A NATION'S LIFE CANCER

BY DOMESTIC FOES

MUNICIPAL CORRUPTION RIFE

FRev. Dr. Talmage Preaches His Fourth of July Sermon and Patriotically Attempts to Induce the People to Scotch the Evils In the Body Politic -Where and How to Begin the Crusade Pointed Out In Clear-Cut

Los Angeles, Cal., July 1.-In this ermon the preacher makes a powerful appeal for an independence which shall result in the redemption of our cities from official corruption. text is Jeremiah vii, 17, "Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah?"

This is the Sunday preceding the national holiday. This is the hour when thousands of patriotic sermons are being preached over this land, most of them in eulogistic strain, I want this morning to place my finger upon the most flagrant weakness of our national life. This is not the weakness of national or state legislation. It is the weakness of municipal corruption, which we find in most of the large cities scattered over our land. cancer which is gnawing and eating toward the vitals of man's physical body is even more fatal in its results than the dangers which are threatening him from without. Indeed, the only enemies which are threatening to undermine our national foundations are dermine our national foundations are domestic foes and not foreign invaders.

Most great statesmen are as loath to enter an international controversy as is the present head of the German em-pire. Some years ago the young emper-or was looking at the Vereschagin pictures depicting Napoleon's invasion of Russia. He said, "Vereschagin, never did the judgment of God so plainly strike man as it struck Napoleon at Moscow." Then he locked a little longer at the pictures and said, "Veres chagin, your pictures are an excellent corrective of warlike appetites." Then he looked a little longer and again said, Vereschagin, the statesman who would needlessly plunge his country into an international strife is a fool." anto an international strife is a fool."
Emperor William shudders at the thought of war. The great statesmen, both trans and cis Atlantic, have the same dread. The one great purpose of their lives is to prevent international complications. So, in all probability, you and I will never live to see the day when this nation shall be warring against another first-class nation. Thus in our present patriotic sermon act us turn our attention to the internal rather than external dangers—namely,

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velt declares that most of the municipal corruption of this country is directly due to harnessing up national and divice issues in the same yoke. Let me read to you his own strong, powerful, intense words: "The worst evits that affect our local governments arises from and are the inevitable results of the mixing up of city affairs with party politics of the national parties divide have no necessary connections open the way to countless schemes of public plunder and civic normal politics. Then, like the bows and the fings the divide have no necessary connections open the way to countless schemes of public plunder and civic normal politics. Then, like the bows and the fings the divide have no necessary connections open the way to countless schemes of public plunder and civic normal politics. Then, like the bows and the fings the divide have no necessary connection of the conduct of an an and the proposed of the civic problems which we have connected the problems which we have no necessary connection of the civic problems which we have no necessary connection of the mixing up of city after which he connected the necessary connection of the problems which we have no necessary connection of the civic problems which we have no necessary connection of the civic problems which we have no necessary connection of the civic problems which we have no necessary connection of the civic problems which we have not necessary to necessary t

you shall will never live to see the year of the conduct of anticolar strainty and the control of the conduct o

creasury. There were quite a number of senators and representatives who were suspected by their associates of being venal. When I think of the conditions which prevailed then and for years following. Tweed intrenched in power in New York, five judges of the United States, court fleeing from office under threats of impeachment for corruption, the Credit Mobiliar scandals, the scandals attending the Austrian exposition, the lobbying, the whole civil service treated as patronage by powerful political leaders, the report of the committee of military affairs in the House recommending the expulsion of four of its members for making sale of their privileges of selecting youths to be educated at our great military school, the impeachment for corruption of four judges in New York, the whisky frauds (in which the private secretary of the President was implicated), the Belknap impeachment, one eminent member of the United States Senate saying to another when he declared he could find no steal in a pending meassaying to another when he declared he could find no steal in a pending measure that if the Senate could find no steal in it it was not likely to be there, eight active Republican leaders in Massachusetts detected in state prison offenses—it seems to me as if I were living not only in sucher age, but the ing not only in another age, but in another planet."
That was the testimony of the purifi-cation of national and state politics in the political life of Senator George F. Hoar of Massachusetts. May we live to see such a wonderful change in the Hoar of Massachusetts. May we live to see such a wonderful change in the purification of city politics. May we live to see our churches aroused politically. May our churches become great institutions of moral and political training. May their members side by side go forth to capture the political primaries in our cities for purity and right. May godly men always not only be willing to serve their fellowmen in civic offices, but may godly men, by the grace of God, go forth to elect their fellows to positions of civic trust. Then, like the Hebrews of old, we will not only have six cities of refuge, but all our cities shall be cities of refuge, wharein purity and truth and honor shall love



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SIR HECTOR LANGEVIN

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Sir Hector Louis Langevin, P.C., C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C., LL.D., whose death was recently amounted, was descended from one of the oldest of French-Canadian families, renowned in the church and in the State throughout

lineage. Few Canadians have occupied a more prominent position in public affairs, and none have done more to soften the asperities of racial and religious differences.

Mr. Langevin was born Aug. 25, 1826, in the City of Quebec, the son of Jean Langevin, assistant Civil Secretary under the Earl of Gosford and Lord Sydenham, Governor-General of Canada. His mother was Sophie Scholastique La Force, daughter of Major Pierre

His Marriage.

In 1854 he married Justine, eldest daughter of Lieut.-Col Charles H. Tetu, J.P. Two years later he was chosen representative of Palace Ward in the Quebec City Council, and subsequently became chairman of the Waterworks Committee. In the following year he was elected Mayor of Quebec, a position which he filled for four successive years.

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In 1857, besides being honored with the chief magistracy of his native city, he was also elected member of Parliament for the county of Dorchester. He very naturally was found supporting the Administration, one of the leaders of which was the gentleman at whose hands he had received his political, as well as his legal, training. The Macdonald-Cartier Ministry, however, held life by a very precarious tenure, and as the difficulties thickened about it, was forced to resign. Then Mr. George Brown was called to office, but had to relinquish it in three days.

The old Ministry was recalled to power and a readjustment took place. On the 30th of March, 1864, Mr. Langevin became a Queen's Counsel, and on the same day entered the Tache-Macdonald Administration as Solicitor-General-East. Two years later he became Postmaster-General, which office he retained till Confederation the following year.

In the Confederation movement he

suavity and broad statesmanship which has been shown so prominently in later years came into light. While Sir George Cartier was energetic, forceful and patriotic, he had not the savoirfaire of Mr. Langevin, and he often exasperated where he should have conclilated.

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In the first Dominion Administration Mr. Langevin was Secretary of State, and the following year he was created a C. B. civil. In 1869 he assumed the portfolio of Public Works, and the next year was created a Knight Commander of the Roman Order of Pope Gregory the Great.

During Sir George Cartier's absence in England in 1873, Mr. Langevin acted as leader of the French-Canadian Conservative party, and upon the death of his chief he became the permanent leader. In 1873, on the downfall of Sir John Macdonald's Administration, he resigned office. At the general elections in 1878 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Rimouski, but Mr. William MacDougall, the member for Three Rivers, made way for him, and he was chosen for the vacated constituency by acclamation.

In the new Conservative Government he became Postmaster-General till 1879, when he became again Minister of Public Works, and retained the position till his retirement from public life. Regarding his brilliant parts and the service he had rendered his country and the French-Canadian people, the Queen conferred upon him the knighthood of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Mr. Langevin took no active part in political life after 1891, the year of what was known as the Langevin-McGreevy scandal. His friends assert that through loyalty to his party and his leader he took upon himself far more than his share of responsibility for those unhappy revelations. He continued to sit in the Hobse of Commons till 1896, but only addressed the House two or three times during that period. In 1896 he retired from public life, and since that time lived quietly at his home in Quebec.

PASSING OF ANOTHER OF THE FATHERS OF CONFEDERATION.

the history of both French and British regimes. In his own career he was true to the traditions of his race and family, and took a place in the life of his country not unworthy of his name and lineage. Few Canadians have occupied

ada. His mother was Sophie Scholasti-que La Force, daughter of Major Pierre La Force, an officer of distinction in the American War of 1812, whose grandfather was acting commodore of the British fleet on Lake Ontario dur-ing the American Revolution War. He was educated at the Quebec Sem-

He was educated at the Quebec Seminary and began the study of law in 1846 in the offices of the late Hon. A. N. Morin, in Montreal, on whose retirement from practice he entered the offices of the late Sir George Etienne Cartier. In 1850 he was called to the bar of Lower Canada.

He displayed decided literary tastes and was strongly interested in public affairs, and even when a student contributed frequently to the press. At the age of twenty-one he accepted the edi-

buted frequently to the press. At the age of twenty-one he accepted the editorship of Les Melanges Religieux, Montreal, where he made his mark. Subsequently he edited The Journal of Agriculture, and 1857 he became editor of the Courrier du Canada for a short time. He was a great reader and a well-informed man.

His Marriage.

year.

In the Confederation movement he took a prominent part. He was a delegate to Charlottetown, and later a member of the Quebec Conference. He was also one of those who went to England to aid the Home Office in perfecting the Confederation scheme. During this entire movement the tact, suavity and broad statesmanship which has been shown so prominently in the

In the first Dominion Administration

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