

ITALY, FRANCE AND GERMANY.

CRITICAL VIEW OF VICTOR EMANUEL'S VISIT TO BERLIN.

France-Italian Flirtation Has Not Affected the Triple Alliance—Kaiser and King at Berlin Declare Their Position Frankly—Blundering Diplomacy.

Rome, Sept. 4.—The Holy Father followed with watchful curiosity the course of Victor Emmanuel III.'s visit to Berlin. What would be the precise and distinctive note of the interview and the speeches? Had the drawing together of France and Italy really modified the international chess board?

At the time of the Toulon fêtes the Secretary of State and the Nuncio at Paris had expressed anxiety to M. Nisard and M. Delcassé. Knowing the secret motives of the Quirinal and of the Triple Alliance they had been lavish in their criticisms of the changes of the "drawing together." They demonstrated that in the present condition of European affairs the effort to break up partially the Triple Alliance would result in strengthening the league against France. The French Republic would lose its money and its prestige; it would crush a neighboring nation at the cost of its own power. But the Quirinal would not be taken to their kind revolutionary proposals by a command. Like Nisard's wife, the republic liked to be beaten. The accidental coalition transferred its action roughly into the private preserves of diplomacy. To prevent the "radicals" from taking the offensive, to break down the power of the Pope and the Church on every ground, to open the way for the cosmopolitan ideas, even if they went against the Franco-Russian alliance—such was the plan.

The drawing together of France and Italy was the prelude to the new policy. The alliance with the Quirinal meant a check to the Holy See, a blow at the heart of its fundamental interests. That is the secret of that purely wilful blindness. Italian anticlericalism held the torch for that sad wedding. With its greedy machinations, for the House of Savoy is merely a syndicate for profit, the Quirinal managed to learn the mysteries of diplomatic diplomacy. It succeeded in gaining a tremendous advantage and fooled M. Buisson, who in his turn took in M. Delcassé. The Consulta duped the Quirinal so well that in a recent speech in the Palais Bourbon M. Delcassé dared to go up to the Capitol and praise the "new turn of events."

The speeches exchanged at Berlin pricked the bubble, the illusion did not last long. Wilhelm II. and the King of Italy affirm and proclaim the unchangeable, trustworthy, inflexible character of the Triple Alliance, which they say emphatically

has been renewed "completely in its former shape." And to mark pointedly the permanence of the policy the Kaiser ostentatiously extended "the friendship of his people" to Austria, against which Italy retains all her grudges.

The Holy Father shows that he is pleased with this result and this clear demonstration. If it is not the end of a dismal adventure, it shows up all the dangerous futilities that keep the Quirinal foolishly busy. No doubt the coalition will not give up its senseless dream; it intends to go to the very end in order to base the fulness of its power on the whole body of anticlericalism. But independent minds now see the possibilities of their diplomacy and the boundaries of international action. In spite of every sort of generosity and of excessive the Triple Alliance remains erect and retains all its military diplomatic value.

In the presence of this "constellation," which guarantees that Rome shall be the capital of Italy, the Vatican has applauded the courage and dignifiedness of the Catholic Congress at Mannheim, which condemned vigorously the sovereignty of the Pope. The demonstration has some value. The Quirinal newspapers let loose their ill temper and content themselves with exalting the renewal of Italian "prestige," a semblance which is due neither to the genius of the Consulta nor to the organic vitality of the system of government, but to the inexorable weakness of the Quirinal's grasp.

The most fantastic conclusions were drawn from the King's journey to Peterhof; it was, so they said, the evident mark of the displacement of force. Now, at the moment when the young King of Italy was entering Berlin, the *Avvenimenti Zeitung*, with opportune malice, declared that Germany had arranged the programme of the journey. How could Victor Emmanuel III. permit a revelation that puts him in so bad a light? That is the way in which the Republic has succeeded in denouncing Italy from Prussia.

On the other hand, it is noticeable that the Kaiser is driving his ill-matched team with a skilful hand. He knows that he has a better hold on the King if he courts the Pope. That is an excellent psychological observation. The more the Republic draws away from the Vatican the less will it enter into the Quirinal's calculations. That is inevitable. Thus it is believed in well-informed quarters that Prussia has accepted in principle the conditions on which the Pope insists energetically for the foundation of the theological faculty at the University of Strasbourg. Full acceptance, it is said, will come soon. The Bishops and the Catholics of Germany were divided, as we know, some looked on the plan as an advance, others regarded it as dangerous. The establishment is permitted provided the Church is the director of the faculty and the only authority over it.

If Prussia agrees to the guarantee demanded its moderation is distinctly characteristic of the whole imperialist policy of the Kaiser. The Vatican is fully aware of the Kaiser's secret ideas, but its business is simply to watch over the essential interests of Catholicism. —ISSUES.

\$10,000 ON FORGED PAPER.
ANOTHER STORY ABOUT BRENNAN'S REAL ESTATE KITE.
Guarantee Company Says It Lent \$10,000 Because of a Fraudulent Satisfaction Piece—The District Attorney Thinks Brennan Has \$50,000 Put Away.

According to facts said to be in the possession of District Attorney Clarke of Kings county, it is not unlikely that further charges may be made against Ronald F. Brennan, the young real estate operator who is now held in Raymond Street Jail in default of \$20,000 bail on charges of forgery and the larceny of \$5,000. Mr. Clarke has secured information bearing on another of Brennan's transactions from Dr. Samuel McBride of Fourth street, Manhattan, who formerly lived in Brooklyn. Dr. McBride says that he took title to a piece of property at 280 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn, to oblige Brennan. There was a mortgage of \$10,000 on the property, held by Mrs. Emma Yorgens of Yonkers.

After the property had changed hands Brennan applied to a title guarantee company for a loan of \$6,000 on it. The company searched the title, and it was apparently all right. In the Register's office a satisfaction piece for the mortgage of \$10,000 had been recorded. A check for \$6,000 was sent to Dr. McBride, and he turned it over to Brennan, who deposited it in the Sprague National Bank.

Brennan's arrest caused the title guar-

antee company to look up matters, and it is alleged that the satisfaction piece was found to be forged. Dr. McBride told District Attorney Clarke that he was absolutely innocent in the matter.

A Mrs. Burnett also saw District Attorney Clarke. She said a young man, who answered the descriptions published of Brennan, asked her some time ago to act as a dummy in a real estate transaction. She declined to do so. She visited Raymond Street Jail and told Mr. Clarke that Brennan was the man she referred to. Clara Johnson and Charles Stone, who had had dealings with Brennan, also visited District Attorney Clarke and explained to him certain other transactions.

Mr. Clarke is of the opinion that Brennan was a member of a gang of swindlers, and he says he knows some of them, but is not ready to make any more arrests. He believes that Brennan has something like \$50,000 on deposit somewhere and is anxious to get hold of it.

Brennan was married to Mamie Kerns of 271 Carlton avenue on June 25 last. A week before that time he drew a check on the Sprague National Bank to the order of Julia Brennan for \$6,000. The check was endorsed "Julia Brennan" and deposited in the Brooklyn Savings Bank.

After the marriage Brennan and his bride went to live at Avenue N and East Seventh street, Parkville, but a few weeks later Mr. Brennan returned to her parents' home. Mrs. Kerns, mother of Mrs. Brennan, said yesterday that her daughter was out of town. She said Brennan never washed any money on her daughter.

Mayflower Off for Washington.
The converted yacht Mayflower left the navy yard in Brooklyn for Washington yesterday. She is to be used by Admiral Dewey as his flagship during the midwinter maneuvers in the West Indies.

DR. MICHON IS MISSING.
Wire Reports to Police That He Disappeared on July 18.

Mrs. Mary Michon, who is now living with her parents at 351 East Twenty-eighth street, went to the East Twenty-second street station yesterday and asked the police to send out a general alarm for her husband, who is missing.

She said he was Dr. Godfrey Michon, who used to have an office at Seventy-first street and Lexington avenue. Two years ago, she said, she was compelled to leave him and go to the home of her mother, Mrs. John Fallon. On July 15 he disappeared from the office of Dr. Hogan at 712 East 142d street.

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