somewhat fragmen. any part or parcel on their part in tary, but it is evident that General Foch's carefully-prepared counter-For such criminal folly. But if they seven or eight hours the French and have any common sense left, and Americans went forward almost

devised for informing travellers as to they will beware lest they stumble forward to round up the retreating tery was overtaken and captured. and in another a squadron of cavalry captured a village occupied by the those forces which, wittingly or un-wittingly, have in the carrying on of mans who were operating a machine seemed certain to fight, the Bisbop etors generally can be induced to the War, intensified the difficulties gun in the village square. All along the front, lorries, field kitchens and military service to return to their native country and fulfil their obli-important service will have been sound and resound throughout the sound and resound throughout the narrow strip of front, and to the

Americans a large proportion of the catch is credited. FROM SOISSONS southeasterly

du Roi and in Courton Wood have

driven the Germans westward over

half a mile. The lines of invest-ment around Rheims are not now

nearly so dangerous as they were.

Roberto Ardigo, the well known phil-osopher and man of letters of French advance easterly from Soisthirty two The Padua. Ardigo began life as a pious reduced the width of the territory lad, who, called as was thought to the coclesiestical state, pursued the ably less than thirty. The depth of usual course of studies and was in the German penetration from the due time ordained priest. He seems Vesle southerly to Mesles, on the north side of the Marne, is about his forty second year, he wrote that there must be more than 25 divisions remarkable letter to his Bishop which of German troops, or not less than signalized his utter abandonment of three hundred thousand men. It is too much to hope that the greater ealed religion, and which became

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# SUDDENLY HAD NOTABLE MILITARY

SENATOR MASON DIES

CAREER

Toronto Globe, July 17 Brigadier - General Hon. James Mason died yesterday at his home, 43 Queen's Park, following an operation on Saturday for appendicitis. Thursday he was walking about On Friday he was waiting about the city, apparently in good health. On Friday he was taken to the hos-pital, and after the operation on Sat-urday he seemed to be doing well. Yesterday there was a sudden collapse, and at 1 o'clock one of Toronto's most devoted citizens was no more.

General Mason was born in Toronto, August 25, 1843, and was edu-cated at the Model School. On leaving school he entered the service of the Toronto Savings Bank, which was afterwards converted into the Home Savings and Loan Co. and later into the present Home Bank of Danada. In 1873 he became General Manager and President of the Home Bank, and maintained his active connection with the bank until he was called to the Senate in 1914. He was also a director of several co panies.

# BEGAN AS A PRIVATE

He began his military career as a private in the ranks, serving in the Queen's Own Rifles during the Fen ian Raids. In 1882 he was gazetted Captain of the 10th Royal Grenadiers. He commanded No. 2 Service Company in the Riel Rebeilion, and present at the Fish Creek fight and volunteered to rush the

final position held by the rebels. At Bat. oche, the seat of the rebellion, he was severely wounded. In 1893 he became Lieut. Col., and was one of the Canadian officers sent to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 1897, nd was second in command of the Colonial Infantry, drawn from all parts of the Empire. He was presented to Queen Victoria, and re-ceived from Her Majesty an autograph photograph, which he prized very highly.

General Mason retired from the mmand of the Royal Grenadiers in 99, and was appointed to the command of the 4th Infantry Brigade, rom which he retired in 1909, with the rank of full Colonel. In 1915 he was promoted to Brigadier General, and he was the recipient of many medals.

#### CHIEF ORGANIZER OF RESERVE MILITIA

His interest in military organization was always active and enthusi-actic. He was the Chief Organizer of the Reserve Militia of Canada, and it was a matter of great regret to him that he was too old to serve in the present War. He visited, how ever, the battlefields of France and never lost an opportunity of stimulating recruiting at the beginning of the War, and of urging the need of reinforcements.

In all matters of public interest and service Gen. Mason was ever at the front. He was one of the foundегь of the Canadian Military Institute, and of the Empire Club. He was a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and was Vice President of the St. John Ambu-

lance Association, and has long been Treasurer and faithful worker for the Red Cross Society. The noble memorial to the heroes of the South African war that stands in University avenue is largely the result of Gen. Mason's activity in honor of Canada's great dead. In religion he was a devoted Catholic and attended St. Basil's Church.

# WAS A PHILANTHROPIST

Gen. Mason was one of the first to Gen. Mason was one of the first to see the need in Toronto of a public library, the "People's University," and was one of the founders of the Mechanics' Institute, the precursor of the Toronto Public Library, which he was one of the original trustees, and later Chairman of the board. No philanthropic cause that had any logic of appeal ever appealed to him in vain. He loved his native city and worked earnestly and unostentatiously for its good. Those who knew him best speak of his quiet and unassuming spirit and of THE POSITION of Rheims and of the Allied troops on the West from the his transparent and democratic disposition. In the death of Gen. Mason Toronto has lost one of her worthiest sons, and the Empire one of her most loyal and devoted servcaptured

WHAT THE JESUITS DO VOW

"If the Roman Catholic Church will publish the oath taken by members of the Jesuit order people will have an opportunity to be disarmed

of the suspicions that exist towards this order. These were the words of the Rev. B. Snell, writing in The London Advertiser. For the sake of Mr. Snell and others of a like attitude of mind we publish the formula of the Simple Vows. These are the only vows taken by every Jesuit and they

are pronounced at the end of the Society of Jesus, such as the Temporal Coadjutors (lay brothers) and an abominable forgery by the candi-date against whom it was circulated. the Professed Fathers. Of course, Ruthenian, when Canada became

ments, but it is surprising and distressing that Protestant leaders and papers of a higher standing should so rarely repudiate these un-Christian and unpatriotic slanderers.

# will regard this publication as an condition is often implicit when it is other Jesuit ruse. Well, we are not not expressed. The condition may

prisoned, but the circulation of it, through the mails, anonymously, ganda."

we have the highest executive offi. more formidable than the promise of cers of the United States Govern. obedience made by the bride to the the corruption of the press. The him. Examination of the instrument, under the President, saying groom in the Anglican marriage incident that gave rise to the sugges- ment discovered a concealed bomb, precisely what Catholics have said service. The most important and tion was the filing of a sworn stateabout the forgery when it was circulated anonymously among Canadian soldiers in the London Military Dis- ciety of Jesus are the Simple Vows election, a statement which included Prussian kultur, as the world has trict. It is to be hoped that some of the malefactors will be caught in Ontario as well as in New Jersey. though altogether most unworthy of Thy Divine sight, yet trusting in Thy

## A SANE METHODIST PASTOR

vow before the most sacred Virgin Mary, and the whole court of heaven, It is not pleasant for Catholics to to Thy Divine Majesty, perpetual Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience, in have to protest that they are not traitors to their King and country. the Society of Jesus, and promise that I will enter into the same Our natural, human pride is mortified when we have to profess the Society, for ever to lead my elementary virtues of loyalty and therein, according to the Constitutions of the patriotism, just as an ordinary man or woman would feel it absurd and humilising to have to applied to a same Society. Therefore I most humiliating to have to proclaim ite Goodness and Mercy, by the Blood themselves honest and moral, of Jesus Christ, that Thou wilt vouchsafe to admit this holocaust in Social life would become impossible an odour of sweetness, and as Thou hast already given me grace to deif we could not take for granted in ordinary individuals a certain sire and offer it, so Thou wilt also minimum standard of decency. It is only in so far as there is trust be. fill it. Amen." tween men that there is any society; We do not share the Rev. Mr. there is no society where there is no Snell's optimistic belief that publicatrust. A man feels himself out. tion of the Jesuit vows will "disarm raged when his honour is gratuitous. the suspicions which exist towards

ence to his Superior, correspond ing to the promise of obedience still continues. It is German propa- made to the Bishop or Ordinary by secular priests. This promise of

It is German propaganda. Here obedience at ordination is not a whit the most generally interesting of the ment of expenses by a successful keys would have blown the house vows taken by members of the So. according to the following formula: "Almighty everlasting God, I. N.N.,

understanding all things

life

Goodness and Infinite Mercy, and moved with a desire of serving Thee,

CORRUPTION The Toronto Globe betrays a guile- his comrades. He was about to lessness that makes for ineffective- strike the keys when an officer of ness in its suggestion for preventing experience noticed him and warned

A WRONG REMEDY FOR

candidate for Parliament at the last and all that it contained to atoms. an item of \$1,033 paid for "editorcome to know during this War, is reials" in a daily paper. After the sourceful and far-reaching.

candidate in question had given an

explanation of the item The Globe THE LITTLE group of Guelph parexonerated him from purchasing sons who gained nationwide notoreditorials, but added : "The incident | iety over the Jesuit Novitiate affair. seems to show the need for an would, with their outside auxiliaries amendment to the Election Act be righteously indignant at the sug providing that any advertising paid gestion that they were in the pay of for by a candidate to promote his the Kaiser. No one that we are candidature or place his views be- aware of has seriously accused them fore the people shall either be of that, nor would the suggestion marked 'advertising' or shall be set in meet with favor in any quarter. advertising type and bear such And yet, measured by the standard identification marks as will clearly laid down by President Wilson, and establish its character as paid by others in authority, they have in matter, and neither a report nor an effect undoubtedly played into the editorial. A plainly-worded pro- hands of the Hun by sowing the vision in the law making it an seeds of discord and distrust among offence for a publisher to accept the various sections of the Canadian money for 'opinions' favourable to people. We are not aware that they any candidature for public office have accomplished anything other-

would clear the air." wise, nor have they even earned the One does not need to have much approval of the thinking classes of shrewdness or much knowledge of the community. They have simply

ly questioned, and the first rule of good manners as well as of morals is Spence, of Guelph, say that all Jesuits to know that such a law would have tors, and fed fuel to the flames of Savings Stamps. Contribute to the God.

the rooms was a piano apparently the rallying cry of his later follow-they are in peril, and to extricate uninjured and intact, and on seeing ers. In that letter he stated that them the Crown Prince will be this a young soldier of musical tastes his decision was actuated only by forced to throw into the battle many immediately sat down to entertain the purest of motives. Thought and fresh divisions from the German conscience, he postulated, told him that he must sacrifice faith to phil-the battle becoming fiercer because osophy. He became leader of a of the utilization by the enemy of peculiar type of Positivism, and was their reserves. known as "The Master." But he which on the striking of any of the

did not find happiness, and now, in Mountain of Rheims has been imhis ninetieth year, he has gone proved materially during the past before his Maker, a suicide. He was two days. The Italians, by an attack found in his studio with his throat in the Ardre Valley, have Moulin d'Ardre, and with the mill cut. Surely a sad end to a wasted hamlet four hundred prisoners, four cannon and thirty machine guns. life! God only is the true object of man's existence. Without Him life French troops operating in the Bois

is in itself a tragedy.

"FIGHT AND PRAY"

Farley and O'Connell to Catholics to to which it is directly addressed. The appeal carries something of the spirit that made the Covenanters inincible ; that made the Swiss mountaineers conquerors over a rapacious empire; that has animated every successful national movement since the struggle for liberty began. It is a paraphrase of the revolutionary in-junction: "Trust in God and keep junction : your powder dry.'

Fight and pray." Fight first. Forest and Bailleul.-Globe, July 20. Fight with every weapon which God has given you. Fight on the frontier of freedom. But if you cannot fight

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN EUROPE

ants.

The extent and scope of the Red Cross organization is so great that it is to be compared only with one of

nearly so dangerous as they were. SIR DOUGLAS HAIG reports the cap-ture of the village of Meteren, on the agency of relief, our fighting men are "fight and pray" for the winning of the War will find a response in a much wider circle than the church Scottish troops, who took over three only two miles west of Bailleul, by Scottish troops, who took over three the Young Men's Christian Associa-Scottien troops, who took over after the bound at the Knights of Columbus guns. South of Meteren the Austra-lians, who hold the line there, pushed of the Y. M. C. A. is undertaken and lians, who hold the line there, pushed of the 1. M. C. A. Is thuck and the forward under cover of the fight for done upon a scale difficult to realize. Materan, and in advancing their The Knights of Columbus, an organposition took eighty prisoners and ten machine guns. These operations more recent inception, but already has 400,000 members in the United and others of a like nature recently, States and expects to raise and spend \$50,000,000 in war work this year. have made the approach to Haze-brouck more difficult for the Germans in the sector between Nieppe No trifle, this.

A recent bulletin of this order announces that the K. of C. will have 1,000 secretaries in Europe before There are a great many times is cannot understand. But there is never a time when we cannot trust chaplains are going abroad as fast as transportation details can be There are a great many things we September 15, and 2,000 before the

The plea of Cardinals Gibbons