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## LEO XIII AND GREECE

While the so-called Christian nations of Europe have been lending aid and comfort to the unspeakable Turk, Pope Leo XIII. has been exerting all his influence to protect the lives and property of Greek subjects resident in the Ottoman empire. It made no difference whether they were Greek or Roman Catholics or not Catholics at all, the Holy Father took a friendly interest in their welfare and set an example of Christian charity that might well be followed by England, France, Germany and Austria. These self-styled defendants of Christianity appear willing to allow Christians to be slaughtered rather than offend "the sick man of Europe."

In an influential paper printed in Rome appears the following succinct account of the endeavors made by the Pope and his diplomatic representative at Constantinople to save the Greeks from outrage and slaughter:

"The Vatican has done all possible in favor of the Catholics. After the declaration of war, as soon as it was ordered that Greeks on Ottoman territory must leave within fifteen days, the 4,000 Greek Catholics in Constantinople addressed themselves to Monsignor Bonetti, praying him to intercede for them with the Sultan. This the apostolic delegate did immediately, obtaining, in fact, their exemption from the decree of expulsion, and putting them under the protection of the French ambassador. When the 70,000 Orthodox Greeks heard of the privileges of the Catholics they addressed themselves also to Monsignor Bonetti, who promised to use his influence, and asked the French ambassador to take these also under his protection. This M. Cambon refused to do, for diplomatic reasons. Monsignor Bonetti then appealed to the entire diplomatic body, which, partly through his initiative, addressed a collective note to the Porte on the subject. The note had a partial success, as it obtained a first prolongation of the period of grace."

## IT COST MONEY.

The Monroe Doctrine club of Philadelphia has given out this summary of the cost of arbitrations with England, that is pertinent at this time, because of the rejection of the Olney-Pauncefote treaty:

"By the treaty of 1794, the first of the series, England was authorized to 'treat and punish as a pirate' any American citizen who might accept a commission upon a privateer of any nation at war with England. Extraordinary privileges were granted to British subjects in the matter of inland travel in the United States both by land and water. The Mississippi river was to remain permanently open to English navigation, all the ports to be as free as the ports on the Atlantic.

"In 1818 the rights of American fishermen in the North Atlantic were curtailed, if not practically destroyed, by the treaty framed at Utrecht. The Clayton-Bulwer treaty of 1850 gave

England joint control over the proposed Nicaragua canal. Four years later another treaty was negotiated, by the provisions of which Lake Michigan was opened to English vessels, and the American government pledged itself to urge the states to open the canals to free navigation for the benefit of English subjects in Canada. This privilege was restored after the war by the treaty of 1871.

"The Halifax treaty of that year assessed \$5,500,000 upon our government for fishery encroachments and remitted about \$100,000,000 of duties that ought to accrue to the treasury had not the bonding privilege been extended. The arbitration treaty of 1892 gave to England extraordinary and unwarranted jurisdiction over the seal fishing grounds in Behring sea. All these surrenders of national and natural rights have resulted from treaties and conferences. Is it any wonder that our senators fought shy of the proposition to bind this country to a general policy in view of the disastrous results briefly stated here?"

## PRIESTS AND IRISH POLITICS

The San Francisco "Nation," which has been a staunch advocate of the more advanced wing of the Irish party, does not approve of Redmond's new departure. In a current number it says:

"The new Irish League is the creation of John Redmond. It has attracted considerable attention, and its membership is increasing. The other Redmond we notice is again coming to the United States. He did fairly well on his last trip, and thinks, no doubt, he can get more money for parliamentary agitation. We do not think he will receive the same hearty welcome from some of the clergy he received before. The second article of the new declaration says that the objects of the league will be 'civil and religious liberty and no further interference of priests in politics.' The priests have been patriotic, fearless and independent in the cause of Ireland, and their standing as Irishmen gives them a right to join the national cause. A part of their 'religious liberty' is to love and defend their country, and as men and Irishmen they are naturally eligible to an equal standing in any society or league of Irishmen, the priestly office giving way to their manhood."

To this the Boston "Republic" adds approvingly:

"This is strictly true, and we are glad to see so independent a paper as the 'Nation' giving expression to such lofty sentiments. The Irish clergymen have rendered splendid service to the cause of their country in the past. Some of them went to jail rather than surrender their right to agitate for national liberty. No political party can win sympathy from Irish Catholics by decrying priestly interest in public affairs. The present generation of Irishmen remember with affection and tender emotion the work of John MacHale of Tuam and of T. W. O'Keefe of Cashel. They also remember the services of other prelates and of the clergy at large in the dark days of '81 and '82. There was as much patriotism in the ranks of the priesthood as there was in any other element of the population—perhaps more. We in this country know how splendidly the hierarchy and the clergy supported and encouraged the Land League, and how loyally they worked to promote the cause of home rule. Mr. Redmond will find that he has made a mistake in blacklisting the Irish priesthood."

Rev. Madison C. Peters, one of the most notorious bigots in New York city, is chaplain to the Ninth New York regiment, which numbers among its members many Catholics. A week ago Sunday the regiment was ordered to attend "divine services" at Rev. Peters' church. Nearly all the members of one company and several members of others refused to respond to orders. They did right. To have done otherwise would have branded them as moral cowards. They should never have received such orders in the first place, and in the second place, such a disloyal wretch as the Apast Peters should never be made a chaplain in the National Guard.

An exchange truly says: "After all, Mr. Bryan may thank his stars that he was defeated. Had he been elected president he would be held responsible for the almost unparalleled business depression that has since prevailed. The country would howl in rage. He would be assassinated."

Rev. James P. Kiernan and Hon. James M. E. O'Grady have accepted an invitation to participate in the corner stone laying of the new town Despatch to-day.

The supreme convention of the A. P. A. a few days ago in Washington did not attract a tenth part of the attention it did last year on the eve of the national election. It was not as well attended, either. Many of its prominent members were in jail or hiding.

John Wanamaker's diatribes on the state of politics in general have a flavor of sour grapes. They might not have been uttered were he now Senator Wanamaker.

Query. Did it require 270 trunks to bring back to America Mr. Bayard's acquired anglo-manian accent and tastes?

It is all right from a Protestant standpoint for Catholics to be compelled to attend Protestant services or none at all at West Point, but what a howl would go up if the tables were turned and the Protestants were forced to hear mass in a Catholic chapel!

The White charter is Black-ended now. The governor did it with his little pen.

Governor Black did not strengthen himself with the masses when he vetoed the progressive inheritance tax bill.

If you are not famous and do not know how to become so, open a "bucket shop" and get sent to jail for contempt of court. You'll be more famous next day than the most noted prima donna, litterateur, politician or scientist of the age.

To be punished for contempt of the United States Senate is evidently the richest sort of a joke.

There is no more worthy charity than the Infant's Summer hospital. We hope the citizens of Rochester will be generous to it this year.

It is a question whether the duchess of Marlborough, feted and petted as she is in England, would not prefer to be plain "Mrs. Blank," the loved wife of a loving American husband.

About eighteen months hence Frank S. Black will regret that he ever tried to eliminate starch from the civil service laundry.

In its treatment of prisoners France is but little less barbarous than the unspeakable Turk.

The users of coal sincerely hope Senator Lexow's anti-trust laws will prevent the coal barons advancing the price of coal.

What a contrast the action of Leo XIII. supplies to the brutal indifference of the "Christian Powers" to the fate of the poor Greeks who live under the sultan's sway!

## OUR AGENT.

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## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John xv. 26-27; xvi. 1-4.—At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "When the paraclete cometh Whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth, who proceedeth from the Father, He shall give testimony of Me. And you shall give testimony because you are with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues; yea, the hour cometh that whosoever killeth you will think he doth a service to God. And these things will they do to you, because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you that when the hour of them shall come, you may remember that I told you."

Why did Christ say "These things I have spoken to you that you may not be scandalized?"

Christ sent the apostles to preach the gospel. Now what would they think of Him when they would find that they had raised a most furious persecution against themselves, that they were everywhere hunted to death and abandoned to the fury of their enemies? They might have been tempted to believe that they had been betrayed and sacrificed by the Divine Master. Wherefore Christ told them all they would have to suffer, and by so doing He gave another proof of His divinity and also of His power to help them in the battles they were to fight in His name.

## Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, May 30—Sunday in the Octave of the Ascension. Epist. 1 Pet. iv. 7-11. Gosp. John xv. 26-xvi. 1-4. Monday, 31—St. Angela Merici, Virgin. St. Petronilla, Virgin. Tuesday, June 1—Of the Octave of the Ascension. Wednesday, 2—Of the Octave. SS. Marcellinus and companions, martyrs. Thursday, 3—Octave of the Ascension. Friday, 4—St. Francis Caracciolo, Confessor. Saturday, 5—Vigil of Pentecost. St. Boniface, Apostle of Germany. Fast.

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In suffering here, in joy beyond. His sacred feet have marked out the way which leads to life eternal, for he is the way, the truth and the life. Jesus entered into his glory through his passion. We must imitate him. The disciple is not above his master or the servant above his lord. We, too, must carry our cross, be it light or be it heavy enough to crush us bleeding to earth. But we have this consolation, dear brethren—the way, once rough, is smooth. Death itself has lost its sting. We are buoyed up by the strong hopes of a glorious resurrection. If in this life we have not hope in Christ we are the most miserable of men.—Rev. Father T. F. Kennedy.

## Church Notes.

The Sisters of St. Francis are about to begin the erection of a mammoth mother house at Millville, Pa.

The visit which Archbishop Williams is to make to Rome this year will be the fourth one since his consecration.

Archbishop Kain of St. Louis will pay his visit ad limina this summer. His stay abroad will be quite protracted.

Catholic nuns have been doing invaluable service for the victims of plague stricken Bombay.

Bishop Burke of Albany has presented a magnificent new window to his cathedral at a cost of \$5,000.

The most costly and beautiful holy water font in the world has just been placed in St. Patrick's cathedral, New York.

A fine portrait bust, the work of the famous sculptor Mr. Samuel J. Kitson of Boston, was recently presented Bishop Harkins of Providence as a tribute of the Catholic laity of his diocese on the tenth anniversary of his consecration.

Colonel De Lancey Astor Kane has given to St. Gabriel's church, New Rochelle, N. Y., an altar in commemoration of his recent conversion to the Catholic faith.

Carter Harrison, Chicago's new mayor, is a graduate of St. Ignatius' Jesuit college, Chicago. Mrs. Harrison was educated in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in New Orleans and is a Catholic.

The Very Rev. Denis Kelley, president of the Diocesan college, Ennis, who has been appointed bishop of Ross in succession to the late Right Rev. William Fitzgerald, will be one of the youngest prelates in Ireland, being in his forty-fifth year.

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