

### A MODERN THINKER ON AN ANCIENT TRUTH.

#### The Medieval Conception of the State a Remedy for War Provoking Nationalism.

In the magazine section of the New York Evening Post for Saturday, July 28th, Washington Gladden, widely and favorably known as an author, brings a series of reflections upon a new book of George Louis Beers entitled "The English Speaking Peoples, Their Future Relations and Joint International Obligations." The quotations he brings from this work are in themselves so well worth quoting and corroborate so fully what had been said so well and so clearly in St. Augustine's Civitas Dei that we cannot but choose several of the best to bring home a truth of especial interest just to-day.

Dr. Gladden tells us that "The first fact to be noted is that the condition which has prevailed for several centuries in Europe is that of international anarchy. This is not to be charged to any one nation or group of nations; it is the direct product of working theories universally held in recent times;... in the words of a living publicist, the modern view is that 'the political world is composed of distinct communities, entirely independent, territorially omnipotent, and to some extent morally responsible.' And Mr. Beers explains still further when he says: 'The governments of the national states, England, France, Spain, whose consolidation marks the dawn of the modern era, successfully claimed for these bodies absolute freedom from all external control.' This absolutism in its pernicious form is attributed to what Dr. Gladden calls 'A series of remarkable thinkers—Machiavelli, Luther, Bodin and Hobbes—' who as the same author says, 'deductively developed an abstract theory of unlimited state sovereignty, both in internal and external affairs. Mankind instead of being regarded as one all-embracing community, was divided into distinct and separate political units, connected by no legal bonds. Even the existence of moral ties was not unfrequently denied. This theory of unlimited state sovereignty or more inhabitants, and is the still holds sway. In the political world of to-day the concrete realities are the sovereign states, each one of which is conceived by its government to be more or less a law unto itself.'

What the results are of these perverted views disseminated by the men referred to, Mr. Beers tells us when he says: "Almost at the very outset it was recognized that the Renaissance theory of state sovereignty led logically to the continuous warfare which was then devastating Europe, and that some limit must be set to the self-regulating actions of the sovereign state, if civilization was to perdure." But that this limit has not as yet been set is evident when we are told by Dr. Gladden that "There has never until now been any indication that any of the great powers were ready to surrender their prerogatives of sovereignty or to submit to any arbitration by which war could be averted."

Mr. Beer tells us likewise that "The war is a direct outcome of the prevailing international anarchy, and of the selfish nationalism that is intimately connected with this lack of organization." For, as he also states, "so long as the community of states remains unorganized, the 'will to war' of one of its members will always be able to thwart the pacific purposes of the majority."

"It has not always been so," Dr. Gladden tells us. "Away back in medieval times they managed better. At least they wanted to, and tried to. Mankind as they figured it, was a single, comprehensive organism; you might call it state or you might call it church—they drew no line between the two any more than the Massachusetts Pilgrims did." "And there is no doubt that these medieval folks had the idea that the unity of mankind was not merely a phrase—that it represented a fact which they ought

always to keep in sight and which must be the home of all their political thinking."

How fortunate indeed for the present world would be a reversion to this medieval manner of political thinking. Mr. Beer and Dr. Gladden vividly bring home to us the realization that the old is not all for the scrap heap, nor the new, however it glitter, all of precious value. C. B. of C. V.

### Foreign Mission News

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#### JUST BEGINNING.

We are all hoping that the war is coming to a speedy end. But our "War"—the Missionary Campaign—is only just beginning!

As one apostle has said, the amount spent in a single day of the great struggle would save millions of souls. This is true, but even before the European conflict the missionaries were waging battle silently and painfully against the great enemy of men. They had little money then as now, but they kept on, and must keep on, whatever the rest of the world is doing. Their war is just beginning, for in two thousand years only a comparatively few have been brought under the standard of the Cross. More pagans perish in a day than soldiers are killed in the great slaughter now going on, but few people give that fact a thought. Only the missionaries realize it, and ask for help to continue their campaign.

#### TIENSIN AND ITS NEEDS.

Tientsin, one of the notable cities of China, belongs to the Vicariate of Maritime Tche-li, and its Vicar is Mgr. Dumond, C. S. M. He has just written an interesting letter concerning present conditions there, which we quote in full.

"The needs of this mission are immense. Besides the demands of a vicariate of comparatively recent formation, and therefore composed of new Christians, the city of Tientsin itself absorbs a large part of our resources. It is a city of a million inhabitants, and is the great port of the north of China, as Shanghai is of the center, and Canton is of the south of China. American and English Protestant missionaries are numerous and possess magnificent churches, schools, clubs and dispensaries. One of their schools alone has more than eight hundred pupils. Our means do not permit us to rival such establishments, but, in place of a few buildings that strike the eye, we have many small and inexpensive ones appealing to the humble classes; but, as the poor are the beloved of the Lord, we do not feel disheartened.

"Every year we make many converts. The school children convert their parents very often. While Protestantism obtains perhaps superior intellectual results, the Catholic missionaries win the hearts, and those who choose their religion order their life by its rules and doctrine."

#### FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

It would seem that the Catholic Church in the United States has reached a point of prosperity where it can afford to enlarge its horizon, look abroad over the world and consider the condition of the Faith in less favored regions.

Heretofore Catholics have been building magnificent churches and schools and institutions of mercy. The time has come now, especially when the distress is so general, to lift up their eyes and view the ripened harvest fields which will surely perish unless with a truly Catholic spirit they supply the laborers and material resources. The Catholic, or universal, viewpoint is needed, and the result will be then assured.

The Catholic Federation of Milwaukee is to co-operate with the Red Cross.

### Symbols.

The symbols of the Apostles and Evangelists, as seen in church decorations and elsewhere, all have their origin in some circumstance of the life or death of the bearer. Among those emblematic of the Apostles and Evangelists, the following are most frequently used:

- St. Peter—Crossed keys, one gold and one silver, symbolizing his primacy; also the cock, because of his denial of Our Lord.
- St. Andrew—A transverse or X shaped cross, called by his name.
- St. James the Great—Pilgrim's staff and water bottle; also the shell, emblematic of pilgrimage and baptism.
- St. John—A chalice with serpent issuing from it; the eagle is his symbol as an Evangelist.
- St. Thomas—The square carpenter's rule; also a lance, because of the manner of his death.
- St. James the Less—A fuller's club, the instrument of his death.
- St. Philip—A column—he died suspended from one; sometimes, he also bears a staff with a small cross surmounting it.
- St. Bartholomew—A large knife, the instrument of his martyrdom.
- St. Matthew—A short sword; also a money-bag, the sign of a tax collector; as Evangelist, his sign is the figure of a man.
- St. Simon Zelotes—A saw, the instrument of his martyrdom.
- St. Jude (Thaddeus)—A knotted club; also a halberd.
- St. Matthias—A lance; sometimes a battle-ax.
- St. Mark's sign is the figure of a lion.
- St. Luke's sign is that of an ox.

#### A HYMN CARD.

A hymn card for congregational singing, edited by the Cincinnati Archdiocesan Musical Commission, at the instance of Archbishop Moeller, has just been published. The card contains a collection of twenty-four simple, but truly devotional hymns, suitable for congregational singing during low Mass, Benediction and services in honor of the Holy Name, the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, and during the seasons of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

#### Order of Alhambra.

In connection with the supreme convention of the Order of the Alhambra to be held in Syracuse, N. Y., September 2, 3 and 4, it is planned to erect a memorial to mark the place where the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was first celebrated in New York state.

While the program has not been perfected its chief features are the erection of a large boulder bearing an Alhambra memorial tablet, suitably inscribed. The boulder will be at least ten feet high and will be surrounded by a high picket fence to prevent vandalism. The site is within the city of Syracuse and will be selected with sufficient exactness by Rev. Mr. Beauchamp, a minister, but recognized historical authority, and by Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, S. J.

#### DONT'S.

- It's the dog days of summer, therefore beware of a number of things that may superinduce overheating. Health Commissioner Ruhland, of Milwaukee, has prepared a few warnings that won't harm to read and adopt:
- Don't worry or hurry.
- Don't over-eat. (Nearly everybody eats twice as much as he needs.)
- If you must drink iced drinks, drink them very slowly.
- Don't stuff your stomach with large quantities of ice cream.
- Don't forget that nature provides seasonable foods, and this is the season for fruits and vegetables.
- Don't forget to substitute these for meats and fats.

Don't remain in the lake too long at a time when the water is cold.

Don't go in bathing immediately after eating.

Don't fail to protect your ears when in bathing. Place plugs of cotton spread with a little vaseline in the ears.

### L. C. B. A. Convention Is Held In Atlantic City.

The convention of the L. C. B. A. was opened at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 17th, with solemn high mass at St. Nicholas Church, which was celebrated by Rev. J. T. Sheehan, O. S. A., assisted by Rev. M. A. Sullivan, O. S. A., as deacon and Rev. W. A. Rafter, O. S. A., as sub-deacon. In the sanctuary were Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Cusack, bishop of Albany and Supreme Spiritual Adviser of the association; Rt. Rev. Mgr. John Walsh of Troy, N. Y., who also delivered the sermon; Rt. Rev. Mgr. Splaine of Boston; Rev. W. O'Brien of Chicago; Rev. J. B. McClosky of Camden, N. J.; Rev. William R. Charles of Albany, N. Y.; Rev. Joseph Skelly, C. M., of Philadelphia; Rev. Thomas J. Lynch, New York City and Rt. Rev. Mgr. Thomas Coffey, Carbondale, Pa.

In addressing the delegates Rt. Rev. Mgr. Walsh showed a thorough knowledge of the association's affairs. He commended the course pursued by the management, praised the ideals for which the Association stands and paid a glowing tribute to "Woman and her Work." At the close of the services in the church the officers, delegates and visitors proceeded to the Steel Pier where the formal opening exercises were held. Supreme President, Miss Mahony presiding. Prayer was offered by the Supreme Spiritual Adviser, Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Cusack, bishop of Albany. Mr. Bacharach, the Mayor of Atlantic City made an address of welcome presenting the Supreme President with the key to the city and expressing the hope that it would unlock to the L. C. B. A., the choicest joys of the nation's playground.

Upon motion of the Association Rt. Rev. Bishop Cusack cabled greetings to his Holiness, Pope Benedict, XV. A patriotic resolution pledging loyalty and service to our government was also telegraphed to President Wilson upon the unanimous request of the convention.

### WHAT A FIFTY-DOLLAR BOND WILL DO.

- The proceeds of one fifty-dollar Liberty Loan Bond will purchase:
- Thirteen 13-pounder shells for destroying submarines.
- Four 5-inch shells for the same purpose.
- One hundred pounds of smokeless powder.
- Eighteen gas masks for a like number of soldiers at the front.
- Enough coal to drive a destroyer one hundred twenty miles.
- Enough gasoline to drive a submarine destroyer one hundred fifty miles.
- Asailor's uniform outfit.
- Four months' subsistence for a soldier.

### THE SECOND LIBERTY LOAN.

"The Second Liberty Loan of 1917" will be the official name of the second issue of the Liberty Loan.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has issued a public statement warning the public against regarding unreliable reports regarding the next Liberty Loan purporting to give information as to the date, amount, and other details relative to the issue. He states these reports are merely speculative and the public should not be misled by them; that these matters have not been determined upon, and as soon as they are settled official announcement will be made; in the meantime unofficial reports should be regarded as unfounded.

### Late News of Ireland Catholic News Notes

Carlow. Domestic.

James J. O'Donohue, 1 Middle Mountjoy street, Dublin and Alfred Corrigan, Provincial bank, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, who died recently, were natives of Clonmore and Carlow, respectively.

Mrs. Walton, daughter of the late W. Humphreys, Ballyhaiss House, Cavan, succumbed to injuries received in a burning accident at Droitwich.

At St. Joseph's church, Limerick, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Michael MacKenna, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. J. J. McCready, C. C., Quin; Rev. J. Halpin, P. P., Tulla, and the Rev. M. Murray, C. C., Newmarket, Thomas, fourth son of Thomas Reidy, Tulla, was married to Bridget (Bride), second daughter of Denis MacKenna, Tulla, Clare.

Miss M. Brooks, Ennis infirm, has been appointed nurse in Nenagh Work house hospital.

Miss Pauline Scantlebury (in religion Sister Mary Angela), second daughter of H. M. Scantlebury, Queenstown, was professed at St. Mary's Convent of Mercy, Limerick, the ceremony being performed by Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer.

Married—George F. Macnamara, manager, National bank, Clonakilty, to May Cotter of Sydney place, Cork, and Bushmount, Clonakilty.

Rev. H. McDwyer, rector of St. Columba's Industrial school, Killybegs, has been appointed P. P. of Carrick, in room of the late Rev. Dr. O'Doherty.

At St. Patrick's church, Glasgow, with nuptial Mass, by Rev. James Mullin, D. D., Joseph Patrick Hackett, B. E., Dublin, was married to Helen Josephine McMenemy, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McMenemy, Moville.

The death is announced of Mrs. J. Sharkey, principal Derrybeg Girls' school, Donegal.

Mother Mary Morris of Our Lady of Charity of Refuge, High Park, Drumcondra, who died recently, was a daughter of the late R. Morris of Tankardstown, Screen, and was professed in 1856 at High Park, where she remained until her death, being Superioress for twelve years.

D. M. Moriarty has been unanimously re-elected vice-chairman of the Killarney asylum committee.

Married—At St. John's church, Tralee, with nuptial Mass, by Rev. P. W. Burke, brother of the bride, Thomas, second son of Michael Burke, Waterford, to Kathleen, second daughter of James Burke, Tralee.

A movement has been started to erect a monument over the grave of the late Very Rev. M. Walsh, P. P., Castledermot.

The Kilkenny office of the Great Western Railway has been closed, and Mr. Channon, manager, has been appointed to the Limerick branch.

The death occurred at Steven's hospital, Dublin, of Jeremiah Doherty, engine driver, G. S. & W. R., late of Kilkenny.

Ballina Harbor Commissioners by resolution commended the Most Rev. Dr. Naughton to the C. D. B. for co-optation in room of the late Most Rev. Dr. Mangan of Kerry. The Urban Council passed a similar resolution.

Five thousand people assembled at Methyl Holy Well, near Carrick-on-Suir, where SS. Cuan and Brogan founded a monastery in the sixth century, on Patrons' Day, when an aeridheacht was held. Rev. L. Ormonde, C. C., delivered an address on "The Holy Wells of Ireland and the Veneration Due to Irish Saints."

Died—Miss Josephine Kiely, P. O., Galbally, Tipperary.

Following a requiem mass at Hempstead, Mass., aviators in 12 airplanes 1,000 feet in the air accompanied the funeral of Carl Millman, instructor at the Aviation Training School.

The old Indian chapel at Warner's Branch, near San Diego, Cal., has been repaired and again devoted to religious use.

The late Mrs. M. T. Borgmann, of Philadelphia, left her residence to the Sisters of Notre Dame for their aged and infirm members and \$15,000 as a fund to maintain it. To the St. Vincent Orphan Asylum she left \$15,000, as also \$15,000 to St. Boniface Church. The residue of her estate goes to the Orphan Asylum.

In fourteen months, ten new Catholic churches have been dedicated in Chicago—a marvelous growth.

Near the gate of the Catholic University, Washington, the beginning for the new Sulcician Seminary has been made. The edifice will be ready by the opening of the next semester. It will be used for the fourth-year theological students of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

The altar painting of St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati, is "St. Peter Delivered by an Angel," by Murillo. During the Peninsular War it was taken from the Spaniards and presented by Cardinal Fesch, uncle of Napoleon I, to Bishop Fenwick, first Bishop of Cincinnati.

The Catholic Women's Benevolent Union subscribed \$10,000 for Liberty Loan bonds.

The Bishop of Salt Lake City has been appointed by the Governor of Utah a member of the State Council of Defense.

The first Catholic monthly magazine in this country, "The Metropolitan," was published in Baltimore in 1830.

The new church and school of the Blessed Sacrament in New York is to cost one million dollars.

A large, handsome private residence in Memphis, Tenn., is now St. Anthony's Hospital for Colored Catholics.

It is approximated that about 50,000 converts are added to the Church in the United States every year.

A Government geologist recently found on a high hill in Medina county, Texas, miles away from any human habitation, a cross, perfectly formed, made of strange timber, with Our Lord's crucified image made of clays of various colors.

### More Women In Business Offices.

The war will take hundreds of men from business offices. Their positions must be filled by trained young people who will receive salaries in proportion to their qualifications. The withdrawal of so many men from the accounting and correspondence departments of our banks, stores and manufacturing establishments will create wonderful opportunities for women who are prepared.

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