

A correspondent of the 'New York Herald,' in New Orleans, says:—As an illustration of what social ostracism in New Orleans and Louisiana for differences of political opinion, means, no better case can be found than that of General Longstreet. At the close of the war he was idolized in this city. No one approached him in popular esteem. His military record was grander than Stonewall Jackson's; it vied with Lee's; it rivalled Sherman's and Grant's. He lived as in a fairy land of fancy and delight. Within twenty-four hours the dream faded away. From being the idol of the populace he was the completest object of their detestation. He had written a political letter, the sentiment of which New Orleans and Louisiana disapproved, and consequently he had become a traitor and a knave. Ninety-seven out of every hundred of his acquaintances refused to speak to him. He was driven from society in a single day. For seven long years the ostracism has continued. Longstreet has endured it with that heroism which accepts fate calmly. The only sign he has shown of the acuteness of his wounds is in a disposition to avoid everybody.

Another priest has been arrested for saying Mass. Herr Schneider has been expelled from his benefice—a church at Treves—by the opera-

tion of the new laws. He returned, however, to say Mass, and for this act, though it was by no means one necessarily implying cure of souls, he was made prisoner at the foot of the altar. But no sacerdotal act whatever is now permitted to a priest who has been deprived of his post—whether of parish priest or curate—by the tribunals. Accordingly, in some German dioceses no appointments whatever are made by the Bishops, but on the ordination of a student he is sent forth, as in the earliest beginnings of the Apostolic Ministry, to labor in any place that he can, and for so long as he can stay there. When he is persecuted in that city, he flees to another. So the history of the Church, as well as that of the world, repeats itself.

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