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## Pope Praises Diplomats For Their Loyal Support

Holy Father Speaks to Representatives of Thirty-Five Countries in Vatican on Settlement of Difficulties With Italy—A Flood of Messages



Rome, March 9.—Pope Pius today spoke with happiness of the Italo-Vatican conciliation at a gathering of more than 100 diplomats representing 35 countries in the throne room of the Vatican.

The Pontiff attributed the success of the conciliation to the good offices and intelligent reports transmitted by the diplomats at the Holy See which produced in all states a good impression and contributed to what he called a universal public opinion in favor of the agreement that was reached.

He added that since the fall of temporal power in 1870, the sympathy and support of the diplomats representing the various countries at the Holy See had never failed and indeed were accentuated by being the chief source of comfort for himself and his predecessors.

He said that he was happy that the Almighty had entrusted him to lead the Holy See to the present event which might be called a "turning point in the history of the Holy See and the church." The present pacification, beside having removed civil and political divergencies he felt above all was the loftiest treasure for any country.

Speaking of the flood of messages which he has received from all over the world felicitating him upon the

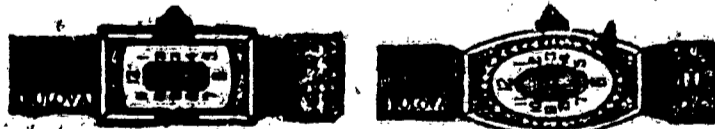
settlement, the Pontiff said: "This truly impressive fact authorizes me to say that not only Italy, but the whole world is with me. This is the largest and most powerful guarantee that one could think of or imagine."

The Pope said that there were other guarantees which he could not consider or accept such as a juridical guarantee. "I think the Holy See has not one enemy, but only sons and brothers. I have believed and believe in the perfect loyalty and full good faith of those who have shown themselves ready and desirous of treating with me."

The Pontiff said that one of the outstanding impressions he had received from the avalanche of messages were the sentiments of those in different countries who for many years had wished to consecrate themselves to the defense of the Holy See.

"I wish that the diplomatic corps would say to these brave people that I shall never forget them and assure them that the Pope is not ungrateful and has prayed and said masses for all. Another sentiment which struck me profoundly has been the assurance from many that they have begun again to make their Easter duties and be reconciled to the church."

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### Duffy-Powers Spring Opening

The store of the Duffy-Powers Company opened its Spring season this week with new decorations on all its floors and a new style in merchandise display. The innovations have been, for the most part, introduced by Vincent Dalley, recently made director of store operations.

Palms and flowers added to the general attractiveness of the counters, and large white urns holding living green things enhanced the beauty of the first floor. The male clerks look quite dapper in white, hat-wing collars; the elevator men are attired in blue serge, with white gardenias in their button holes.

Mr. Dalley has had previous experience in merchandising. He was at one time a newspaper man and before his newspaper experience was coach of the Georgetown University football team.

### Maronite Prelate's Narrow Escape

By Dr. Alexander Monabelli, (Jerusalem Correspondent, N. O. W. C. News Service).

Jerusalem, March 11.—His Grace, Msgr. Mubarak, Maronite Archbishop of Beirut, narrowly escaped death recently when a landslide in the mountains near Jisr-el-Kadi destroyed the automobile in which he had been riding.

Mechanical trouble had obliged Msgr. Mubarak and his chauffeur to abandon the car and start on foot to ask assistance from residents of a nearby village. They had walked scarcely 100 yards when a great block of rock tumbled from the mountain side and crashed upon the car demolishing it.

The bishop was traveling at the time in the region of Chut in connection with his pastoral duties. Mountain torrents, caused by the heavy rains, had made it difficult to

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