

No Friday Steaks For Boys in Khaki.

The present war has brought home to us many lessons, but probably the most striking one that has fallen in the path of the ladies of the Episcopal church of Emporia, Kas., occurred on a recent Friday.

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild of that city have been supplying the soldier boys passing through the city with box lunches.

Friday, when a troop train bound for Camp Funston, came into the station the ladies were there with the customary boxes to give to the boys.

In each box was a large, juicy steak. The boys ate of the food and when the train pulled out the ladies gathered up the boxes.

Then came the shock. Over fifty per cent. of the boxes contained the juicy steak. The ladies were puzzled for an explanation. The steaks were tested and found to be tender and well cooked. The boys were undoubtedly hungry, as every bit of the rest of the food had been consumed.

Finally a bystander enlightened them with the comment that "undoubtedly it was a Catholic bunch you were serving, as today is Friday."

The ladies answered with the simple comment that they wished all mothers could have boys who were not ashamed to practice their religion in public.

Last of Chippewa Chiefs Dies a Catholic.

Writing apropos of the recent death at White Earth, Minn., of Chief Ma-j-i-g-i-jik (Rising Sun) in his seventieth year, the last of the circle of old-time Chippewa chieftains, the Rev. Philip Gordon, Catholic priest, himself of Indian blood, tells that Ma-j-i-g-i-jik died a Catholic. Although well instructed and for many years a staunch member of the Episcopal church, this shrewd and observant Indian, feeling something lacking, became a convert and was received into the Catholic Church by Father Aloysius, the local missionary, some nineteen years ago.

From the date of his entry into the Church, the chief became a model Catholic. Sober and industrious, he lived a life that belied the popular ideas of Indians as inherently lazy, thriftless and without solidity of character. The chief managed his own farm, while he took a leading part in the public affairs of the reservation. He visited Washington on several occasions, and was known as a very conservative Indian. The chief lived four miles from the mission, but was never known to miss Mass on Sunday. He frequented the sacraments with method and regularity and in his last days grew stronger in his faith.

It is a fact of history that the greatest of the Chippewa chiefs, Hole-in-the-Day, lies buried today in the Catholic cemetery at Crow Wing. Thus does Ma-j-i-g-i-jik's death bring to mind the fact that the Chippewa Indians are by nature Catholics, and misfits in any other church but the true one.

Gaelic Association Re-union

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association had an exceptionally large attendance at its second meeting for the season, held at the "Fitzhugh" on Friday evening last.

President D. C. Ryan announced that the association would hold its annual masquerade on Friday evening, November 23rd, to which the members would have the privilege of inviting their friends at a nominal admission fee.

Arrangements are being made for other attractive numbers on the seasons program.

In fifteen years the Archbishop of New York, Cardinal Farley, has erected 85 Catholic schools.

Late News of Ireland

Prof. O'Sullivan, M. A., and Messrs. Deracy, T. Bolger, R. D. C., and J. Lennon, P. C., spoke at a recent Sinn Fein meeting in Carlow.

J. M. Whelehan, Carlow, has been appointed professor of mathematics in St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.

Most Rev. Dr. Foley has ordained the following to sub-deaconship: Rev. L. O'Connor, Los Angeles; Rev. P. Kilduff, Sale, Victoria, Australia; Rev. T. McKernan, Wheeling, W. Va.; Rev. M. O'Reilly, do; Rev. P. Caray, Natchez, Miss.; Rev. D. O'Hara, San Francisco; Rev. J. C. Mills, Great Falls, Mont.

While threshing at Knockpogrigue, Mill street, William O'Riordan, in trying to remove straw from the machine, was killed under the spindle.

At Conliffe College the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh ordained Rev. J. Noonan, O. P., to deaconship, and conferred minor orders on Messrs. E. Doherty, J. Gaffney, J. Conway and M. J. Ahern, O. M. I.

Ireland is paying £8,000,000 a year for British coal.

Robert Davitt, a Belvidere College student, who won a first class exhibition (Senior) in the Intermediate Examination, medals in English, history and geography, and a composition prize in English, is the late Michael Davitt's youngest son.

Rev. M. O'Leary, ordained recently in Newcastle-on-Tyne, is the eldest son of T. O'Leary, Cahir N. S., Kenmare.

Judge Dromgoole, at Listowel, adjourned until January the hearing of a claim for £50 by a Scottish insurance society in respect of the destruction of glass in the Ballyunion police barracks on the night of the Longford election.

Michael Kiely, a screen mangled of injuries received in Messrs. Russell's mill, Mallow street, Limerick, Dr. Myles said there was a fracture at the base of the skull, which caused death and the Coroner's jury so found.

William Martin has been elected C. P. S., Kilmfinane. The other candidates were Messrs. Leo O'Shaughnessy, J. Hanly, M. R. Ryan and Sergt. Maguire.

Michael J. Harty, horse trainer, Croom, and his son, John, were fined 1s. each with costs, at Tipperary Petty Sessions for using petrol in a motor car to convey them to Limerick Junction race meeting.

Messrs. P. Carney, Westport, P. E. Gibbons, do; T. Gibbons, Newport; William Lowry, Kilbannon, have gained scholarships in St. Jarlath's College, Tuam.

R. J. Sweeney, draper, Claremorris, has been appointed a J. P. for Mayo.

Married—At St. Mary's, Westport, with nuptial Mass, by the Rev. Thomas Morris, P. P., Ballindine, uncle of the bride, assisted by the Rev. R. Canavan, Adm., Westport, Teresa Frances (Tess), second daughter of James and Mrs. Kilroy, Brackloon, Westport, to Thomas Kivlehan, William street, Sligo.

While Patrick Burke, 65, a milesman on the G. S. and W. Railway, of Ballymacadam, Cahir, was playing "pitch-and-toss" on the roadside at Ballmacadam, he fell dead from heart failure.

Died—At his residence, Mayville, John's Hill, Waterford, Edward John Egan (Egan & Sons).

At Ballinacourty, Dungarvan, Mary Josephine (E. de de M.), second daughter of Patrick and Mrs. Corish, aged 17 years.

Most Rev. Dr. Hackett has made the following changes: Rev. W. Ormond, Clonmel, to be Adm., Clashmore; Rev. W. Kehoe, Waterford, C. C., SS. Peter and Paul's, Clonmel.

Foreign Mission News

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

THE WATCHWORD IS NOW—"ECONOMIZE."

This good priest gives a practical example of how much can be saved for the missions if we just put our mind upon the subject and utilize every opportunity. He lives in the West, and during a railway journey was inspired to think of the S. P. F. Here is his letter:

"Economize" seems to have become the predominant watchword of the hour. It struck me recently, that I might use the slogan in behalf of the Prince of Peace and His poor missionaries, many of whom, no doubt, could give us all practical lessons in economy.

"So with a railroad journey of forty-eight hours before me, and with \$2.72 plus my transportation in my pocket, I closed a bargain with myself that if I should have any cash left at the end of my trip it would go to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. The bargain was no sooner closed than I bethought me of the fact that my transportation did not include a sleeper.

"Well, when I reached the railway I found \$1.55 in my pocket. Three cents for a money order leaves a balance of \$1.52 net, which I send for the good cause."

REAL ISOLATION.

Laos is apart of Indo China and many of its inhabitants are still in a very wild state. The country is also desolate in the extreme, and in the mountainous regions one is completely lost to the outer world.

Our apostles are there, however, and of one of the pioneers, Fr. Jarvin, P. F. M., his Superior, says:

"He has been twenty-five years with the savages of the Laotian region and has had great success. I visited the district four years ago. A very unhealthy spot, and I brought back a bad attack of tropical fever, against which I had to fight for more than two years. He is so far away from civilization that it takes about four months for a letter to reach him and an answer to be returned."

THE BLESSED VIRGIN PROTECTS HER CHILDREN.

A native priest of India, Father Marie Joseph, tells of a strange happening in his mission. It seems that the pagans of the neighborhood, filled with rage upon learning that the Christian pariahs had erected a little chapel in which to worship the true God, burned it one Monday night in March, at about eleven o'clock.

For three successive years, at exactly this time, a fire has destroyed the village of the pagans, who caused the destruction of the Catholic chapel. When the pagans consulted their idols and offered sacrifice to their gods in order to find out the cause of these fires, they report that the answer was distinctly heard by all present: "The fires are all the result of the wrath of a Golden Queen," against whose power nothing can prevail! This is but one of many instances of the loving protection which our Blessed Mother is pleased to grant at times to her faithful children.

From the Japanese Catholic Club of Los Angeles, California, Rev. Fr. Albert Breton, P. F. M., sends the cheering news that Catholic missionary work among the Japanese there is progressing by leaps and bounds. The third kindergarten in two years has just been opened, and altogether more than one hundred and twenty-five Japanese tots are enrolled in the classes. It is expected that early in 1918, three or four more Sisters will come from Japan to take up work in different localities. Altogether the Japanese of California respond well to the efforts of Catholic priests and nuns.

SOME FACTS ABOUT THE POPE AND PRISONERS OF WAR.

Splendid Ameliorating Work of the Holy Father.

The above is the title of an interesting appendix to a tract published by the Society of SS. Peter and Paul of London, Publishers to the Church of England, which appeared but recently. The tract, entitled "No Small Stir" deals with the Papal appeal for peace. The appendix in question gives a very comprehensive and fair summary of the benevolent activity of our Holy Father on behalf of so many of the unfortunate victims of the war. "A proposal," it tells us, "for the general exchange of prisoners unfit for military service was made by His Holiness to the Sovereigns and heads of states of the belligerent Powers on Dec. 31st, 1914." All the governments accepted, though not all put the suggestion into practice. "The Pope then took up the question of invalid and wounded prisoners, and in May 1915 opened negotiations with the belligerent states with a view to such prisoners being exchanged and interned in neutral countries." The French, Swiss and German Government accepted this proposal and as a result many thousands have been sheltered in Switzerland.

"In 1915," we are told again, "the Pope made a further appeal in order that they should agree to allow the strict observance of Sunday rest for prisoners of war. All the Governments adhered to this proposal."

As a further move to ameliorate the condition of prisoners we hear that: "In April 1916 the Pope put forward a plan for interning in a neutral country, after eighteen months' captivity, the fathers of at least three children." This suggestion was not accepted except in a tentative and experimental way in a very few cases.

Then too "An Office in favour of prisoners at war" was opened in Dec. 1914 as a department under the Papal Secretary of State. "The work of this department is to make inquiry for missing soldiers and to conduct investigation into the condition of prisoners."

"When reprisals on prisoners were threatened the Pope," we are told, "intervened by proposing to the various Governments that they should abstain from all measures of this kind."

So too "as regards spiritual matters the Pope has recommended Bishops to look after prisoners' camps in their dioceses, has sent representatives to visit camps and has granted special powers to Chaplains."

Nor did he overlook the material needs of these unfortunates for as the tract informs us, "Material assistance has been given in the form of provisions to French prisoners, of Christmas presents to Italians, of Easter presents to Austrians and of gifts distributed by the Apostolic Delegate at Constantinople to the French and other English prisoners in Turkey."

Finally summing up a diversity of other Papal activities in behalf of the unfortunates of the war we learn that "inter alia, the Pope has frequently intervened on behalf of individual prisoners with a view to their release or confinement in more suitable conditions, especially as regards health, has been instrumental in establishing technical courses and libraries for students, and has promoted the unrestricted exchange of priests."

Surely this is a splendid record of benevolent activity which elicits even the frank admiration of those not of our faith. It justifies, perhaps, the hope that when the longed-for hour of peace has come He, the common Father of Christendom, will be able to raise His voice and be heard for a happier and more secure future.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Ancient Order of Hibernians will furnish fifty Mass Outfits for Chaplains. It will also establish a war relief fund.

MUSIC BY A PRISON CHOR.

Trained by Father Valentin for the prison choir, certain inmates of the Hawaii territorial penitentiary who are serving various sentences for several years, are paroled every Sunday in order that they can go out to the Catholic chapel at Waikiki and sing in the choir.

Two or three times each week Father Valentin goes down to the penitentiary to lead the prison choir in practice. And then he goes down there on Sunday morning to conduct the service at which they sing. Two or three of the men are paroled to sing at his chapel in Waikiki, and formerly, when there were many good voices among the men in jail, the entire choir would go to the church on Sunday to sing in the choir for the priest who has devoted his time to them.

POPE ISSUES FOOD CARD

Pope Benedict has authorized the issuance of bread and sugar tickets to the whole of the Vatican population. Six hundred cards were issued. The Vatican will exercise the strictest supervision to prevent possible evasion. The cards are those issued by the Italian government.

French Catholic Paper Suspended

The French government has seized that gallant Catholic paper, "La Libre Parole." So far no explanation has been forthcoming. It is a common event for "La Croix" and other Catholic journals to have columns cut out of a religious article by the censor and efforts have been made to cripple the Catholic press by denying them a proper supply of paper. But so far such efforts have failed, thanks to the loyalty of the secular press toward their Catholic confreres—when this kind of persecution arose. Whether "La Libre Parole" is suppressed entirely or only suspended for a few days, has not yet been communicated to its many friends.

Old Rosaries Wanted

Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., president of the Chaplain's Aid Association, says that rosaries are in such great demand by the soldiers that the association will welcome any and all sent them, even if they are not perfect. They will be able to use the beads and have them restrung. It would be well for every pastor to make a collection of rosaries in his parish, and have them sent to the office of the Chaplain's Aid Association, 580 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Church Events for November

November is the month of the Poor Souls. Holy Days of Obligation: Thursday, Nov. 1, All Saints' Day. Days of Abstinence besides Fridays: None. Note well: Friday, Nov. 2, All Souls. Monday, Nov. 11, St. Martin of Tours. Thursday, Nov. 15, St. Gertrude. Wednesday, Nov. 21, Presentation Our Lady. Thursday, Nov. 22, St. Cecilia. Friday, Nov. 30, St. Andrew the Apostle.

Archbishop Ireland Better.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul, who has been confined to his bed with a cold is reported as better. Dr. Chas. Mayo of Rochester, Minn., has issued a statement to the effect that the Archbishop's condition is not serious.

Movie Star Gives \$30,000.

Mary Pickford, the movie picture actress, who is a Catholic, has been announced by the Los Angeles Liberty Loan committee as a contributor to the extent of \$30,000. Miss Pickford was also a subscriber to the first loan.

Gave Millions To The Church

The benefactions to Catholic churches and institutions of Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan, whose death at her country home near Buffalo, N. Y., occurred a short time ago, are said to total something like \$20,000,000. They include the building and outfitting of churches in the South, notably the beautiful Richmond Cathedral, Mrs. Ryan erected a chapel at Buffalo, N. Y., and several buildings at Georgetown University. She made a Papal Countess by Pius X in 1917, and was also decorated by him with the Cross of St. Gregory.

Pope Honors Irish Author

The Pope has conferred the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice on Dr. W. H. Gratian-Flood, K. H. G., organist and choir director of the cathedral, Ennisceorthy, Ireland, in recognition of his services to Catholic literature, history and music, and especially of his "History of the Diocese of Ferns," a special copy of which was recently presented to His Holiness.

MRS. THOMAS FORTUNE RYAN GAVE MILLIONS TO CHURCH IN AMERICA

Mrs. Ida Ryan, wife of Thomas Fortune Ryan, and a Papal Countess since 1907, died Friday morning, October 19, at her country home, Montebello Farm, Suffern, N. Y. Mrs. Ryan was widely known for her extensive benefactions, which are estimated to have reached the sum of \$20,000,000.

Her husband, who is one of the best-known financial figures in the country, and her son, Allen Ryan, were with her when Pope Pius X conferred the rank of Countess upon her. She already had attained the distinction of being probably the most liberal supporter of Roman Catholic institutions in all the world.

Aside from her numerous church benefactions, Mrs. Ryan established fourteen college scholarships for working girls and six for working boys. The \$1,000,000 Cathedral at Richmond, Va., is one of the chief gifts of Mrs. Ryan to the Church. Her body will be placed in a crypt in that edifice. She also supplied \$1,000,000 for the erection of the Church of St. Jean Baptiste, Lexington Avenue and 76th Street, and \$500,000 for the convent of Perpetual Adoration at Washington. Mrs. Ryan also maintained scores of hospitals, schools and chapels and homes for children and the infirm. Four rooms for telephone girls at St. Vincent's Hospital were maintained by her.

\$50,000 CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Beginning Monday, November 5, a special campaign to raise \$50,000 for Catholic charities, under the auspices of the Rochester Catholic Charities Aid Association, is to be conducted. The association, which now takes over the Catholic Charity Guild and the Catholic Men's Charity League, was incorporated last June, following the enactment of an Act of Legislature, authorizing the same in this and six other dioceses of the State of New York. The president is the Rt. Rev. Bishop and associated with him are clergymen and lay to the number of more than one hundred who act as incorporators and are now officers, trustees and advisors. The plan is simple. Fifteen teams of men and fifteen teams of women, consisting of ten members each, making three hundred workers in all, will canvass the citizens of Rochester for eight days, to obtain cash and pledges to the amount of \$50,000 or more. The money will be used during the present charity year of 1917-18 for relief work, the orphan asylum, St. Mary's Hospital and the Home for the Aged. Every Catholic will be reached, if possible, directly by the canvasser, and at least indirectly from the pulpit of the churches and by the literature which will be distributed, outlining the campaign. As charity is the worthiest of all causes, we recommend the most hearty to the people of the Cathedral and we hope that every man, woman and child will give something to the cause of charity during the first week of November. Contributions may be left at the rectory or may be sent directly to headquarters, 347 Main Street East, from which office the acknowledgment of all contributions will be received. Dear Reader, see your way to help the cause.