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THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

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IF our Knights of Columbus are the international representative body that the utterances of the organization would lead one to presume, then the results of the recent elections held in France should be ample cause for an uprising of all nations against that country,—at least for immediate declaration of war against France by the Congress of the United States.

Since the French Republic, in the exercise of what she deemed her sovereign rights, decided to secularize the so-called religious associations, that is, associations doing business under the name of religion, and to guarantee by assuming control of the education of her children,—from that time on, a number of organizations in this country, the Knights of Columbus leading, denounced the French government as “cruel,” “inhuman,” “un-Godly,” a “menace to righteousness,” and more to the same effect; and they, severally and collectively, called upon the Government in Washington, from the President down, to take prompt steps looking to the squelching of the offending nation.

Undeterred by these invectives and threats; evidently, if one is to judge from the idiom of the Knights of Columbus, breathing an un-Godly defiance to the United States; the French people have just—without more ado than a mastiff goes about his business, unaffected by the barkings of angry puppies, or a man proceeds upon his route without deigning to take notice of a lot of kids calling him names from a distance—marched to the hustings and re-elected triumphantly the Government, and endorsed emphatically the policies which earned for themselves the righteous wrath of the Knights of Columbus. And what is worse still, France did all this in italics, so to speak, by returning to office an increased number of Socialists.

Seeing that the President and Congress have troubles of their own, it is to be hoped neither is aware of the *casus belli* which, according to the Knights above

named, the French Republic has given to our nation, and that the friendly relations of the two countries may proceed uninterrupted. All appearances justify the hope.

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