

in this land by a peregrinating Jesuit preacher, which, to the hot-blooded ignorant Catholic would convey the most distinct conviction, that it would be an act of devotion to the Church and innocent before God to make away with Bismarck. We have heard such denunciations of this statesman here, and heard of this vehemence being used elsewhere, as explain to us how the wrath of a German Catholic might be fired to the heat needful for a crime so darkly wicked as assassination; and we, therefore, have no hesitation in believing that the motive power of the impulse to murder Prince Bismarck came from those who cloak their satanic machinations against the good order of human society by the name of the Prince of Peace.

While naming this Order we may incidentally mention that we have private advices from one familiar for many years with Spanish sentiment, both religious and political, who informs us that the present struggle in Spain is a religious war; that it is the great struggle there between the two Catholic parties, the one led by the Jesuits, the other the men open to modern improvements and ideas; that Don Carlos is a mere instrument by whom it is sought to bind down Spain in the bonds of Ultramontane tyranny and superstition. As such a contest, we are assured, it is watched with intense interest by all Liberals in the Catholic Church, and certainly this aspect renders it of more profound interest to humanity than a mere struggle between

Monarchy and Republicanism, which men are beginning to discover not worth the cost of the fight.

The situation in France is not changed, but is more easily understood by those who need some simple fact to fix their attention and symbolize the unseen. Marshal MacMahon has addressed a communication to the army in which he quietly speaks of "we," *i. e.*, himself as Marshal, and they as soldiers, being bound to maintain order in that country,—"order" meaning, as usual, in such cases, the continuance of the speaker in his office. There is thus placed before the Republicans, the Legitimists and Bonapartists, the awkward fact that the army is to be used to keep the nation without a settled government or head for seven years, except such government as it approves, and such head as a mere soldier's is, which is not much outside barracks or camp. MacMahon seems to forget that Charles the Tenth's army and generals were loyal, but saved not his throne, and that Louis Philippe's experience was not dissimilar. The French army is, in fact, part of the people of France, and when the time comes for some strong man to seize the throne, or establish a Republic proper, MacMahon will find his battalions will decide to relegate him to his only true sphere—military command, in which he will gain more honor than can come from being a military dictator as now, and as he threatens to remain for seven years by force of arms.