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A Trustworthy Guide.

Count De Maistre, Catholic Statesman and Author,

A Reliable Informant on Vital Facts Concerning Russia

The problem of Russia the international relations as well as the domestic issues, political, religious, social and economic, is one of the most perplexing questions occupying the minds of statesmen as well as the general public. A proper solution, cannot be found without a clear understanding of the Russian people and Russian conditions, yet-there is no lack of undigested advice and bits of information cast out at random in the press. Instead of following these deceptive will-o'-thewisps, all serious minded people should seek the most reliable

It is a singular fact that no one has until now called attention to a reliable and a Catholic source, from which a proper understanding of the Russia in the past can be gained as well as of the Russia of our own day. This source is the "Quatre chapitres inedits sur la Russie", written by the famous Catholic Comte Joseph-Marie de Maistre (born 1753, d. 1821), and published by his son Xavier. Joseph de Maistre, a conservative statesman, was at one time assistant fiscal advocate general of Savoy, then Senator, later confidential envoy of his sovereign, the king of Sardinia, to Lausanne, and, still later, pleni-potentiary at Petersburg, where he remained fourteen years. In treating of Russia, then, de Maistre writes as one having knowledge, and not from hear-say. He was at court when Alexander I., in 1811, planned to liberate the Russian serfs, and thus had an exceptional opportunity of studying the situation. And his studies were so carefully made, his observations so keen and his final judgment so correct that, as late as 1880, a noted Austrian sociologist declared that "it is impossible to write' intelligently on the development of the Russian people without consulting "the deepest and purest fountain head of knowledge of Russian conditions...the writings of Count Joseph de Maistre.

Guided by his knowledge of conditions, by his experience as a statesman and a student and by his deep religious conviction, de Maistre determined that a religious and moral awakening of the masses must necessarily be brought about; but previously a reformation of the clergy of the Russian Church must take place. Freedom, he declared, could only be secured where a certain high standard of Christianity had been established. Slavery, -and he always spoke of the condition of a portion of the Russian people as slavery-was unavoidable, as long as a moral regeneration of the people was not accomplished; and a regeneration of the masses could not be achieved while the clergy were held in contempt by the people. The abolition of slavery without this regeneration would, he believed, result in a revolution. -

The conserving and protecting power of the clergy, he writes in the memoire, no longer existed in Russia, Religion. could still exert some influence on the mind of the Russian people but 'none on the heart, where all wishes, and likewise, all crimes, have their origin. A peasant would perhaps permit himself to be killed rather than eat meaton a fastday; but one cannot depend on him when he is called upon to suppress a violent attack of passion. Christianity is not a word, it is a fact. Shorn of it's power, its all-pervading influence, without a recognized position it is no longer what it was when it made a general emancipation possible. I warn the Government not to base its support on it these things must be considered before the abolition of slavery could be accomplished. If, he declares, "the legal impulse has once been given, a certain public opinion will be formed, which will carry everything away with it; at first it will be a fad, then a passion, and finally madness. The law will be the beginning, the end -revolution." And the gravity of the danger will beggar description, because of the peculiar character of the Russian Nation, which is "the most mobile the most tempestuous and the most enterprising of all the nations of the earth."

De Maistre says that he had once remarked in a playful manner, that the wish of a Russian, if it could be confined, could blow up a fortress, and adds that this remark is based on truth. "No other man, he says, "has such an intensively energetic will as a Russian...Observe him when he is spending his money, his manner of chasing after pleasures which he desires, and you will realize the power of his will. Observe him in business transactions-even the Russian of the lowest classes—and you will realize how keenly alert he is to his interests. Observe him executing undertakings on the field of battle and you will appreciate the measure of his bravery.

Surely the developments of the last few years have proven the soundness of De Maistre's judgment. In fact, the Catholic Encyclopedia accords a sort of prophetic vision to the Savoyan statesman and author. "To appreciate the Mais-tre in his writings as a whole, we read, "one may remark that his ideas are bold and penetrating, and his views so clear and accurate that attimes they seem prophetic.... He possesses a wonderful facility in exposition, precision of doctrine, breadth of learning, and dialectical power. He influenced the age that followed him: he dealt Gallicanism such decisive blows that it never rose again. In a word, he was a great and virtuous man, a profound thinker, and one of the finest writers of that French language of which his works are a distinguished ornament.

Why should not our own age hasten to learn necessary

lessons from such a master? C. B. of the C. V.

Brief Biography of Bishop Gallagher of Detroit.

The new Bishop of the Diecese of Detroit, the Rt. Rev. Michael J. Gallagher, D. D., succeeded to the See of Grand Rapids on December 26, 1916, after having been named coadjutor to the late Bishop of that See, the Rt. Rev. H. J. Richter, D.D., on July 5, 1915.

Bishop Gallagher was at the time of his elevation to the episcopacy chaplain of the St. John's Orphan Home, and was Vicar General of the Grands Rapids diocese.

Bishop Gallagher is Michigan born, his birth place having been Auburn, Bay county. He is 52 years old. He attended Assumption College at Sandwich, Ont., and later Munger College, Limerick, Ireland, where he was graduated in 1889. From there he went to the University at, Innsbruck, in the Austrian Tyrol, where he studied philosophy and theology: He was ordained by the Bishop of Brixen in the Tyrol in 1893. In 1885 he returned to this country and was pastor at Carrollton, Mich., a few months, and assistant at Hemlock, a short and the professional man work- Francis W. Howard of Columbus, time. In March, 1896, he went to Grand Rapids and was assistant in St. Andrew's Cathedral two years.

K. of C. Records Unusual Growth

Order Has Substantially Passed Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D. 400,000 Membership Mark-Over Ten Per Cent With Colors.

(By K. of C. News Service)

Figures submitted in the report of William J. McGinley, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, to the Order's Supreme Convention at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York City, on August 6-7, show that the total gross increase in the memberhip of the Order was 47,508. This increase is divided between the insurance and associate membership as follows: Insurance, 571; associate, 21,353. Recorded suspensions amounted to 17,512. making the net increase in the Order's membership 26,924. In other words, the Knights of Coligion provides and has provided lumbus is growing at the rate of about 100—members a day—a remarks of man's hapoiness here.

THE WORST FOR THIRTY-FIVE the town for name a century. The worst for the betterment of the masses and for increasing the Order's membership 26,924. In among the fraternal orders of below, while it always avails it-America.

One does not have to delve very far to find the reasons for this unusual growth. From its inception the Knights of Columbus has been one of the most vigorous of all fraternal societies, both from the points of internal growth and external action, and it is self-evident that the Order's vast and effective war work has stimulated more interest in it as a Catholic society than any other activty it has undertaken.

Everywhere Catholic men have been stirred to a pride in the achievements of this comparaively young Catholic Order, and that pride has led to an examination of its claims to their interest and support, and consequent application for membership. If the demands of war had not made such large inroads into the eligible male Catholic population it is highly probable that on even greater increase in K. of C. membership would be recorded.

A notable feature of the inhighest rating from State insur- in Christ. ance commissioners.

the twelve monts ended June 30,

It is estimated that fully ten U.S. service, to say nething of drill will be the Christian School the hundreds of Canadian wherein the children of our great Knights in the Canadian Expeenlisted in the Army and Navy. some of the highest officers in against which the Gates of Hell tions; and at last Dighia Mission both the Army and Navy are members of the Order.

The work of recruiting eligible men for the K. of C. overseas service is rapidly progressing. Recently a review of a large party of secretaries destined for service at the Front was held in New York City, the local press speaking highly of the calibre of the men as indicated by their smart appearance. Opportunity yet offers for American citizens with the right qualifications to enter the K. of C. service, and applications addressed to the Foreign Department, 461 Fourth Avenue. New York City, receive

prompt attention. Perhaps there is no organization more representative of every section of the country than that relief work. The secretaries and ing shoulder to shoulder in the -of C. huts and clubs.

Religion Declared

Sounds Keynote at the Annual Convention.

San Francisco. The fifth an nual convention of the Catholic Educational Association of the United States, which has just ended its deliberations, was in many ways, the most important ever held by this organization. Wholehearted support of President Wilson's conduct of the war, membership of the Knights of and severe condemnation of right thing to do. Now that boy, Columbus up to June 30, 1918, "Prussian Absolutism" were votwas 416,255. During the year the ed in the resolutions adopted unanimously.

> The keynote of the convention was sounded_by Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., the Archaddress to the delegates. The Archbishop said in part:

Religion will be the great bulwark of our ideal democracy, reself of the chance to fashion minds and hearts to things which are everlasting. You, who gather here are representatives of religion in a very high sense; you speak as others may not for the Catholic cause; your deliberations must shadow forth the Catholic mind as others do not cannot. and of a consequence upon your hang, while those outside the pale of the Church will listen at least with that respect which is due to the great institution, the wisdom of which you so honorably represent.

What, then, is your message awful days of ruin and blood- writes from Athabasca Landing: shed? What word of strengthen- "The winter is nearly over, and battle that our fellows may be gres below zero. crease in membership is that of truly free, to battle for the high-

answer to the questions that vex rattle." our age and the cause of the desoper cent of the membership of lation which has come upon us; ST. JOSEPH IS NEVER INVOKED the Knights of Columbus are in more efficacious than camp or wherein the children of our great republic will learn that there is a judgment-seat they must stand, cannot prevail.

which God has revealed in clear- well equipped and well staffed. er way unto the children of men; cil of Christ, and from His lips proof of his intercession, flag at take their rule of life; wherein Dighia Mission! they may find that man is God's image and of more worth than

season justice. D., of Washington was re-elected idle away your precious time president general of the associa- while others are succeeding in tion. Other officers elected were: securing their eternal welfare! Honorary president-general, his Your own happiness, the happi-Eminence James Cardinal Gib- ness of thousands and the greatbons of Baltimore; first vice-presconducting the great K. of C. war ident-general, Dr. Edward A. viting you to take a lively intermore democratic organizaton al, Rev. Peter C. Yorke of San Lands!" sould be conceived, the artisan Francisco; secretary-general, Rev. O.; treasurer-general, Rev. Francis S. Moran, Cleveland.

Foreign Mission News The Great Bulwark The Propagation of the Patth Society 343 Lexington Ave., New York City

A GOOD CHOICE. Rev. Father Allard, P. F. M., who looks after the Chinese who

have migrated to India, says of P. one of the pupils in his school: "A pagan boy, about thirteen years old, has been for a long time worrying his family to allow him to become a Catholic. At last his parents said they had no objection whatever, as it was for him to see whether it was the instead of remaining home during the holidays, has asked and and a case of silver on his transobtained permission to come back fer to Midleton, and live at the mission. He is here now, and I see him often in company with another boy forbishop of San Francisco, in his phan and pagan] studying catechism instead of playing. Truly, schools are the great hope of the

future, and give us great conso-

lation; 'the harvest in the seed.' "

In the wilting heat of mid-summer days it is gratifying to our committee, headed by the Lord imaginations, at least to think Mayor and the Catholic and Proimaginations, at least, to think. about Northern missions buried testant Bishops, which has estabin their icy mantles.

Amid the drifts of the Canadian Northwest is a cluster of missions in charge of the Oblate Eathers, whose labors have been crowned with great success. The utterances your own people will history of the wanderings of the dian tribes reads like a romance, and the flourishing centers of Catholicity of today are an evidence of their unflagging zeal and untiring devotion.

One of the oldest missionaries to the American Nation in these is a Father Desmarais, who

"The winter is nearly over, and ing, of hope and of consolation do no one is sorry. We have had the you send forth from the city of severest stretch of weather that St. Francis? Watchmen, what of I ever experienced in my thirtythe night, and the answer rings five years. I am still alive in spite clear: With banners unfurled you of the cold and blizzards. Every call us to battle to battle for God, other week I went on missions lege, Eccles Street. The shield to battle for Christ, to battle for through wind and snow with the for National Schools has been truth, to battle for justice, to temperature from 40 to 60 de-

nsurance members. As an organ- est national ideals that have ever back I cried to God to come and excellence. ization offering its membership been set before a people, to bat help me. Sometimes, owing to P. J. O'Neill presided at Dubthe soundest fraternal protection, the for the inheritence, of light the drifts, I could not see the lin County Council when P. C. the soundest fraternal protection, the for the inheritance of the soundest fraternal protection, the for the inheritance of the Knights of Columbus has and power; which has been trans road. During Lent I could not, as Cowan, who had been asked to long been known, and its conserve mitted to us adown the centuries, was my custom, visit the remote value Kilmainham Courthquee long been known, and its conserv; mitted to us adown the centuries, was my custom, visit the remote ative and at the same time pro- to battle that our children may families, because of the snowgressive administration has built live in peace and may grow unto covered paths. I was able to arup a confidence attested by the the fullness of the age which is range for 160 families to make Rev. W. Magill, P. P., wanted their Easter duty, which was a More efficacious than the great consolation for them and Nineteen new Councils of the crash of cannon and the clang of for me. I am holding my strength K. of C. were instituted during arms will be the Christian teach. as well as I could expect, though er at whose feet we can learn the my old frame is beginning to

IN VAIN.

The devotion of the boys of the ditionary Forces. Some Councils God in Heaven to whose behests Dighia Mission, Chotanagour, of the Knights of Columbus have they must bow and before whose whom their zealous missionary. Father A. Lakra, S.J., has taught of their members of military age wherein they will be taught the to invoke St. Joseph on behalf of place of Christ in the economy of their badly-wanted new schools, Divine Providence, and that He have had a striking answer to known to the Catholic public that lives and teaches in the Church their three-years' steady invocapossesses a mission school which The Christian school wherein has delighted even that exacting they will know the great moral and critical personage, H. M. Insanctions of the law, which is spector himself, who qualifies the written upon our hearts and Dighia school as "well housed, Needless to say, devotion to St. wherein they will con the coun- Joseph will not, after this signal tor, 28 O'Connell street, Limer-

> The veins that run through the all earth's possessions; wherein vast, unlimited gold fields of our they will learn the love of their Catholic Missions are Love of kind, and that mercy must ever God, of our Neighber and Love of Ourselves. Work now, dig while Rt. Rev. Thomas S. Shanan, D. you have the opportunity; do not er honor and glory of God are in-

> > The Catholic population of the given at 1,325,000.

An impressive Women's Day demonstration was held at Clonegal, County Carlow, Benediction was given by Rev. J. Mooney, P.

Died-June 20, at Dublin, Thomas Byrne, formerly National school teacher and postmaster at Clonegal. June 20; at Bloom-field House, Merrion, John J. Murphy. Funeral at Tullow.

Mitchelstown A. O. H. division have presented Rev. F. Flannery. C. C., with a massive loving-cup

The Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan presided at the obsequies of the Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, P. P., V. F., in St. Patrick's Church, Bandon, and there were upwards of 100 priests present. The funeral took place to the adjoining cemetery, and was the largest seen in

In Cork there is a standing lished a fund for the widows and orphans of men whose lives have been lost in the sinking of half a dozen of the fine Cork boats-the Bandon, Lismore, Ardmore, Kenmare, Inniscarra and Inninsfal-

Rev. Fabian Madden, C. P., who died at St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, at the age of 62, was a native of Dublin.

Miss Elizabeth Darcy, 44 Pennbroke Road, left £9,088. She left £50 each to the Sisters of Mercy at Tuam, Newry, and Oughter-ard, and the Sisters of Charity at Sandymount.

The Challenge Shield for all-round proficiency in Irish in the Intermediate Schools, has been adjudged to the Dominican Colfor National Schools has been awarded to St. Patrick's Drumcondra and St. Kevin's Black-"Many times on my way out or pitts, is mentioned for particular

and site, sent in a report quoting £2,400. It was mentioned that the premises for a school.

Died-June 18, at Tritonville road, Sandymount, Elizabeth. widow of late John Cullen, comtractor. June 20, at Dublin, Rev. E.M. O'Callaghan, C.C., St. Paul Arran Quay. June 18, at Church street, Skerries, Mrs. Mary White. Interment at Holmpatrick.

Patrick Curran, a native of Cahircivees, employed as a tele-graphiat at Valentia, has been drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

Ballylanders collected for the Defence Fund £237 4s. 6d. and Granagh, £176.

Married-June 10. at St. Andrew's, Westland row, by the Rev. P. Butler, C.C., assisted by the Rev. William Landers, C. C., Joseph Aloysius, son of Mrs. Nestor and the late Augustine Nesick. to Florence, eldest daughter of Austin Kane, Wicklew street, Dublin.

To the National Defence Fund, Turlough contributed £267.17s.

James P. Caulfield, supervisor C.D. Board, was crushed between wagons at Claremorris, portion of a tree falling on him through the snapping of a windless chain, while forest timber was being unloaded.

A marriage has been arranged Pace of Washington, D.C.; second est in the Missions. Heed the and will shortly take place bechaplains engaged in the work vice president general. Rt. Rev. call! Refuse not the invitation! tween Charles Wyse Power, Barcome from all parts of the Union, James A. Burns of Washington, Let this be your motto: "With rister-at-Law, only son of Mr. and come from all parts of the Union James A. Burns of Washington, Let this be your motto: With rister-at-law, only son of mr. and and from all walks of life. No D. C.; third vice-president-gener. Hearts and Hands for Pagan Mrs. John Wyse Power. 23 Lower Baggot street, Dublin, and Minnie, only daughter of Joseph F. Quirke, solicitor, and Mrs. Archdiocese of New York, is Quirke, Cregg Cottage, Carrickon Suir.