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## Exact Status

Archbishop Glennon, of St. Louis, the other day preached a powerful sermon in which he placed before the American public the French situation in a somewhat new light.  
His grace pointed out that the protestation of the Clemenceau government that it wishes to have a free Church in France is a pitiful subterfuge because the Church, in France, is not free to incorporate under the law as in the United States. Archbishop Glennon goes on:  
"But the State will show the world her magnanimity. They say, 'We don't want to keep these churches, editor. If he be a Catholic, it may happen that the mass meeting will be subject to our Council of State. Bishops and priests may continue to perform their duties, but as for these properties, the bishop, the diocese, the Church, having no legal standing, must accept the dictation of the local committee, directed by the court of last resort, which is our own Council of State.'"  
Then again, the editor tries to display the news which he imagines French bishops very properly said: "No. You proclaimed to the world that you would give a free Church in a free State. The world should know that what you call 'free' was a threatened Church in a hostile State. We refuse to be bound any longer, as our conscience dictates, and the freedom to manage our own affairs. Now the ministers, still persisting in their gracious purpose of governing France 'in peace and dignity,' and being unwilling to plunge the nation in throes of revolution, delayed the final stroke, and said that for a year they would permit the Catholics to worship, and the priests to celebrate Mass, provided, however, they would notify the government of their purpose of holding meetings."  
"For we have," they said, "a law enacted in 1881, which was aimed at anarchists and other dangerous bodies—and by that law public meetings of non-authorized bodies, such as anarchists and Catholics, may be held only by previous permission obtained from the authorities."  
"Again, the reply of the bishops was: 'We are not anarchists. We are not slaves. We will meet in our churches, and we will remain in our homes until you arrest us. Your prisons have for us more solace and justice than your laws.'"

## No Advertising

The Catholic Journal has been asked why it has not discussed the Crapsey lectures, now that the gentleman has started in to abuse all churches and, especially, the Catholic Church?  
Because we believe that the infidel theatrical syndicate which is exploiting Dr. Crapsey wants him to be attacked, just as they desire that one of their rotten plays be attacked—simply to draw a crowd—and because of the circumstantial evidence that Dr. Crapsey has descended to the level of an Ingersoll without his natural abilities, we have refrained from discussing his sensational talks and propose to follow that plan in the future.  
We are not in the business of exploiting the gentleman in order to draw crowds for him on the lecture tour he is under contract to make.  
The largest Catholic diocese in the United States, in point of area, is the diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah, with 113,788 square miles. It is presided over by the Rt. Rev. Lawrence

## Scandalous

A degenerate, a shining example of the way some sons of rich men squander the inheritance from dotting fathers is on trial in New York City for murdering a fellow-human. Truth compels the assertion that the murdered man was a shining example of the double life led by too many of our distinguished men of science, letters and art. That does not palliate the offense of the man on trial. But it does seem that the trial is a serious matter and should be approached in a serious mood. Exactly the opposite is the impression created in one's mind after reading that hundreds of correspondents, artists and special writers from all over the world have gathered in the metropolis to chronicle, portray and caricature this trial of a man for his life. We read also that one of the rooms in the Criminal Courts Building has been rigged out as a temporary telegraph office in order to afford facilities for these pandering to prurient taste to spread their foul stuff over the world, expeditiously and completely. Who has given authority to use a public building for such a purpose? Surely, that is not a legitimate use of a public structure! Even if a notoriety-loving district attorney is anxious to afford facility for scribes to depict the "masterly manner" in which he prosecuted the poor wretch the authorities should not permit it.  
We are also told that crowds fight daily for a chance to enter the courtroom and gloat over the disclosures! What a reflection on the fineness of the American sensibilities!

## Perhaps, He's Right

President Melville Stone, of the Associated Press, makes defense to the charge of certain Catholic papers, of his news association ignoring the big undenominational mass meeting in Washington to protest against the French situation, to the effect that the item was put on the wire, but that editors preferred, apparently to cut it down that they might devote more space to a railroad wreck in which fifty-seven persons were killed.  
"It may be that Mr. Stone's defense has merit. Intimate acquaintance therewith impels the statement that you never can tell just what story we'll appeal the more to a telegraph, if he be a Catholic, it may happen that the mass meeting would be subject to our Council of State. Bishops and priests may continue to perform their duties, but as for these properties, the bishop, the diocese, the Church, having no legal standing, must accept the dictation of the local committee, directed by the court of last resort, which is our own Council of State."  
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## Bon Voyage!

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, coadjutor bishop of the diocese of Rochester, is on his way to the Eternal City to pay his first visit to the Holy Father, Pope Pius X, who made the bishop's appointment to the See of Rochester.  
As we understand it, this will be Bishop Hickey's first visit to Rome, so aside from the respects to the Pope, he will go to a new spot and will enjoy the pleasures of a first gaze upon scenes so full of historic interest, as well as of vital interest to every loyal Catholic.  
We may look forward to eloquent descriptions of the beauties of the Eternal City as they impress themselves upon the mind of the coadjutor bishop.  
All the Catholics of Rochester and hereabouts unite in a wish of bon voyage and pleasant trip to Bishop Hickey.

## C. M. B. A. Acts

One by one, the Catholic societies and federations of Catholic societies are taking plain and well-to-be-understood action against the attempt of an infidel government to stifle Catholicity and strangle Christianity in France.  
The latest to act was the Supreme Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, which met last week in Buffalo. This strong organization represents 57,000 Catholic men scattered throughout the eastern and middle western states. Here is the ringing manner in which its supreme trustees spoke out:  
"Whereas, The government of France by recent legislation has sought to control and interfere with the rights of conscience, and most iniquitously to prevent the free public exercise of religion by the members of the Catholic Church in France by prescribing the manner in which they shall conduct public worship against the protest of the properly constituted authorities of the Catholic Church;  
"Whereas, Under the guise of a separation law the infidel French government has assumed possession and control of all the ecclesiastical properties accumulated, purchased and endowed by the pious Catholics of France during past centuries, and by this unparalleled act of confiscation and spoliation has robbed the Catholic Church of property valued at hundreds of millions of dollars;  
"Whereas, The law of separation deprives the Church of the fundamental right of conducting her internal affairs in accordance with her own constitution, and confers on cultural associations right which not only belong exclusively to the ecclesiastical authorities in the practice of worship and in the possession and administration of ecclesiastical property, while the same associations are rendered independent of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, and instead are placed under the jurisdiction of the lay authorities;  
"Whereas, It is the avowed purpose of many of the infidel leaders holding high position in the French government to root out the ancient faith, hoping to replace Christianity with free thought, and heedless of the hideous train of evils that must necessarily follow from dechristianizing the nation;  
"Resolved, That we, the trustees of the Supreme Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, representing over 57,000 Catholics of the United States of America and Canada, protest against the war upon the Catholic Church and Christianity inaugurated by the atheistical French government;  
"Resolved, That we denounce as a crime against Christianity the attempt of the French government to compel the Catholic Church to place the administration of its affairs in the hands of lay associations over which the Church can exercise no control;  
"Resolved, That we denounce the efforts of the French government to subject the ministry of the Catholic Church to an ignoble servitude; we denounce its brutal persecution of the Church and its spoliation of ecclesiastical property;  
"Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the persecuted Catholics in France, and express the belief that, no matter how bitter the counter may be, the faith can never be uprooted from the soil of that land, which by its fidelity to the old faith earned the title of 'Eldest Daughter of the Church.'"  
In a recent memorial service of the Knights of Columbus, New Orleans, Archbishop Blenk delivered a powerful sermon, in the course of which he said: "You, Knights of Columbus, should be an example in your homes and among yourselves."  
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## Five Minute Sermon

### The Parable of the Seed

In reading St. Matthew the words of Jesus Christ that He spoke in parables that they might not understand Him are easily understood; they mean that in thus speaking Jesus Christ wished to say, not indeed that He spoke in parables that they might not understand Him, but that many, because of their bad motives and blind passions, saw the wonders worked by Him and heard His words, but did not understand the meaning of His teaching. Observe that the merit of the Christian depends on faith; that in view of this fact Christ does not force the intellect by a powerful conviction, but only submits to its abundant motives to win our meritorious belief; and that all those who permitted themselves to be led by the Spirit of God, who yielded to divine grace, heard Him willingly and believed His words, while those who permitted themselves to be led by the spirit of Satan rejected them. Jesus, then, did not speak in parables that He might not be understood; but rather the Jews, blinded by their passions, did not wish, and did not deserve, to understand the evidence of His miracles or the meaning of His words.  
The seed is the word of God, the teachings of the Gospel, and the sower is Jesus Christ, Who once in person sowed this seed of holiness, and Who continues to sow it to the end of time by means of His ministers, who are charged with the office of His eternal priesthood.  
The road, the rock, the thorns, and the good ground all signify different dispositions, hear the divine word with greater or less or no benefit.  
We should try to learn to which of these four classes of Christians we belong; whether to those indicated by the wayside, the rocks, the thorns, or the good ground, and when we discover our defects we should pray God to grant us the necessary grace and help to amend our lives.

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Monday 4—St. Andrew Corsini, bishop and confessor.  
Tuesday 5—St. Agatha, virgin and martyr.  
Wednesday 6—St. Dorothy, virgin and martyr.  
Thursday 7—St. Richard, king and confessor.  
Friday 8—St. John of Maths, confessor.  
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