

## CONSECRATION OF CATHEDRAL DRAWS IMMENSE CROWDS

Cardinal Gibbons Celebrant at Ceremonies at St. Patrick's Cathedral at New York—Many From Abroad.

New York, Oct. 5.—With princes of the church, bishops, monsignori and scores of priests as active participants or interested spectators in the impressive ceremonies of a solemn pontifical mass, of which Cardinal Gibbons was the celebrant, the three days' ceremonies attending the consecration of St. Patrick's cathedral began this morning. The ceremonies brought together an assemblage of prelates of the church only a little less notable than that which marked the sessions of the recent Eucharistic congress in Montreal. Heading the list of participants were Cardinal Vannutelli, papal legate; Cardinal Logue, primate of Ireland; and Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore. Among the many other distinguished prelates were Archbishop Farley of New York, O'Connell of Boston, Ryan of Philadelphia, Glendon of St. Louis and numerous bishops from various parts of the United States and Canada.

The ceremonies began with the consecration at 8 o'clock this morning. One thousand persons composed the procession, which moved around the great cathedral before taking part in the solemn service. The procession was headed by acolytes, chorists and the diocesan clergy, who were followed by the monsignori, bishops, archbishops and cardinals, all clad in the gorgeous vestments of their respective offices. The officers of the mass brought up the rear, headed by the archiepiscopal cross bearer.

The great cathedral had been elaborately decorated for the exercises of the week. The fifth avenue front of the stately edifice was made bright by countless yards of bunting of the papal colors, purple and white, which was tastefully festooned above the large entrances. The pulpits, railings and other parts of the interior were hung with laurel wreaths. The altar itself was draped in red.

**Crowds at Cathedral.**  
A detail of 100 police was required to keep in check the enormous crowds that congregated in the vicinity of the cathedral almost at dawn of day, anxious to obtain at least a glimpse of the eminent participants in the ceremonies, even though deprived of the opportunity to witness the ceremony itself. St. Patrick's has a seating capacity of 15,000, but it is estimated that nearly 20,000 persons were crowded into the spacious edifice, being admitted only by ticket. In the congregation were many specially invited civil officers, members of the vestries of the local churches, officers of Catholic societies and others.

Cardinal Gibbons officiated at the high pontifical mass, which began at 11 o'clock and was designed to be the most important and imposing of all the functions of the three days' program. Cardinals Vannutelli and Logue were seated in the sanctuary, where episcopal thrones, elaborately draped, had been arranged on either side. Archbishop Falconio, Archbishop Glennon, who prescribes the consecration, sermon; Bishop Gabriels of Ogdensburg, Bishop Beaven of Springfield, Mass., Bishop McDonnell of Brooklyn, Bishop Fitzmorris of Erie, Bishop Monaghan of Wilmington, and the many other visiting prelates were seated on either side of the two thrones, while the parish priests occupied seats reserved for them in the body of the church.

**Music Excellent.**  
The music at the mass was especially fine, being rendered with orchestral accompaniment and a large choir. The mass, music of J. C. Ungerer was given complete for the first time. A first program was also given of the offertory, "Jerusalem, Surge," by P. A. Ton, organist of St. Francis Xavier church in this city.

After the pontifical mass the clergy proceeded to the Diocesan house in Madison avenue, where dinner was served. The noted prelates from Europe were guests of honor at this function, and were greeted with eloquent addresses delivered by the venerable Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Falconio, Archbishop Farley and others.

Solemn pontifical vespers, with Archbishop Falconio presiding and Archbishop Hickey of Rochester preaching the sermon, close the first day of the celebration this evening. Special stress will be laid upon tomorrow's services, at which a solemn pontifical mass will be given in the cathedral for all the Roman Catholic children of the metropolis. This mass will take place at 10 o'clock in the morning. The responses of the mass will be sung by 6000 of the children of the parochial schools of the diocese, and children will fill the pews of the big cathedral to hear the mass chanted. This grand mass of thanksgiving for the children will be the only event of tomorrow. The following day the consecration ceremonies will close with religious exercises during the day and a reception at the Catholic club in the evening in honor of the visiting prelates.

**Episcopal General Convention.**  
Cincinnati, Ohio, Oct. 5.—A host of bishops, clergy and laity, representing the intellect and the power of the

Protestant Episcopal church of the United States, flocked into Cincinnati today for the forty-third triennial general convention of the church which has its formal opening tomorrow. Fraternal visitors from Canada, England and Mexico are here to attend the gathering, together with mission workers from China, Japan, South America and other parts of the world.

Prominent among the distinguished clergy in the city is the Right Rev. John Wordsworth, D. D., bishop of Salisbury, England, who is to preach the convention sermon. Heading the list of laymen is J. Pierpont Morgan, the eminent New York financier, who has rented a large house for the occasion and will entertain lavishly during the period of the convention.

### TAX COMMISSIONERS ASKED TO EXPLAIN

Spokane, Oct. 5.—An explanation has been asked by Governor Hays from the state board of tax commissioners as to why the assessment of the railroad and public service corporations in Spokane county was cut \$5,000,000 this year, while the general tax payers were raised \$20,000,000. Charges reflecting on the integrity of the state commissioners have been printed in the newspapers here, and in response to this the governor has ordered that the board explain its actions.



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