

Rome

POPE BLESSES 50,000 FARMERS

It was a country crowd in St. Peter's Square, 50,000
 smallholders, in Rome for their Annual Convention. Pope
 Pius the Twelfth pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.
 His Holiness has been ill ^{since January,} ~~since January,~~ but to the
 delight ~~of the masses,~~ many in the costume of their *farmers*
 Province, the Pontiff was able to come on to the balcony
~~of St. Peter's,~~ making his first public appearance since
 recovering from bronchitis.