

and also because, Pope Benedictus having cursed the Antichrist, it will be proclaimed that all those who wage war against him will be in a state of grace, and should they die, will, like martyrs, go straight to heaven.

14. The Pope's "Bull" proclaiming these things will make a great sensation, and will cause the death of the monarch, the Antichrist's ally.

15. In order to conquer the Antichrist, more men must be killed than Rome has ever held. It will require an effort from all lands, for the cock, the leopard, and the white eagle would not suffice to overcome the black eagle if they were not helped by the prayers and devotion of all the human race.

HUMANITY IN GRAVE PERIL.

16. Never before has humanity been in such peril for the triumph of the Antichrist would be that of the Demon, in whom he is incarnated.

17. For it has been said that twenty centuries after the Incarnation of the Word the Beast in his turn would be incarnated, and would threaten the earth with as many evils as the Divine Incarnation had brought it graces.

18. Near the year two thousand the Antichrist will appear; his army will pass in numbers anything heretofore imagined; there will be Christians amongst his hordes, and amongst the defenders of the Lamb there will be Mahometans and savage tribes.

19. For the first time the Lamb will be entirely red, in the whole of the Christian world there will not be a space that will not be red; and the heavens, the earth, the water, and even the air will be red, for blood will flow in the sphere of the four elements at the same time.

20. The black eagle will throw itself upon the cock, which will lose many of its feathers, but will strike heroically with its spur. It would be soon annihilated were it not for the help of the leopard and its claws.

21. The black eagle which will come from the land of Luther, will surprise the cock by another side, and will invade one-half of the land of the cock.

22. The white eagle which will come from the north, will surprise the black eagle, and the other eagle, and will completely

invade the land of the Antichrist from one end to the other.

RIVERS CROSSED OVER CORPSES.

23. The black eagle will be forced to leave the cock to fight the white eagle, and the cock will pursue the black eagle into the land of the Antichrist to help the white eagle.

24. The battles waged until then will be small in comparison with those that will take place in the land of Luther, because the seven angels will at the same time pour fire from their burners on the impious land (image taken from the Apocalypse), which means that the Lamb will order the extermination of the Antichrist's race.

25. When the Beast sees he is lost he will become furious; during months the beak of the white eagle, the claws of the leopard, and the spurs of the cock must harass him.

26. Rivers will be crossed over masses of dead bodies, which in some places will change the course of the waters. Only great noblemen, superior officers, and princes will receive burial, for to the carnage caused by firearms will be added those who perished by famine and plague.

27. The Antichrist will several times ask for peace, but the seven angels who precede the three animals, defenders of the Lamb, have declared that victory shall only be accorded on the condition that the Antichrist be crushed, like straw on the threshing-floor.

28. Executors of the Lambs' justice, these three animals cannot stop fighting as long as any soldiers remain to the Antichrist.

29. The reason the sentence of the Lamb is so implacable is that the Antichrist has pretended to be a Christian and to be acting in His name, so that if he did not perish, the fruit of the Redemption would be lost, and the gates of Hell would prevail against the Saviour.

PREDICTS ERA OF PEACE.

30. It will be seen that it is not a human combat which will be waged where the Antichrist forges his arms. The three animals, defenders of the Lamb, will exterminate the Antichrist's last army; but the battlefield will become as an altar of sacrifice, larger than the great cities, and the corpses will have changed its shape by raising in it chains of mounds.