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Experience.

Rev. James M. Gillis, of the Paulists, in a recent address, took occasion to point out that in every world crisis in the last twenty centuries the Church has been appealed to by civil and civil governments to help preserve law and order and save peoples from the awful consequences of their own misdeeds.

Take the recent World War. Just before that war, as now, we heard a great deal about the absolute separation of Church and State. It is understood, of course, by the agitator, when he uses that phrase, the separation of the Catholic Church from the State.

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From the entire forcible and convincing pastoral of the American Bishops against the Mexican persecution, these striking sentences stand forth: "For the sad days of decline, the Church, forbidden by law to teach and robbed of the means to carry on her mission of enlightenment, has only to show her chains, and say to her enemies: 'You blame me for poverty, yet you took from me the endowments for my hospitals, my orphanages, my countless works of mercy.'

Recent happenings emphasize anew the danger of girls accepting invitations for automobile rides from those with whom they are unacquainted.

Automobile industry seems to be on the move, likewise radio appears to be in the air.

Save a contemporary: "Alas! The more the car will do, the more the umbrella has to do."

Indiana politics appear saturated with Klan influence. And yet Senator Wilson appears horrified that Governor Smith won his primary battle in Illinois by lavish use of money.

Fussers.

Attention is sharply drawn in the following editorial from the "Democrat & Chronicle" to the fact that the noisiest persons in the United States are the "superlatives"—nothing is good, it is bestest best; nothing is bad, it is worstest—

"Fuss over the Nicaraguan situation comes from two groups, both of which in the last analysis hinder the government of the United States in discharging its proper functions in foreign affairs.

"One of these groups comprises the jingoes, the folks who on every pretext would have us go to war with Mexico and with Japan.

"The other group comprises the sentimental pacifists, who see in any move by American armed forces for the protection of American lives and property, or for the protection of the lives and property of other nationals, an extension of American imperialism in South or Central America or China.

"The truth of the matter is easily discernible to those who will take the trouble to read the facts as they come through the Associated Press or through such responsible newspapers as the New York Times.

"Two factions are contending for the control in Nicaragua. Their contentions are unusually turbulent, and the danger to the lives and property of foreigners in the country is consequently grave.

"American marines have been landed at points of danger, and a neutral zone, has been drawn around foreign settlements, out of which both the soldiers of the Diaz regime, which the United States has recognized, as well as the soldiers of the Sacaia regime, which the United States has not recognized, are to be kept.

"The United States has no intention of interfering with the internal affairs of Nicaragua, nor of suppressing 'bolshivism,' which one group declares is rampant."

To Break Law?

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Hermosillo, Mexico, Dec. 18. This Mexican city has just witnessed the strange spectacle of a general in the army of President Calles, persecutor of religion, begging a Catholic priest to disregard the laws against religious ministry and conduct his aged mother on her deathbed. The priest acceded to his wishes, and the mother died a happy death.

The officer is Gen Eduardo Garcia. He was operating with his troops against the Yaqui Indians in the State of Sonora, when a telegram came to him from Hermosillo telling of the critical illness of his mother, Dona Helen de Garcia, a prominent and beloved lady of this city. He immediately chartered a special train and rushed to her bedside.

"You say that I have added nothing to science and art, but you destroyed the art I brought with me, and developed, burned my books and scattered the results of my labor for science to the four winds of heaven.

"You blame me for lawlessness, yet you destroyed my missions among a peaceful and striving Indian population, and gave to them in place of Christ's gospel, the thirty pieces of silver with which you bribed them to murder their fellows.

"Show me one good thing in Mexico I did not give you. Show me one genius for whom I was not responsible. Show me one step toward the light that I did not help you to take. Take out of your country all that I put in it, and see what remains."

The Memphis "News-Scimitar" says: "About all you can say for grade crossings is that they eliminate slow thinkers."

Scope On Evolution.

In a recent lecture on "Evolution" before alumnae of Nardin Seminary, Bishop Turner, of Buffalo, drove home the irrefutable truth based on revelation and reason that the human soul, spiritual and immaterial in its nature, by reason of its source and end, could not be evolved from the soul of brutes.

"There is no proof that the body of man is the result of evolution. From the standpoint of reason, it does not seem improbable that the human body could have descended from animals of the anthropoidal class, but scientists have been unable to find the missing link.

"A simple illustration of the meaning of evolution is the relationship between the acorn and the oak tree, with its complex differentiation of cells, evolved from the simple acorn.

"Administration of the state has passed from a relatively simple process to a complex system. In primitive times, the man who had the best weapon governed his associates. His will was law.

"There are different theories to organic evolution, which is an unsolved problem of science. Some scientists believe that the flora and fauna originated from a few simple forms of life. Opposed to this belief is the theory of others that everything was created in its present form.

"In this sense evolution has not been proved. Careful biologists and zoologists agree that there are gaps in any so-called proof. Scientists who do not jump at conclusions concur in this belief."

Good Advice.

There are many alleged after-dinner speakers who could profit by this advice given by Grove Patterson in his column "The Way of the World":

Somebody writes and asks for the short and simple rules of speaking in public. The rules may be short and simple, but the road is long and hard to speak well in public means so much practice over so many years that finally the technique of speaking becomes automatic.

Most men who lament the fact they can't speak in public are too lazy to do the work of preparation and practice necessary.

As for rules, the most important one is to think only of making plain your message and not of yourself. Never try to put yourself over. Regard yourself only as a medium for truth.

Banjos Barred.

Says the San Antonio "Light": Banjos are barred in San Quentin prison by the warden, who believes that prisoners might use the instrument as weapons. According to news dispatches, the banjo is the only instrument outlawed, and that looks like unwarranted discrimination.

As a lethal weapon, a flute or a piccolo would appear to be even more dangerous. Even the delicate violin, clubbed in the hand of a strong man, might wreck havoc in a peaceful penitentiary.

In the purely aesthetic phase, the banjo is peculiarly fitting for the spiritual elevation and physical recreation of persons who lead sedentary indoor lives. For the banjo may be played by almost anyone after a fashion. Kipling proclaimed it the supreme instrument for the traveler, and the folk songs of America are filled with its music.

The government's appeal to the public to make greater use of silver dollars does not appear much of a success. Latter day woman's apparel is one prime reason therefor. It is not easy for a woman to cart around forty or fifty silver dollars.

The newspapers, the standard interviewers in business and finance all unite in the declaration that prosperity is here and will be here. Therefore "Isn't it so?"

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Deposits Received by January 5th Will Draw Interest from January First

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, January 9—Sts. Julian secretly at night to teach herself to read, lived by mutual consent, in read. Our Lady appeared to her and perpetual chastity, they sanctified told her to be more concerned about themselves by the most perfect ex-purity of intention, abhorrence of excesses of an ascetic life, and em-criticism and daily meditation on the played their revenues in relieving the poor and the sick. For this pur- St. Martha of Milan as a lay-Sister, she converted their house into a kind of hospital in which they sometimes entertained a thousand poor people.

German Lutherans Adopting "Bishop" As Church Title

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine, Cologne, Dec. 20.—The post-war proposal of certain Protestant groups to institute the title "Bishop" in their churches has met with such success that three of the Evangelical Lutheran state churches—Hanover, Schleswig-Holstein and Hessen-Nassau—have adopted the plan. Even in Prussia, where the plan was rejected it was very strongly supported and a compromise was reached whereby certain church officials will be known as "provosts".