

CARDINAL'S BOOK POINTS TO NEW VATICAN ITALIAN PEACE

BY CAMILLO CIANFARRA. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)
ROME, April 1.—Small pamphlets, issued by one of the most prominent Catholic publishing firms, signed by "Constantine," but whose author is admitted to be no other than Cardinal Gasparri himself, has just reminded the Italian nation that, important as the Adriatic and other questions are, that of the peace with the Holy See is still of the greatest interest for the Italian people.

The fact that up to date the state chancery of the Vatican has failed to disavow the contents of the book or deny any connection with its publication, is regarded in the political circles of the capital, as extremely significant, and such as to justify the most sanguine expectation for an ultimate satisfactory settlement of the Roman question.

Treaty Outlined.

The chief and most important feature of the pamphlet is a tentative draft of a peace treaty between the Holy See and the Kingdom of Italy, which reveals the fine hand of the consummate diplomatist. In fact the anonymous writer says that the chief obstacle in the way of a speedy con-

clusion of the peace is only the opening of the negotiations. Once begun, the formulas for the solution of the most thorny problems would easily be found.

First of all, what once was the most unsurmountable of obstacles, the restoration of the temporal power of the pope, has been quietly removed. The Vatican, in fact, renounces its territorial aspirations over the provinces that once formed the so-called Pontifical states. The writer says that what the Holy See now wishes, is only a "theoretical" recognition of its sovereignty over a fraction of territory sufficient to insure the political and religious independence of the papacy. Hence, even the complete possession of the Vatican palaces and gardens, of which the pope, under the guarantee law, is only a tenant by the permission of the Italian state, would be more than sufficient and fully acceptable to the pontiff.

Ends War State.

The first article of the tentative peace treaty reads as follows: "The state of war between the Italian government and the Holy See, which began at the outbreak of the hostilities on the eleventh day of Sep-

tember, 1870, and was suspended on the 21st of the same month, is now declared ended by both the high contracting powers.

Article Second: The high contracting powers both regard as permanent the territorial situation resulting from the war operations except in so far as it is modified by the present treaty.

Article Third: The Italian government declares that the law of May 13, 1871, defining the legal status of the pontiff constitutes a solemn and irrevocable declaration to the civilized and Catholic world on the part of the Italian government and people guaranteeing the sovereignty and the political, civil and religious independence and liberty of the high pontiff of the Catholic church. Following the restoration of peace diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the Italian government will also be resumed, and the Vatican will establish a nunciature to his majesty the king of Italy while the latter will appoint an ambassador to the Holy See."

Agrees to Recognition.

Under articles six and seven the Italian government agrees to recognize the Holy See as a great power, and convert the yearly annuity of three million which was given to the pontiff as an indemnity for the loss of revenues, in a fund the interests of which will be devoted to defray the expenses of Catholic missions abroad.

Article eight, nine and ten are devoted to details and the appointment of commission for the settlement of the territorial, financial and diplomatic questions involved.

When the pamphlet is put in relation with Signor Nitti's repeated statements that he had the conciliation with the Vatican in his pocket, the hope that a final settlement of the vexed question is in sight can be regarded as more than well founded.

FAITH WINS VICTORY IN HARDEST BATTLE SAYS MAC CALLUM

"Overcomers" is Theme of Evangelist's Sermon Showing Force of God's Grace in Conflicts Fought Within.

(By Rev. J. M. Cornellaan.)

The subject of Dr. MacCallum's sermon tonight will be "How a Jailor Was Saved."

Last night Dr. MacCallum took as his text Revelation 12:11. "They overcome by the blood of the Lamb" and what follows. From this he spoke on the theme of "Overcomers." The speaker told of the lives of Hugh Latimer and Ridley and of their devotion to their faith in Christ. These two with many others suffered martyrdom, being burned at the stake rather than recant and give up their newfound hope and joy in Christ. They loved not their lives unto death.

Dr. MacCallum then recalled the effort of the Roman empire to stamp out the heresy, only to find that the empire itself went down before such a spirit filled conscience. One can see in Naples or Pompeii in the museums what loathsome and vile conditions of society existed in the old Roman empire. The just and crime are beyond belief as also pictured in the first chapter of the Epistle to the Romans. Into this society went the spirit-filled conscience of Christians and by the power of the Holy Spirit changed it. They were proof against it all.

Christian science never contemplates any such reform. Christian Science would no more dream of starting a reform in India where it was born than the devil would dream of starting a revival in hell," cried the speaker.

Faith Wins Battle.

Numerous instances and examples of men who were down and out and who were enabled to "come back" through the power of faith in Christ were given by the speaker.

Said the evangelist: "These men fought their battles within, where the greatest battles are fought. They are moral battles—mental battles to bring the heart and will to surrender to Christ."

But when a man is less ashamed of sin than he is of Christ, then he is putting sin ahead of righteousness and will not come to Christ.

It is hard to face the moral issues of life out of Christ. "Grace has helped me in lots of places," said a man. "And this is true," said the evangelist, "when men face these terrible moral battles."

The testimony of the life of a good man in any community will do more to convert men than anything else. There is nothing impossible to a man of faith and prayer. Mary, Queen of the Scots, was used to say, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than the armies of Scotland."

Dr. MacCallum closed his sermon with an earnest appeal to all to be saved and overcome through the blood of Jesus.

No Stench.

"The lawyer for the defense is a sharp fellow."

"Do you think so?"

"Yes. The moment he saw the jurors getting interested in the fair plaintiff's ankles he cut short his cross examination and called for the next witness."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

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CLICK OF POKER CHIPS ECHOES IN JURY ROOM

BY M. D. TRACY

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TOMBSTONE, Ariz., April 1.—Desert jurisprudence has won a victory over the courts of law. And thereby the ancient and honorable game of poker has come into its own as a popular indoor sport for members of the Bisbee deportation trial jury.

Once more the festive card flicks its way across Tombstone's tables and the click of the poker chip recalls the old "boom days" of the southwest.

The reason back of this is very simple. To begin with, Arizona's laws forbid even penny-ante. But the 12 cowboy jurors, looked up under stringent regulations demanded some outlet for their suppressed energies.

Muscle, boxing, writing letters, tossing quarters for a crack in the courtroom floor—all such diversions were very well, but poker seemed more fitting—for poker everywhere is an institution.

"Barry, fellows, but it can't be done," sadly remarked a bailiff as he forlornly the card game.

"Why?" responded the sunburned jurors in chorus.

"Because it's against the law, and we'll be arrested," was the apparently potent reason.

There's where desert jurisprudence floored the courts of law. One juror stepped forward and threw the monkey wrench into the entire judicial machinery.

"Look here," he avowed. "Who's going to do all the arresting? We are ordered locked up and we got to stay in this court until this trial's over. The sheriff is the man who'd have to arrest us and he can't even come into this room, but by the order of the court. It may be there is some sort of law against poker and all that. But, by gum, it would be against the law for anyone to even come in here and see us playin'. 'Come on, fellows, get some chips and the ceiling's the limit."

That kind of reasoning convinced even the bailiffs.

Now the click of the poker chip is the familiar sound on the second floor of Tombstone's courthouse.

Thus far there's been no dissenting opinion.

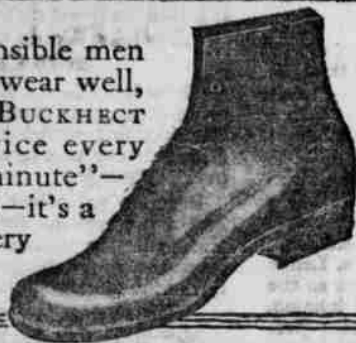
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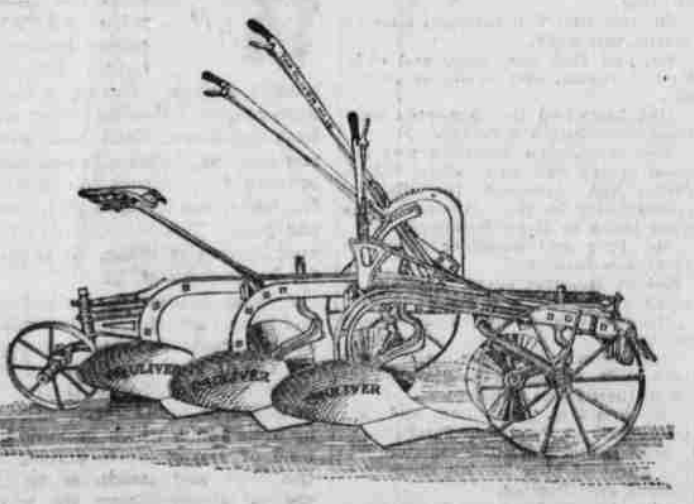
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