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Forty Millions Wasted.

The report of the commissioners investigating the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific, or National Transcontinental Railway, to which we briefly referred in our last issue, reveals a most appalling public scandal and a most enormous waste of the people's money. Not only did the contracts cost \$173,236,521 more than the Government declared they would cost, but the tremendous sum of \$40,000,000 was actually squandered. Favorite contractors, became millionaires, without doing any work, by simply turning their contracts over to third parties, and simple hangers-on became wealthy by raffle manipulations. Millions of yards of clay and gravel were put in as rock cutting and paid for as such. The commissioners in charge of the enterprise seem to have allowed a free hand to all contractors, and anyone who entered a protest was turned down.

Sir Wilfrid reported over and over again that the road would cost the people of Canada only \$13,000,000, and Mr. Fielding, Minister of Finance repeated that statement. Mr. Fielding made that statement at a public meeting in this Province in 1904. Mr. Blair, who was minister of Railways in the Laurier Government when this railroad scheme was evolved, so emphatically disapproved of it that he resigned his seat in the Cabinet. These are facts known by everyone who has read the newspapers. For years and years, session after session, the Conservative opposition tried to secure some information regarding the status of the work; but invariably the Government turned all enquiry and kept the lid down tight on the graft constantly going in the matter. As soon as possible after coming to power, the Borden Government appointed a competent commission to investigate the business. The report of this commission is now made public and the reasons why the late Government refused information are made manifest—\$40,000,000 of the people's money have been wasted.

Behind that is a tale of extravagance, of recklessness and graft. It is true that the report gives few names as to the beneficiaries apart from the assumption that primarily the profits went to contractors. Who else benefited, is more a matter of surmise than of definite conclusion. That the Liberal party's campaign fund was enriched materially there is no reason to doubt. Just how much found its way to that source may never be known. Politicians have a way of covering up their tracks in such respects, but it is recalled that in the campaigns ever since the Transcontinental was started the Liberals were "flush" and the exposures just made justify the assumption that very much of it came from the public chest, and under the guise of a great public expenditure found its way eventually to those funds which are used to "win over" the electors.

It is estimated that a dozen millionaires have been created, or have had their already great wealth enormously augmented as a result of the building of the Transcontinental Railway. In undertakings of that class a good profit is

always allowable and always expected. Ordinarily there are difficulties and risks. In this case the margin of profit was so abnormal that not only the men at the top but a whole line of understrappers have fattened at the public chest. No one who had anything to do with the building of any large part of the line came away from the completed undertaking without great, and in most cases, excessive profits. It is estimated that they ran all the way from a hundred to five hundred per cent or more. It is true that a number of small operators, the men who subcontracted for a few "stations"—a hundred yards for instance—made only a reasonable profit. They were the exception that proved the rule.

To begin with, when the great job was put up for bidding the conditions precluded any save those of great wealth and security submitting proposals. Contracts that call for deposits of a million dollars are gone after only by big men.

The story has been told of how one firm without turning a spade got \$740,000 despite the fact that the conditions that made this possible were foreseen and were the subject of specific advance protests to the late Government. It was within its power to interfere without being subject to any charge of violating a contractual undertaking. It never turned a hair. Not a move was made to frustrate or prevent a wholly unwarrantable raid upon the public treasury.

It is recalled that the Laurier Government when embarking upon this enterprise gave the whole direction of it to a Commission without a single man of technical qualification in railway construction. The original head of it was a lawyer afterwards succeeded by a lawyer and politician combined, more especially the latter. Another member made corsets, another again was a country store keeper, and a fourth was a grain dealer. Whatever the good faith of the Board might have been considered from the most charitable view point, the utter lack of railway building capacity in itself opened wide the door for all manner of deception and fraud in the undertaking. The Commission rarely went on the work, in any event not until it could be covered by train. Its head engineer directed matters from Ottawa largely, and so it came that almost from the start there were charges of over classification and overbreak. Back in 1908 Major Hodgins upon district "F" became disgusted with the fraud that was being perpetrated and quit. The charges he made were frustrated by political partizanship in a supposedly investigating committee. Finally Mr. Hugh Lumsden, chief engineer, after a trip over the road threw up his job because of what he had seen. In resigning he declared he had lost faith in his subordinates. Subsequently he qualified this statement somewhat by limiting its application. An attempted inquiry again was prevented, at least an inquiry under conditions which savored of any fairness.

Eventually a change of government occurs and a real investigation started, not at a committee room at Ottawa by party politicians but out on the work itself. It was conducted by men thoroughly competent to inquire into both the engineering and the legal and contractual ends of the undertaking. All of what Major Hodgins charged has been proven. All of what Hugh Lumsden alleged is substantiated and besides there is an almost unending tale of waste, of extravagance, of rake offs of men made rich and of the public exchequer made poorer in consequence.

A road that was to have cost \$61,000,000 is now a

hundred million over the estimate and is still going strong. If the G. T. P. ever takes over the eastern section it will not pay interest till 1922. By that time construction and interest charges will have mounted to \$234,000,000. The Commission has exposed how and where the money was expended needlessly and unnecessarily after making due allowance for increased cost of labor and materials in recent years. There is little that the present Government can do by way of securing restitution or prosecuting any who have profited. The contracts were so wide open that, whatever the lack of moral justification, there was little that might not be construed as legal. Action of some kind may be taken, but at least one thing will be done. It will be in the form of steps ensuring that the public gets all the facts through the widest publicity of the report of the investigating commission.

Federal Parliament.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—In one of those eminently fair and common sense speeches which the country has learned to expect from him, Premier Borden introduced the redistribution bill for second reading today. If the principles laid down by the Prime Minister upon the introduction of the measure, and reiterated by him today are followed by the committee the Liberal majority in the senate will have but a slender peg upon which to hang an excuse for its rejection. Mr. Borden again emphasized his desire that the guiding principle of the committee which will be charged with the drafting of the bill, will be the equalization as far as possible of the population of constituencies, and the respecting of municipal boundaries.

As was expected the debate upon the second reading of the bill was brief and unimportant. Sir Wilfrid Laurier paid some little attention to the suggestion that special consideration be given the claims of Prince Edward Island, and contended that no such power could be delegated to any committee or special treatment accorded Prince Edward Island without an amendment to the British North America Act.

He congratulated Mr. Borden, however, upon the fairness of his action in placing the drafting of the measure into the hands of a committee of the House, and hoped that the bill would be "an absolute and accurate expression of the public mind without considerations as to who will win or lose."

Mr. E. M. MacDonald, of Petou argued along the lines indicated by Sir Wilfrid in connection with Prince Edward Island, but Premier Borden in reply showed that special treatment was actually given to Prince Edward Island in 1882, when the Island province was given four seats while entitled only to five. It was "merely the intention of the Government, he pointed out, to give the committee on opportunity of hearing the claims of the Island. There was no intention to depart from the provisions of the B. N. A. Act.

The big fight over the bill, if there is a big fight, will take place when the measure comes back to the Commons for a third reading. There are still whisperings in the corridors that the senate has marked out the bill for destruction.

Premier Borden in moving second reading of his redistribution bill, spoke but briefly, saying that he had little to add to what he had stated in submitting the first reading of the bill.

redistribution before submitting the bill to committee. Parliamentarians, he said, had been puzzled by the clause, "by such authority as parliament may from time to time devise."

Many had suggested that parliament should create a body of judges to adjust the basis of representation but neither party had ever been ready to do this. He went into the history of Canadian redistribution bills, stating that the three first ones, all introduced by the Conservative party, had failed to give general satisfaction while the Liberal measure of 1903, which submitted the question to committee, had worked well and had little criticized since.

As for the committee which would consider the present bill, he was aware that the majority in this body would be subjected to considerable pressure, most of it from outside the house, to induce it to balance the scales of justice lower on one side than on the other. Sir Wilfrid considered that the guiding principle for the committee should be equalization of population without undue disturbance of the equilibrium of party representation.

Another principle should be the compactness of constituencies, the community of interest and regard for the county unit which was the unit in municipal and judicial systems and thus generally in the public life of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid then referred to the allegations made in the house some time ago by Hon. L. P. Pelletier, that the Liberal party had not been entirely true to these principles in 1903. It had been claimed for instance, that the parishes of Lavaltrie, Caughnawaga, Lacelle, Notre-Dame d'Ange, St. Pie and St. Marc in Quebec had been taken away from their proper counties. Sir Wilfrid went into detail to prove that this intended being a departure from the county unit, was only a reaffirmation of this principle, these parishes having been taken by the Conservative bill of 1892 from the counties to which they belonged and being restored in 1903. Caughnawaga, for instance, had been taken from Laprairie in 1892 and put in Chateaugay in 1903.

After stating that the committee must also take cognizance of the principle that the unit of population in urban districts must be greater than in rural ones, Sir Wilfrid went on to deal with the case of Prince Edward Island. The reduced representation of this province, he said, was the matter as regards which parliament had not jurisdiction, and was not a free agent. The only question was one of arithmetic. If Prince Edward Island's case were to be left to committee, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario might ask for the same privileges. He thought that the fact that Prince Edward Island's representation was left to the committee was a vicious feature of the bill which might land the Prime Minister in difficulties.

This was only criticism he had to offer but he would also suggest that the committee to which the bill was to be referred consist of nine members instead of seven, to give better representation to the views of the western provinces. He hoped this committee would frame a measure which would be an absolute and accurate expression of the public mind.

Mr. E. M. MacDonald held that it would be impossible to give Prince Edward Island any larger number of members than it was entitled to under the provisions of the B. N. A. act.

"We would have the same rights," said Mr. Carvell of Charlottetown, N. B. "Yes said Mr. MacDonald, "that would be leaving the door open." He thought the only way in which the question might be dealt with would be to submit an address to the throne to amend the B. N. A. act so that Prince Edward Island's representation might not be reduced, and that such a method would be "well received. In conclusion, he commended the impartial manner in which the Prime Minister had dealt with the whole matter.

Mr. Hughes of Prince Edward Island, stated that there was no doubt Prince Edward Island had believed it was getting six representatives for all time to come when it had entered Confederation.

Hon. L. P. Pelletier observed he could find in Hansard no protests ever made by Prince Edward Island members, when on two previous occasions, the representation of that province had been reduced.

Mr. Hughes complained that the Prime Minister had misrepresented him in stating that he had argued on one occasion against the maintenance of Prince Edward Island representation. He called upon him to withdraw the statement.

W. F. McLean South York, referred to the lack of minority representatives in parliament Toronto had five members, but not one was a labor member representation of political thought throughout the country was quite as desirable as representation of municipalities. Mr. MacLean was in favor of a smaller parliament and also of smaller provincial legislatures. He also suggested a Maritime Union to increase the strength of those provinces in the commons.

After the next election there should be a constitutional revision to deal with question, and many of long standing that were demanded to balance the scales of justice.

Hon. G. P. Graham thought there was much to be said for representation of minorities. Proportional representation might be tried out in Canada without any bad effect, he felt.

As confederation was passed upon a compromise he would be willing to see an arrangement worked out by which the smaller provinces would retain their representation. There was something wrong with the present basis, so far as minorities were concerned. In 1911 there were but 44,491 more Conservative votes than Liberal votes, being about the number required to elect seven members. Thus if there were proportional representation the present house would consist of 114 Conservatives and 107 Liberals. Ontario would be sending 98 Liberals and 48 Conservatives.

Mr. A. A. MacLean of Prince Edward Island said the Island had refused to enter confederation unless it were granted six members, and had considered it would always be entitled to this representation when it had done so. Only after legislative action had been taken had it found his mistake. He thought the redistribution committee could consider and make recommendations in regard to Prince Edward Island.

Premier Borden spoke at the evening sitting, replying briefly to some of the points that had been raised, particularly with references to Prince Edward Island. He moved the adjournment of the debate to Thursday.

Mr. Borden defended his course in leaving the settlement of Prince Edward Island representation to the committee. It was desirable, he thought, that the situation in that province should be carefully considered. If there had been any departure from the Confederation compact, as had been charged, it must have been under the regime of the present leader of the opposition.

Replying to Mr. E. N. MacDonald's suggestion that the right way to deal with Prince Edward Island would be to secure an amendment to the B. N. A. act, Mr. Borden said that there were cases where legislation had been passed by this parliament, subject to the ratification of the Imperial parliament.

Until further advised the "Ocean Limited" between Montreal and Halifax will be discontinued after trip leaving Montreal and Halifax, Sunday, February 1st, 1914, February 4, 1914-41.

The Market Prices. Butter, 0.28 to 0.28; Eggs, per doz., 0.38 to 0.38; Fowls each, 0.50 to 0.50; Chickens per pair, 0.85 to 1.25; Flour (per cwt.), 0.90 to 0.90; Beef (small), 0.10 to 0.14; Beef (quarter), 0.08 to 0.10; Mutton, per lb., 0.08 to 0.10; Pork, 0.10 to 0.12; Fish (cod), 0.30 to 0.30; Hay, per 100 lb., 0.60 to 0.70; Bk Oats, 0.40 to 0.42; Hides (per lb.), 0.11 to 0.11; Calf Skins, 0.00 to 0.15; Sheep pelts, 0.55 to 0.85; Oxen (per cwt.), 0.00 to 0.00; Turkeys, 0.12 to 0.15; Turkeys (per lb.), 0.20 to 0.25; Preserved hay, 12.00 to 15.00; Straw, 0.30 to 0.32; Hocks per pair, 1.50 to 1.00; Lamb/Pelts, 0.50 to 0.50.

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LOCAL & OTHER IT

The Quebec Legislature prorogued Thursday last.

A large fishing steamer, Felle, of Inland waters, and all on board were drowned.

Donald Grant and Robt. Ashby, Grand Trunk Section Men, were killed a train near Whitty Out, and

His sled slowing and striking another caused a large pole to topple on the head of Peter Lavine at the other day. It killed him

The pumping station of the Maritime Light and Heat Co., at Hyacinthe, was blown up by John Spicer was killed and fatally hurt.

Five persons were injured when a bank Railroad's Continental Limited into three road engines at Deseronto. The engineer of the passenger train blinded by the snow.

The official thermometer here registered 20 degrees below zero Saturday. At several other stations the mercury was some degrees lower. This is the coldest this winter.

Two freight trains on the latter collided near St. Louis Quebec. No one was hurt but both engines and two cars badly damaged. The Maritime Express Halifax was delayed 5 hours.

The Bermuda Legislative Council Friday passed a bill to subsidize the Steamship Lines Ltd. for a weekly service between New York and Bermuda, at a rate of \$25,000. It is to be an 18 service.

A series of earth shocks at California between two and four 20 manager. Many people awakened by trembling of foundations and rattling windows made for the open. No one injured and little or no damage was

The severest windstorm for some sweeps the colony by Newfoundland three days last week. Two men drowned on the south coast, and schooners driven off. It is feared they may go under with all hands.

Five firemen were injured at Elm Tuesday evening by being thrown from a motor truck when going to a fire. Swift Canadian Packing Plant. The ran into a pile of ice on a railway track. All five were hurled into the air. The fire necessitated sending them hospital.

On the Great Northern near Belle Washington last Friday night three men shot three passengers dead. The killed. Thos. Wadsworth, Vancouver, C. C. Conductor and H. B. Atkinson, a cover Commercial traveller, and S. H. clerk of the Puget Sound Navy Yard. Bandits robbed the passengers, stopping train by pulling a ball cord and disassembling the engine.

The Committee in charge of distribution, named by Premier Borden made up of the following members: House: Hon. Robert Egger, Hon. Pelletier, Hon. Dr. Reid, Mr. Borden and Mr. R. B. Bousie; Senate: Hon. H. B. Atkinson, Hon. Bousie, Hon. E. M. MacDonald and Hon. Pardo representing the opposition.

The sixteen year old son of a Gloucester new Brunswick's Superintendent of Immigration, was killed last of day morning by a train on the latter. He and father were coming from field to St. John. The father caught train but his boy was swung by and ran over and dashed. His legs were broken.

A serious and fatal accident occurred the Bactonville and Moncton railway Friday last. The road was blocked snow and a train was in the act of crossing the bridge. The train had 70 tons of freight on it. The engine and snow plow went over embankment and four men were killed and three seriously injured. All killed injured were railroad men.

A man named David McDonald, 65 years of age, living alone at H. near Souris, was burned to death in which destroyed his house on morning last. Early in the morning was seen out and it is thought he attempted to start a fire. Some time towards two o'clock, Joseph and McDonald, saw smoke rising from house. They hastened thither and in the window of his bedroom, foot smoke was not to be had, when the spent itself the floor of the house was found to have fallen in and debris parts of the man's dinner remain were found. It is thought made on a fire and then removed from the bed placing it by fire and then lay down and went to bed. The bedding evidently caught fire and was probably suffocated before he saved himself. The remains were buried on Monday. He is survived by brother in Western Canada R. I.

We deeply regret to learn destruction by fire, on Thursday the five parishes residence at the Catholic Church at Morrell, Mr. McIntyre, Pastor. When the fire Father McIntyre was in the house he saw dense columns of emerging from the eaves. Neigh quickly summoned and departed made to save the building but the weather conditions and heavy snow which impeded the work efforts proved fatal, the building completely consumed, valuable furniture however but only the strenuous efforts of the prevented the church near by from the same fate as the parochial. The fire is thought to have from a defective ketchen. If damage is estimated at about \$25,000. At present McIntyre and his sister are making home with Mr Ambrose Phelan.

To Fra Junipero.

(1713-1913)

By THOMAS WALSH.

You who in Palma paced the cloister paving
And taught the Sable Doctor in the schools,
Yet left your tranquil isle, the tempests braving,
To face the tomahawks and jeers of folk.

Junipero, hal hal you wept and shouted
And tore your bosom with the jagged stone
When the poor Indians at your sermons doubted
The clearest things philosophy had shown.

You leant your shoulders and to blazing torches
Laid bare your breast—to make the brutes believe;
Junipero, you limped to heaven with scorches—
But took their souls like scalps upon your sleeve.

I wonder would you try your syllogisms
From Scotus if you came unto the tribes
That fill the air with fads and frills and schisms,
Or with your scourge and torches meet their gibes.

You may be certain many would debate you
Among the leamed sachems of today;
The few are likely now to imitate you
And hunt themselves to bring their tribes to pray.

When The Angelus Bells are Chiming.

(By Teresa Brayton, in The Ave Maria.)

When the Angelus bells are chiming
And the sun goes down in the West,
There falls on the hills of Ireland
The spell of a wondrous rest:
The like as if holy Padrig came
Down at the close of day
With a blessing for all his children
In Ireland far away.

The chattering rocks fly homeward
A black wedge clearing the sky;
The horses plod from their toiling,
The lambs begin to go by;
The shadows, like cloistered maidens,
Come out of their cells to pray.

When the Angelus bells are chiming
In Ireland far away,
The mountains cover their summits
In veils of fleecy mist,
A wind blows up from the bog land
By heather and turf smoke kissed;

The cows come home to their milking
The children cease from their play;
When the Angelus bells are chiming
In Ireland far away.

Oh, well I know of the magic that broods
In the twilight there,
When the ramparts of God are stormed
With a passion of silent prayer,
And the gates of His holy city seem
Wide in the heaven's gray.

When the Angelus bells are chiming,
In Ireland far away,
Sure, there it is hushed and tender,
And there it is fond and true,
Where there's ever a word of welcome
And a seat by the fire for you;

For the lips that are used to praying
Have the kindest words to say
When the Angelus bells are chiming
In Ireland far away.

I see the lights of their windows,
The gleam of their fireside cheer,
Across the washing of billows I'm
Knowing "God save all here!"
And out of the eternal ferris I hear
An angel's may.

The Angelus bells still chiming
In Ireland far away,
Bless, Christ, the Lord of the loyal
He blesses their going onward, He
Blesses their coming in;
He hallowed them, kith and kin,
He blesses their health and table
He goes with them all the way.

When the Angelus bells are chiming
In Ireland far away,
And so when the shadows gather and
The voices of day are still,
The peace of Jesus and Mary comes
Down upon wild and hill;
And Padrig, the ever-blessed,
Hears all that his children say
When the Angelus bells are chiming
In Ireland far away.

Decline of Napoleon

Lord Rosebery, in his study of the closing days of Napoleon, entitled, "The Last Phase," remarks that the Napoleon who returned from Elba in March, 1815, was not to be compared with the Napoleon of the days of the Consulate or the early years of the Empire.
Although as compared with other men of action (says Rosebery), he was still a formidable engine of acts

All Stuffed Up

That's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clearing the head and throat.
No wonder catarrh causes headache, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, pollutes the breath, deranges the stomach and affects the appetite.
To cure catarrh, treatment must be constitutional—alterative and tonic.
"I was ill for four months with catarrh in the head and throat. Had a bad cough and raised blood. I had become discouraged when my husband bought a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and persuaded me to try it. I advise all to take it. It has cured and built me up." Mrs. Hows Roberts, West Lincoln, N. S.

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Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds up the whole system.
vity and energy; there was very little left of the Bonaparte who overthrew the Austrian power on the plains of Rivoli, or who beat the Russians and Austrians at the battle of Austerlitz.

In the opinion of the present writer who has given considerable study to the man whom Newman described as "a miracle of nature," Napoleon proved no exception to the rule that great genius which flourishes early also declines early. And though many students of the great soldier declare that Napoleon was at the height of his power in 1810, it would seem very questionable if his decline did not begin to date from the very year in which he fought the most brilliant of his campaigns, namely that of Austerlitz in 1805.

Readers of history remember that on hearing the news of that momentous conflict, the English statesman Pitt looked at a map of Europe hanging on his office wall saying "you may roll up that map, it will not be wanted these ten years to come," an observation which showed that the son of Cnut had prophesied almost exactly the length of Napoleon's domination of Continental Europe.

Certain reasons point irresistibly to the conclusion that Napoleon's mind began to decline after 1805, and this, too, apart from the shrewd consideration advanced by Lord Rosebery, namely, that the human mind has definite limits to its capacity for wielding exorbitant and unlimited power—a remark which would also presumably apply in regard to the amassing of vast wealth. The first reason to be seen in the result of the campaign of 1806 in which the battles of Jena and Austerlitz were fought. As a consequence of these victories the way was cleared to the Prussian capital, and Napoleon entered Berlin in the winter of the same year.

One of his first acts was to issue the memorable Decree of Berlin, the effect of which was to place Great Britain in a state of blockade and practically to declare the hostility of France to all Continental powers which consented to trade with England. Now, England in those days could well be described as the universal provider of the Continent, and even in 1806 the volume of her exports and imports was very great. To place her outside the pale of commerce was, therefore, to do her customer's more injury than it was possible to do to herself, since her navy—which had just asserted its preeminence in European waters at Trafalgar—afforded to safeguard the provision to Britain of all her colonial produce.

Although forced by the paramountcy of Napoleon to acquiesce in the conqueror's will the European powers submitted with anything but good grace to the new economic laws. Russia sought to change the Emperor's policy, but without avail, and it will be remembered that it was Russia's action in 1811 in refusing to be bound any longer by the Decree which were economically ruining her that led to the campaign of Russia in 1812, the disastrous issue of which for Napoleon caused Talleyrand to exclaim that Moscow was "the beginning of the end."

Now it is inconceivable, in the light of what we know of Napoleon's wonderful intellect, to think that the inevitable results of his Decree could have been ignored by him. As his most famous light-avary leader, "Lisalle used to declare, Napoleon was first a mathematician. It is impossible that his clear vision should have failed to grasp the certain results of attempting to place Europe's largest customer outside the commercial pale.
As an economist, he had resented post-Revolutionary France from bankruptcy and replaced her economically on the soundest commercial basis in the few years between 1799 and 1804. All the best economists pay tribute to the great soldier's marvelous grasp of the most intricate and complicated of sciences—political economy. To even an ordinary mathematician, and Napoleon's grasp of mathematical science

Nerves Were Unstrung.

WOULD ALMOST GO OUT OF HER MIND.

Many women become run down and worn out by household cares, and duties never ending, and sooner or later find themselves with shattered nerves and weak hearts.

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John Gay.

Pius VII. And Napoleon

On January 22, one hundred years ago, Pope Pius VII was dismissed from Pontinebleau by Napoleon and ordered to return to Rome. It marked the end of those relations between pontiff and emperor which had begun almost on the day of the former's accession to the papal throne.

Gregorio Luigi Barnaba Chiaramonti was crowned as Pius VII in 1800. He had no sooner assumed his duties as head of the Church than Napoleon intimated, through Cardinal Martini, a desire for the re-establishment of the Catholic Church in France. Religion had been scourged from that country by the revolutionists, and the good pope hastened to take advantage of this proffered opportunity to restore it.

Pius appointed Archbishop Spina and Caselli to arrange a contract, which went into effect in 1801. In 1804 Napoleon again opened negotiations with Pius VII, this time to secure, at the Pope's hands, his formal consecration as emperor. After some hesitation, Pius was induced to perform the ceremony at Notre Dame, and to extend his visit to Paris, as the guest of the new emperor, for four months. The scene at Notre Dame on the day of Napoleon's coronation was an imposing one. "The pope," says Mme. Janet, "arrived first; His Holiness advanced from the door with an air of once majestic and bumbly." As for Napoleon, says the same author, "the length of the ceremony seemed to weary him; and I saw him several times check his head and both hands, I fancied from the direction of his eyes that he was thinking of wiping off the oil." As the pope was about to take the crown of Charlemagne from the altar, Napoleon seized it, and placed it on his own head.

Pope Pius returned to Rome after receiving from Napoleon every expression of good will, but the year had not closed when the French troops suddenly occupied Ancona upon the alleged necessity of protecting the Holy See. Pius realized that armed resistance was futile, but in a dignified proclamation he asserted the independence and neutrality of his realm. "You," said Napoleon, in reply, "are sovereign of Rome, but I am its emperor." After occupying the Adriatic ports, and placing the papal troops under French officers, Rome itself was occupied, and diplomatic relations between the Vatican and Napoleon were broken off. In 1809 the conqueror of Europe declared the papal states reunited to France by resumption of the grant of Charlemagne, and the pope replied with a bull excommunicating the invader.

It was then that Napoleon determined to take possession of the papal person. The palace was broken open during the night, and on the persistent refusal of the pope to renounce his temporal authority, he was carried off, first to Granobis, then to Savona, and in 1812 to Pontinebleau. There he met the Emperor, and was induced to sign a new concordat, a conference with the cardinal, however, Pius withdrew his concessions, and proposed a concordat on a new basis. This was refused, but after Napoleon had been driven from Germany he tried to purchase a new concordat by offering to restore the papal possessions south of the Apennines. Pius refused to treat with him from any place other than Rome, and on Jan. 22, 1814, the pope bade farewell to Pontinebleau and reached Rome the following May. In the meantime the allies had overthrown Napoleon.

EARLY IRISH PRINTING

A most interesting meeting of the Royal Irish Academy was held recently in Dublin, Oscar Plunkett presiding. "Printing in the City of Kilkenny in the Seventeenth Century," was the subject of an essay by E. R. McClintock Dix, who referred to information furnished to him by Rev. Edmund Hogan, S. J., concerning a printing press owned by the Jesuits of Kilkenny, at that period. Among the early examples of Kilkenny printing was a political drama in verse, one of the earliest pieces of dramatic writing in Ireland. The Marquis of Ormond later had his own printer and press at Kilkenny. Some of these old publications were very valuable not only as specimens of printing, but as a chronicle of the men and things of the time. Their contents were probably unknown to historians.

A smile is the highlight of the heart.

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