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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 1891.

CHILIAN warships bearing the heroic names of "O'Higgins" and "Lynch" must strike readers of South American war news as rather curious.

COMPLAINTS are again being made that the Salvation Army is being assaulted in certain parts of the city. No words that we could write would be strong enough to express our condemnation of such unchristian conduct.

It is now stated that the Italian Government is about to address a circular to the European powers submitting the conduct of the United States Government in the New Orleans affair to their judgment.

The inventor of the Anthropometric system of measuring and registering criminals claims that a result of the application of his methods in Paris has been to prevent foreign criminals paying that city a second visit after having been identified.

Poor humanity never looks poorer than on moving day. The movers have a conscious appearance of misery and degradation that changes occasionally to one of ill-tempered defiance.

The reported rapprochement between the Emperors of Austria and Russia is said to have given a new turn to Euro-

pean politics and to have called in question the stability of the triple alliance. Whilst this is strenuously denied at Vienna it appears to have caused uneasiness at Berlin.

FROM Berlin comes the news that the last survivor, as is supposed, of the famous Borgias has just died in the most abject poverty at Gings, near Salsburg.

LIKE Montreal, New York has had a long and severe experience in the endeavor to make its police force what it should be. There politics was the great stumbling block, and so long as efforts were directly made to take the police out of politics, they failed.

It has been found that there are in Boston to-day more than a hundred of the public school mistresses who in their official capacity style themselves "Kittie," "Sallie," "Mollie," etc.

I observe that it is an almost universal practice on this continent—even on public occasions, in prize lists, in roll calls and in the intercourse of general society, for young ladies to be addressed by their casual acquaintances, may, even in the newspapers, by that in the old country, we would call their pet names.

THE Daily Witness sympathizes very much with the Catholic clergy in their condemnation of Parnell, and it sympathizes very much with those who resent the interference of the Catholic clergy in political affairs.

the Parnellites. In the first place the Catholic clergy are praised for having denounced a man as unfit to be a political leader because of his moral turpitude.

"Practically speaking, it must be perfectly clear to the clergy as well as to the laity that a people whose political action has to be governed by clerical advice might as well accept the autocratic rule of an archbishop without intermediaries."

All of which simply amounts to this, that the Daily Witness is a hypocritical sheet, specially published for people of its own kind.

STO. LOUIS the Secretary of the United States Treasury carry out his alleged intention of withdrawing the bonding privileges now allowed Canadian railways, he must of course, be prepared for like action on the part of the Dominion government.

SPREADING DISEASE.

The Quebec Telegraph tells a startling story of the manner in which diphtheria is spread in the portion of that city known as St. Sauveur. It seems that defective drainage and opening of the streets for the laying of the aqueduct is the supposed cause of the prevalence of the disease in the parish named.

The only real good is the good of all.

THE CHURCH AND MODERN SOCIETY.

Anticipations of trouble on the first of May were pretty generally fulfilled. Throughout France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Austria-Hungary, and to a less extent in Spain, the discontent of the laboring classes found expression.

These deadly encounters between the working people and the military in European cities seem strange to us in Montreal, who are accustomed to witness labor demonstrations carried out by large numbers of workmen in perfect peace, with admirable good order and with the general approval of the public and of the authorities.

But for the law-abiding character of the labor movement in this country the Catholic Church deserves the gratitude of the whole people and of the Government.

In Europe unfortunately large masses of laborers have become estranged to religion. Led by false guides they have adopted principles subversive not only of government, as it exists, but also of the whole fabric of civilized institutions.

They also forget, or ignore, the great lesson, written large on every page of human history, that institutions and the civilization which makes them possible are things of slow growth and development.

The Democratic movement of the present age and the all-important questions connected therewith have for years claimed the anxious thought and careful study of the Head of the Church, and it is expected that the Encyclical, which contains the teaching of the Holy Father on the Social question, will soon be given to the world.

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with all that is great, good and generous in the social and intellectual currents of our time.

On this point it has been well observed that each period has its particular needs, its own economic conditions. Things that are good and equitable to-day are old and inapplicable to-morrow.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Those who anticipated a long and acrimonious debate on the address from the throne were doomed to disappointment. On Monday the discussion ended and to the chagrin of many no vote was taken.

Mr. Gladstone Sick. LONDON, May 11.—Mr. Gladstone is the latest of the prominent men of Great Britain to be announced as on the sick list.

In the course of Mr. Devlin's speech he laid great stress on the fanatical course of Mr. Dalton McCarthy. It is to be regretted, however, that he allowed Mr. Charlton to go scot free.

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Michael Davitt. LONDON, May 8.—Michael Davitt and wife sail from Liverpool for Quebec on May 13, on their journey to California.

Adding Irish Industries. LONDON, May 12.—At the last drawing-room, Princess Maude of Wales wore a gown with train made from English white brocade.

A McCarthy Convention. LONDON, May 11.—A conference here to-day of the McCarthyite members of Parliament resolved to call a convention in Ireland.

Discretion. New York, May 11.—A despatch from St. John's Nfld., says:—After a conference between the two houses of the Legislature, and prolonged sittings in private, both branches decided to endorse the action of the delegates to England.

Going to be Master. WASHINGTON, May 8.—The President has determined to have an end of the Behring Sea business. He is tired of Secretary Blaine's perpetual trifling and attempts to pose as an amateur Rudin.

New Music—Songs at Street's. "She Didn't Know What to Say" by C. A. White, a cute song after the style of "No, Sir."

To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance.