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## The Friend Of The Guardians Of Liberty

### Francisco Villa And American Anti-Catholics Once In Brotherly Communion.

### The "Patriots" and Recent Mexican Developments.

The American people are now beginning to realize the true character of Francisco Villa and of the other "saviors of humanity" below the Rio Grande, who have been so long reposing in the good graces of Washington. They should have come to this realization months ago, for the acts of the bandits in Southern Republic spoke for themselves. No brutality, even of the most beastly nature, has been too base for these revolutionists to commit. They have burned and robbed and ravaged in the most savage fashion, they have destroyed churches through mere malice, have murdered priests and treated nuns in the most shameful manner. They have slain in cold blood men of our own nation. To all of which we have silently and smilingly acquiesced; indeed, more than that, we have actually con-  
tributed in these damnable undertakings.

The little excursion to Columbus, New Mexico, the other day awakened us, to some degree at least, from our beautiful day dream in regard to Mexico. The attack on the town, the murder of American citizens, showed us that "watchful waiting" had been in vain. The men whom we have been peacefully allowing to run wild in that country have precipitated us into what may become a dangerous and long drawn war. Not content with killing men and women of their own nationality or of those of American and other citizenship living in their country, they have carried their bloody deeds into our land. We have cried out with pain and alarm and passionate indignation at this brutal act of Villa and his men.

It is interesting to recall in this regard that some time over a year ago this same Villa received praise and commendation from a certain "patriotic" portion of our citizenship for his actions in Mexico—actions of a similar character to those which are now arousing the hatred of our people. "Alamo Court No. 1, Guardians of Liberty of Texas" was the noble body which wrote to the notorious bandit. This organization "desires to express to you, and other patriotic Mexicans," they said, "our hearty approval of your actions and the great good and service you have and are rendering your people and the country."

"We would especially commend your actions in ridding your country of the basest of human vultures, the Catholic priesthood. Whenever women are forced to secretly confess to a man who has never married and who knows nothing of the sacredness of woman and of home, it is but natural for immorality to exist, and until this practice is stopped it is impossible to raise up a liberty loving, intelligent, patriotic, moral generation."

"Again assuring you of our appreciation of your invaluable worth to your country, and trusting that you may continue your good work until the people of your country are freed, indeed, from the root of the trouble, the Roman Catholic Church, in the language of the patriot, we would exclaim, 'Viva Mexico, by Villa!'"

In replying to this most affectionate communication, Villa expressed his "sincere thanks and very great pleasure" to the "honorable Society," and wished that "this honorable Society continue progressing every day for the welfare of humanity and of civilization." Both letters were published in the "Liberator," of October 22, 1914, an anti-Catholic paper of Magnolia, Ark., and were reproduced the following week in a press bulletin by the Central Bureau of the Central Verein. They are deserving of further publica-

tion now, in view of the recent developments in the Mexican situation.

What are we to really think of these "Patriots" who have been going abroad in the land for the last few years, denouncing the loyalty of any one who disagreed with their narrow and perverted ideas? It seems that the houses in which they live are perilously near to being built of a substance which forbids the throwing of stones. The bloody tactics which they encouraged in Mexico are now being used against ourselves, the hated "gringos". The men whom they have lovingly saluted are turning their blood-stained weapons against our people, against our women and children, weary of the murder and ill treatment of the women and children of their own country. In awakening to the realization of what Villa and Carranza and the other notables of the revolution really are, it is time, too, that the American nation come to realize the character of these organizations with similar ideals existing within our own boundaries. Otherwise, we are likely some day to discover as great a trouble upon us from their machinations and false teachings as the men of Mexico have brought to us at the present hour.

C. B. of C. V.

## Bishop Celebrates Mass For Tom Karl

### Funeral of Singer Held at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The funeral of Tom Karl, celebrated as an opera singer, who died Sunday, was held Wednesday in Holy Sepulchre cemetery. His body was placed in the vault after a committal service. Until after the snow has gone a permanent resting place cannot be selected.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, solemn pontifical mass of requiem was celebrated in the forenoon by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey; Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Curran, vicar general, assistant priest; Rev. William J. Byrne, deacon; Rev. James T. Wood, subdeacon; Rev. J. Francis O'Hern, rector of the cathedral, and Rev. M. J. Nolan, chancellor of the diocese, deacons of honor.

Father Curran and the other priests of Corpus Christi Church were selected to assist the Bishop, who was a personal friend of the singer, because Mr. Karl lived in the parish of that church at No. 51 Prince street. The choir of the cathedral and students of St. Andrew's Seminary sang the Gregorian chant of the mass of requiem. Other students assisted the priests at the altar.

The honorary bearers were William C. Barry, James P. Duffy, Marvin Burr, J. McQuaid, of Utica; Herman Dossenbach, Dr. Gerald Burns, G. B. Penny, Albert Klingenberg, Henry Schlegel, J. P. Doyle, D. Donohue, W. F. Shasser and Angelo Newman. The active bearers were H. Furlong, Harry Crowley, George Burgess, John Hedges, W. T. Nolan and Dr. J. T. McGovern. The ushers were Frank Hanna, Daniel J. Meagher and Cyril J. Statt. Bishop Hickey gave the final absolution.

Hundreds of persons attended the services at the Cathedral. Among them were well-known men and women and others less prominent who loved the genial singer. The floral tributes were many and beautiful.

### J. B. Meisch Will Admitted.

The will of John B. Meisch, who was superintendent of Holy Sepulchre cemetery, was admitted to probate Wednesday. The estate consists of \$6,000 in real property. One hundred dollars each is given to St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum, St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, St. Ann's Home for the Aged and St. Bernard's Seminary. Fifty dollars each is given to Rev. Walter B. McCarthy, Rev. William R. Arnold, and Rev. E. Raymond Kirk. The life use of the balance of the estate is given to Margaret L. Meisch, Pierre C. Meisch, a son, is residuary legatee. Mr. Meisch died on March 16.

## Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by  
The Propagation of the Faith Society  
318 Lexington Ave., New York City.

"The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is so closely linked with eternal salvation of men, near to being built of a substance which forbids the throwing of stones. The bloody tactics which they encouraged in Mexico are now being used against ourselves, the hated 'gringos'. The men whom they have lovingly saluted are turning their blood-stained weapons against our people, against our women and children, weary of the murder and ill treatment of the women and children of their own country. In awakening to the realization of what Villa and Carranza and the other notables of the revolution really are, it is time, too, that the American nation come to realize the character of these organizations with similar ideals existing within our own boundaries. Otherwise, we are likely some day to discover as great a trouble upon us from their machinations and false teachings as the men of Mexico have brought to us at the present hour."

Mgr. Streicher, W. F., Vicar Apostolic of Uganda, has been so seriously ill with typhoid fever that he was prepared for death. The fervent prayers of the entire vicariate were offered in his behalf, and the Bishop so far recovered that he was able to perform the ceremony of ordination which gave to Uganda its third native priest.

The house of St. Anne in Jerusalem, formerly in charge of the White Fathers, has been converted into a Mussulman University, for the sons of Sherks.

Rev. Gregory Pinto, of Tuticorin, India, has opened a free reading room and library at that place which is dedicated to "Our Lady of the Snows." The name in itself should be an attraction in burning India.

## Facts Not Too Complimentary To Ourselves.

American people spend annually:

- 10 times as much for motion pictures as for foreign missions.
- 20 times as much for candy.
- 50 times as much for automobiles.

100 times as much for tobacco.

200 times as much for alcoholic drinks.

The amount spent on chewing gum equals that given to spread Christianity in heaven lands.

- And of the \$18,000,000 spent for foreign missions in this country, Protestants give more than \$17,000,000; Catholics contribute less than \$1,000,000.

The above named articles are not the necessities of life. They are vanities and luxuries, pleasures of a passing moment. They might, with great spiritual profit, be sacrificed during the holy season of Lent, and the money thus saved be given to the great cause of spreading our Holy Faith. Make a sacrifice of just one of these luxuries during Lent and send the missions the mite sacrificed. It will do great service for the spread of Holy Faith and God will bless you.

## Don't Forget The Little Sister.

The foreign mission idea is still a new one to many Catholics. In spite of considerable exhortation and explanation on the subject, there are those who regard it with shyness if not suspicion. They have yet to get acquainted with the thought that the Catholic horizon is not bounded by their own parish.

To such persons nothing will be more useful than mission literature. In spite of themselves, they will soon get interested in the very real stories that the missionary priests and nuns tell. Our apostles do not write long epistles, a few simple demands expressed in a simple way make the gist of their letters: bread for the orphans, medicines for the sick, a roof for a tumble down chapel—such are the demands most of them made. To meet these only a few pennies, the unutilized surplus, are asked; for the foreign missions are still the little sister among Catholic charities, and accustomed to take an inconspicuous place.

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## Our Question Box.

Ques. Who are obliged to fast?

Ans.—All persons who have completed their twenty-first year and whose age, health and occupation will permit them to comply with the law of fasting are obliged to fast. The Church, however, excuses certain classes of persons from the obligation of fasting on account of their age, the condition of their health, the nature of their work or the circumstances in which they live.

Anyone who doubts whether or not he is obliged to fast should consult his confessor and follow the advice he gives.

Ques.—Is it wrong to go to confession out of turn against the will of others waiting with you?

Ans.—It is certainly wrong to go to confession out of your turn against the will of others waiting with you, because (1st) it causes disorder and scandalous conduct in the church; (2nd) it is unjust, makes others angry and lessens their good dispositions for confession; (3rd) it annoys and distracts the priest by the confusion and disorder it creates. It is better to wait than to go to confession in an excited and disorderly manner.

Ques.—Is it sinful to consult mediums, spiritualists, fortune tellers and the like, when we do not believe in them but through mere curiosity?

Ans.—It is sinful to consult them even if we do not believe what they say is true: (1st) because it is wrong to expose ourselves to the danger of sinning even though we do not sin; (2nd) because we may give scandal to others who are not certain that we go out of curiosity; (3rd) because by our pretended belief, we encourage these impostors to continue their wicked practices.

Ques.—Do Catholics adore the saints and do they not slight God Himself by addressing their prayers to them?

Ans.—Herein lies the cause of many a controversy between Catholics and non-Catholics. The latter allege that we adore the saints, whereas, we do not. We simply honor them; who in turn honor God. Thus indirectly, we honor God Himself.

We do not slight God Himself by addressing our prayers to the saints, but, on the contrary, show a greater respect for His Majesty and sanctity, acknowledging by our prayers to the saints, that we are unworthy to address Him for ourselves, and that we, therefore, ask His holy friends to obtain for us what we ourselves are not worthy to ask.

Ques.—How may persons working for others be guilty of dishonesty?

Ans.—Persons working for others may be guilty of dishonesty by idling the time for which they are paid; also by doing bad work or supplying bad material without their employer's knowledge. He may be guilty in getting money or goods by false pretenses and by using either for purposes for which they were not given.

## Just What a Martyr Is.

We are accustomed to the term "martyr," applied as it so often is to those heroic priests in the mission field who are called upon to yield their life for the religion they preach. The Bombay Examiner gives a clear definition of the meaning of the term which may be a source of information to many Catholics:

"The Church holds traditionally that any one who dies a martyr goes straight to heaven. But in order to win martyrdom it is not enough that a man is killed because he is a Catholic. Besides the intention to kill him out of hatred to the Faith, there must be on the other side the intention of living for the Faith. The mere dying is not enough; the death must be accepted by the martyr as a sacrifice to God. The value of martyrdom, in other words, lies in the heroism of love, and not in the mere fact of being killed."

## News From Ireland

Arms.

Much regret has been evoked in Ballymena and district by the death of A. Kerr, for many years guard in the employment of the Midland railway (N. C. C.).

The death has occurred of J. Period of Causeway House, Ballycarry, agent at Whitehead of Messrs. Wheeler and Company, mineral water manufacturers, Belfast.

Armagh.

Cardinal Logue presided in Armagh Cathedral at the requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Miss E. McKee, a member of a very old district family; and his Eminence afterwards officiated at the graveyard. A panegyric was delivered in the Cathedral by Father Lougiran.

Cardinal Logue has made the following changes in Armagh archdiocese: Rev. J. McArdel to be P. P. Cooley; Rev. J. Mullen, to be C. C., Upper Killybegs; Rev. T. Gogarty to be C. C., Louth. Died—February 3, 1916, at his residence, Brackagh House, Portadown, William Adams, J. P. R. I. P.

Clare.

J. Gordon, Boys' school, Ennis, has been appointed headmaster of SS. Peter and Paul Boys' school, Kilmallock, in succession to M. B. O'Donnell, appointed principal of the Courtenay schools, Newcastle-West.

Down.

Jerome Murphy, Firmount, has been appointed a district director of the Muskerry Light railway.

The death has taken place of Miss Maggie O'Donoghue, of Bealad.

B. T. Hill has been the recipient of a solid leather portmanteau as a gift from his fellow workers on the indoor staffs of the Naval Stores and Excise Accounts' Department at Haulbowling on his leaving for Devonport.

Maurice Moloney has been co-opted a member of Mitchelstown No. 2 District Council in room of the late Mr. Brazil.

Derry.

P. McCallion, T. C., Derry, has been co-opted on Derry Guardians in room of the late William Morris, T. C.

S. King, who died suddenly at Coleraine, was a well known confectioner and had secured popularity as a dance musician and instructor.

Down.

A very handsome Celtic Cross has recently been erected in the new Catholic cemetery, Downpatrick, as a memorial to the late revered parish priest, Father William Dempsey. The material used in the Cross, bases and enclosures is dark Bon Accord granite, the surface being highly polished.

Considerable damage resulted from an outbreak of fire in the drapery premises of Messrs. Young, The Arcade, Banbridge. Dr. G. M. Irvine, medical officer of Mountmorris dispensary, Newry, has resigned on the Guardians refusing an increase of salary.

Galway.

The death, aged 54, has occurred at Clifden, County Galway, of Joseph Chandler, R. N., acting divisional officer, Coastguards.

Kerry.

Out of sympathy with the family of the late St. J. H. Donovan, J. P., on the death of his son, the Tralee Board of Guardians and R. D. C. and the Tralee Town Tenants' league adjourned their meetings.

Mayo.

Died—February 4, at his residence, Letterbrook, Westport, aged 72 years.

The Rev. Martin Moran, late C. C. Turlough, Castlebar, has been appointed to the curacy of Moylough in room of Rev. M. Donnellan, appointed parish priest of Roundstone.

Westmeath.

Rev. Father Duffy, Adm., Mullingar, has been re-elected chairman of the Midland Feis committee.

## Catholic Notes

### of Interest.

Domestic.

The Emmitsburg, Md., Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, in Milwaukee, will this year celebrate their seventieth anniversary.

Cardinal Farley recently authorized the reading in the churches of the Archdiocese an appeal from the citizens' committee for food shipments, issued from the office in the Woolworth building, in behalf of the millions of little children who are suffering in Germany and Austria-Hungary for the want of milk.

The Alumnae of Mount Washington, Md., raised \$5,000 for a scholarship.

The Cincinnati Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor will be enlarged to the extent of \$20,000.

Another substantial church and school combined has been blessed in Germantown, Philadelphia, by the Archbishop for colored Catholics.

The handsome Catholic edifices are now those of the extreme and middle west of our country.

Cardinal O'Connell sent the Holy Father his recent collection taken up for the Polish sufferers in his diocese, amounting to \$15,000.

In Philadelphia a recent social gathering of Irish young ladies conversed only in the Gaelic language.

The five historic Franciscan Missions round and about San Antonio, Texas, may be restored by nation-wide contributions.

Plans are in preparation for a Cathedral at Superior, Wis., to cost about \$150,000.

St. Mary's Industrial School, Baltimore, derived more than \$10,000 last year from its farm, produce and cattle.

Chicago has a Catholic Employment Bureau. In nine months it secured employment for 1,500 men.

In Harrisburg, Pa., the State has purchased the St. Lawrence Church, school and rectory, and Sisters' home for Park purposes.

Mr. Verner Z. Reed, a non-Catholic of Denver, has given \$1,000 towards the building of the new Cathedral at El Paso, Texas.

Foreign.

Three hundred Passionists are in the service of the armies.

The Archbishop of Besancon has given the destitute clergy of Namur diocese about \$10,000.

The city Tivoli, Italy, has requisitioned the celebrated St. Michael's Monastery of the Irish Dominicans.

There are ten Catholic members of Parliament representing constituencies in England, and seventy-eight representing Irish constituencies. The Catholic peers number forty-four.

The Catholics of Holland are generous in contributing to the pressing needs of the Pope. The diocese of Haarlem alone contributing upwards of \$30,000.

The handsome University at Puebla, Mexico, has been looted; the Archbishop's residence likewise—all their sacred contents are gone.

The venerable jubilarian Cardinal Falconio is now one of the six Cardinal Bishops of Holy Church.