

CATHOLIC CONTROVERSY

Have Charges Against Archbishop Corrigan Been Sent to Rome?

SOME HARD-HITTING COMMENTS.

The Archbishop of New York Decried as being in a Conspiracy to Hamper the Pope in this Country. What went on in Rome when Archbishop Ireland was there—The Part Dr. McGlynn's Case Played—The School Question Misrepresented to Mgr. Satolli.

Following is part of an article in the Chicago Post of last Sunday which has stirred up increased interest in the mission of Archbishop Satolli and its probable consequences:

"Formal charges of the gravest character have been preferred against the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Corrigan, the Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, by a brother prelate. His grace of New York is accused by the Most Rev. John Ireland, archbishop of St. Paul, of having engaged in an unlawful conspiracy to weaken or undo the effect of the pope's decisions in respect of church matters in America, and of having had recourse to methods unbecoming a bishop, designed to discredit and disgrace Archbishop Ireland and Mgr. Satolli, the papal delegate to America.

"These charges, duly formulated, are now on their way to Rome, where they will be presented to the highest tribunal in the Roman Catholic church. That tribunal has power to pass upon the accusations and to fix the punishment of the accused if they be sustained. The whole world will eagerly await the decision, for both prelates, the accuser and the accused, have long filled the most conspicuous positions in the American hierarchy. Their differences of opinion have been matters of public rumor for years. Each has very generally been considered as an object of the pope's favorable regard in respect of the new American cardinalate, which, it is said, will be conferred at the approaching jubilee. If Archbishop Corrigan be found guilty as charged, his fate, as well as the future of the great province of New York, over which he has so long presided, will become the object of eager surmise. Should the charges fail, the consequences can scarcely be less serious to Archbishop Ireland."

A St. Paul View.

Archbishop Ireland has declined to say anything on the subject, but Rev. Dr. John Conway, of St. Paul, as the archbishop's next friend, in a lengthy interview says: "The news from Chicago regarding a conspiracy against Archbishop Satolli and Ireland has been received in St. Paul with much surprise. Many will doubtless be astonished at it. Most people will be, except the conspirators themselves and those who follow ecclesiastical questions very closely. Journalists who are directly interested in church matters knew by journalistic intuition that a conspiracy was being hatched. The people at large heard rumbling noise, but they never dreamed such a plan was concocted. The libellous pamphlet written by Archbishop Corrigan's Italian secretary; the effusions of Miss Eades, a garrulous old maid, who is Roman correspondent of the New York Catholic News; the dispatches purporting to have come from Boston and other cities outside of New York, yet all having the same purpose; the plethora of anonymous letters, published in the New York Sun and other papers, pointed clearly to the existence of a conspiracy against the representative of the holy father."

"The Chicago Sunday Post has done a great service to Christianity and the country by unearthing the arch conspirator. Some scandal, as well as great good, will follow from its revelations, but the clumsy Catinism of the New York dignitary is directly responsible for the scandal. The country will be immensely benefited by the wholesome harmony between Catholics and non-Catholics which must now be intensified by reason of the knowledge given to the public by the Chicago newspaper. The American people see in this an additional confirmation of Pope Leo's friendship and of his admiration of American institutions. This friendship and admiration have been well set forth by the pope's representative, Mgr. Satolli."

ARCHBISHOP CORRIGAN SILENT.

For the Present he Ignores the Controversy—Archbishop Ireland's Part—Interesting Recent History.

"The New York Times, in what seems to be a carefully written, though decidedly partisan article, says: The policy of Archbishop Corrigan is to ignore the controversy, for the present at least, and to give no opportunity for those opposed to him to find a nail on which to hang an accusation. He said yesterday that he declined to discuss any question in the columns of any newspaper, and if charges had been preferred against him at Rome there would be sufficient time for him to consider them when he had received proper notice of the fact through the proper channel.

"Father Lavelle, who was charged with being a party to the conspiracy, denied being a conspirator in any manner, but he would not discuss the matter.

"The charges brought against Archbishop Corrigan, according to the published report, are that he caused to be published in a Philadelphia paper an article against the 'conciliatory policy of Archbishop Ireland and Mgr. Satolli upon the relations of Catholics to public schools; that letters had been received in the West from priests in his household by various laymen supposed to have access to the secular press, appealing for help in an anti-Ireland crusade; that two anti-Ireland pamphlets had been written, one supposed to have proceeded from the pen of Dr. Forrenti, the archbishop's Italian secretary, and the other ostensibly by an ecclesiastic at Grenoble, but traced to one of the archbishop's household; that a venerable lady, Miss Eades, an agent of Archbishop Corrigan in Rome, had been very active in denouncing the Ireland party in that city, and that various laymen in New York had been influenced to give interviews and write letters to the secular press against the views of Archbishop Ireland and against the recent decisions given by Mgr. Satolli.

"These charges were accompanied by a long circumstantial account of how the papal legate had been snubbed by Archbishop Corrigan and his opinions treated with open contempt, and were declared to be sufficient ground for charges of ecclesiastical high treason to be made against Archbishop Corrigan by Archbishop Ireland.

"The archbishop's present policy," said a priest yesterday, "is to keep perfectly quiet. He cannot do otherwise. Every effort possible is being made by Ireland and his clique to place him in a bad light with the holy father. He therefore cannot speak.

"There is no use disguising the fact

that for years there has existed this clique against Archbishop Corrigan. The diocese of New York is the richest plum in the Catholic hierarchy, and the idea has been to try and remove Archbishop Corrigan and to place at the cathedral in his stead a man to the liking of Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Keane, and the Catholic University set.

"At the excommunication of Dr. McGlynn strenuous efforts were made to place Archbishop Corrigan in a bad light at Rome. He was urged by these very men to reinstate Dr. McGlynn without making him apologize or recant doctrines which were against the teachings of the Catholic church. This did not succeed, and then Dr. Richard Burtzell, one of the soreheads and the counsel of Dr. McGlynn, handed Cardinal Gibbons the letter containing the exposition of the case, which the cardinal, and not Archbishop Corrigan, suppressed.

"The present situation can be summed up in a few words. Archbishop Ireland, with unlimited money at his command, known as the multimillionaire of America at Rome, has spent thousands of dollars to obtain the recognition of the Fairbault plan and to cast odium on the Archbishop of New York, whose place he wishes to fill by a prelate more in accord with him, and whose chances for the red hat would not be as conspicuous.

"He has purchased the *Moniteur de Rome* almost outright, and he has gained the confidence of Cardinal Rampoli, and through him he has misrepresented matters to such an extent to the holy father that at present he is in favor at Rome. The cardinals, however, as a body are not in sympathy with him. It will not be long before the matter will be placed in its true aspect before the holy father, who will at once take steps to change the complexion of things.

"Under the representations and these misstatements of facts Mgr. Satolli was sent to this country. No intimation of his mission was given to Archbishop Corrigan. Mgr. Satolli was led to believe, as has been, evidently, the holy father, that Fairbault was a great American town, and that the archbishops of America endorsed cordially the recognition of the public schools, and that by the amalgamation of the parochial and state educational institutions thousands of Protestants would rush into the church. Indeed, Cardinal Gibbons, after the meeting of the archbishops at St. Louis, where Ireland first sprang his little Fairbault scheme, sent to Rome a message to the effect that the archbishops there approved of it, whereas they really did nothing of it, whereas they really did nothing of it.

"Under these conditions Mgr. Satolli was induced to come to this country. Archbishop Ireland represented himself as the chief exponent of the Republican party in this country, and the ecclesiastical representative of President Harrison. To any one only acquainted with the workings of European governments this brought with it much prestige to the unsuspecting minister.

"On his arrival here he was smuggled in, so afraid were the Ireland party that he would see Archbishop Corrigan alone and learn the true state of things from him, and thereby change his impressions of the American hierarchy and their attitude. He was constantly watched.

"He appeared, as you know, before the conference of the bishops, made them a flattering speech of how the young church in America, now growing so powerful and large, wanted a papal legate to be present in this country, and made other kind and excellently intended expressions of good will.

"He had been led to expect from Archbishop Ireland that the archbishop and bishops in conclave assembled would simply open their arms and tell him they wanted an ablegate, whereupon he would present his credentials and say, 'I am the man.'

"The prelates, not prepared for this, made no such invitation, but the majority expressed themselves as decidedly unfavorable to the appointment of an ablegate.

"Then followed the school question, Archbishop Ireland of San Francisco led in this discussion, and opposed the articles vehemently. He was followed by nearly all of the other prelates, with the exception of Archbishop Ireland and Cardinal Gibbons.

"At last it was resolved to consider them, and this is the condition in which they are now. The articles, permitting Catholics to send their children to public schools is under consideration more than under entire approval.

"When this action of the prelates was told to Mgr. Satolli at his hotel by Cardinal Gibbons the ablegate was much surprised. He had been expecting only a perfect concurrence in his propositions, and he had been induced to take this view of the matter through Archbishop Ireland.

"Thus far every one has read and understood the relations between the archbishop of New York and the older prelates, such as those of Boston, of Philadelphia, of Cincinnati, of San Francisco, and of New Orleans, on the one side, and Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ireland on the other.

"NO DISRESPECT TO THE ABLIGATE. "No disrespect has ever been intended or will ever be shown to Mgr. Satolli. There is no occasion for it. Should he remain in this country he will evidently some time find out the whole truth.

"We cannot but believe that the article in the Chicago Post has been inspired by Archbishop Ireland either with a view of intimidating Archbishop Corrigan or of making him express some opinions which may be taken against the ablegate, and thus be sent to Rome to prejudice the holy father against him. His policy, as I have said before, is absolute silence and the ignoring of the whole scheme.

"Now for a few words as to these charges. Archbishop Corrigan had a perfect right, should he have thought proper, to have had written an article exposing the fallacies of Archbishop Ireland's memorial, which, by the way, was a public document, an emasculated edition of which was given to the pope.

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where Archbishop Ireland has his stronghold. This is the substance, if any, for a conspiracy against the machinations of a clique which has done everything possible to bring Archbishop Corrigan into the bad graces of the holy father.

"The Italian pamphlet was a splendid answer to Archbishop Ireland. It was written by Father Brandi at Grenoble, and has been published in Italy. Miss Eades is not seventy years of age. She is barely sixty, a lady of rare accomplishments, who has been correspondent for a Catholic newspaper in this city. She is a woman who enjoys the confidence of many ecclesiastics because she knows how to hold her tongue.

"As far as the school question is concerned, it will be impossible that these views of Archbishop Ireland, which are gross misrepresentations of the situation to Mgr. Satolli, will ever be adopted by the prelates and the priests of the Catholic church in America. For over half a century every parish priest has, I might almost say, been a martyr to the subject of the necessity of sending Catholic children to Catholic schools, of building parochial schools, and of inculcating this very principle of Catholic education into the minds of generations of Catholic parents. It cannot be thrown down suddenly, like a house made of cards.

"Should even the holy father and the college of cardinals take the other side of the question, which might be done through the machinations of this very clique, even then the majority of the heads and priests of the Catholic church in this country will stand firm, and, as the church has always recognized the truth, they will be sure to be victorious in the end."

"In concluding, the reverend gentleman said it was absolutely false that the letters and interviews which had appeared in the papers emanated from a clique. Two were written by a well known Catholic lawyer, who did so without the knowledge of the archbishop, and others were from the pen of a Boston lady, who seems to be well posted on both sides of the case.

"This was the opinion of one of the sympathizers with the archbishop. So far, only two Roman Catholic pastors in the diocese of New York have signed the Satolli memorial—Dr. McSweeney and Father O'Flynn. Among the Roman Catholic pastors the feeling is with Archbishop Corrigan, but in Brooklyn and in the country Archbishop Ireland has many followers.

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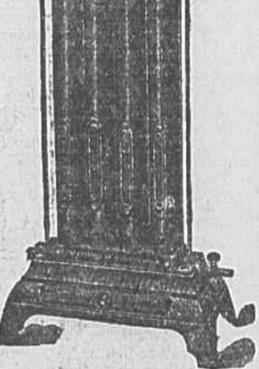
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