

### What Freedom for Pope Has Meant In History

The fourth of a series of six articles, received through the NEWS SERVICE, dealing with the historic aspect of the "Roman Question" These articles are by Dr. James J. Walsh, Ph.D., the eminent Catholic historian, author of "The Greatest of Centuries," "The Popes and Science" and "The Captivity."

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On three occasions in the history of the world, the freedom of the papacy was assured, either by external factors or by internal factors, and noted the benefit to humanity that resulted from the untimely death of the Popes for the benefit of the world.

It may be well to see what the freedom of the papacy meant at that time. The Popes were then the civil rulers of the world, and as a result the papacy sank to its lowest ebb for good, and the world was respected than at any time in the history of Christ-

endom. The papacy was the fountainhead of the world's civilization, and the world was the result of the papacy. The papacy was the fountainhead of the world's civilization, and the world was the result of the papacy.

Remarkable That Church Survived. The Church was very sorely tried indeed, and only the inspiration imparted by such saints as Catherine of Siena and such wise counsellors as Jean Gerson, humanly speaking, kept the Church from losing practically all her influence over mankind. A Church that has survived the perilous times through which the Papacy and Christendom passed during the century and a half from the beginning of the fourteenth to the middle of the fifteenth centuries, and recovered from it, must be considered as surely something more than human in origin and conservation. It is easy to understand that the abuses which prevailed generally throughout the Church in the early part of the fifteenth century particularly, and which were, as Alsop says in his "Universal Church History," "considerably increased by the existence of much anxiety as to the direction three rival popes and by various theories on Church government called forth by the controversy, greatly perplexed men's minds and created much anxiety as to the direction affairs might eventually take."

After the return to Rome from Avignon, the Popes found themselves intensely hampered in their activities by the sad political conditions which had come over their diocesan city during the seventy years of their absence. Factions of various kinds, mainly consisting of groups of old Roman families, fought for supremacy and very seriously disturbed the life of the city. Large numbers of citizens abandoned Rome because ordered, peaceful life had become almost impossible. There is an historical tradition of an earthquake that rather seriously disturbed the city and which led to the exodus of a large part of the citizens that remained, so that it is said that at one time

### DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on date given. All burials made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery unless otherwise mentioned. May their souls rest in peace.

**MRS. BERTHA M. BURKE**  
Mrs. Bertha M. Burke died at her home, 1418 Lake Avenue, Saturday, March 9th, and was buried from Sacred Heart Church at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 12. She is survived by two sons, Charles J. and Donald T. Burke; one daughter, Miss Bertine Burke; her father, God-fried Becker; two brothers, Joseph and William E. Becker; two sisters, Miss Elizabeth Becker and Mrs. A. E. Hartford of Minneapolis, Minn. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**EILEEN M. CROMBACH**  
Eileen M. Crombach, infant daughter of Raymond J. and Mayme M. Phillips Crombach, 70 Normandy Ave., died suddenly Saturday, March 9th, at the home of her parents. Her funeral was held from the home at 10 o'clock Monday morning, March 11, and interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Besides her parents she leaves one sister, Catherine M., and one brother, George R. Crombach.

**DENNIS W. MAXWELL**  
Dennis W. Maxwell of 218 Magnolia Street, died at St. Mary's Hospital Saturday, March 9th. His funeral was held on Tuesday, March 12, from his home, and at 9 o'clock in St. Monica's Church. Burial was at Chilli, N. Y. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Susan Maxwell; four sons and two daughters, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Maxwell; one brother and four sisters, all of Rochester.

**CHARLES NIER**  
Charles Nier, aged 78 years, of 30 Buena Place, died Saturday, March 9. His funeral was held at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 12, at St. Mary's Church, with burial in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Rudolph Zander, and four grandchildren.

**MRS. FRANK SCHERER**  
Eleonora S. Scherer, aged 82 years, widow of Frank Scherer, died Friday, March 8. She is survived by her daughter, Stella C. S. Fleck; one son, John L. Scherer; thirteen grandchildren; six great grandchildren. The remains were removed to the city of Rome had scarcely more than 10,000 inhabitants.

**Popes Emerged Strengthened**  
The Popes not only weathered the stormy conditions that thus surrounded them, but emerged, just as the Middle Ages were closing, strengthened and ready to meet the shock of the religious revolt in Germany which those who have not weighed its history call the Reformation.

Few except close students of history appreciate the fact that the Papacy has gone through very grave crises, of which this was the worst. In the midst of which many have been included to think that the divine guidance which had been assured was somehow no longer afforded. The revival of the Papacy from such conditions is the best assurance that it is more than human and that the Church is actually founded upon a rock, as was promised. The trials proved providential. The reaction already begun against abuses prepared the Church for the positive schism to come.

Next week: Dr. Walsh tells of the resurgence of the Church and its great contributions to humanity when freedom succeeded the period of the schisms.

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home of her daughter, 393 Child St., from where the funeral was held on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at Holy Family Church. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**MRS. ANDREW SMOLAREK**  
Mrs. Andrew Smolarek died Friday, March 8, at her home, 80 Pulas-ki Street, aged 65 years. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Smolarek; four sons, Albert Michael, Charles and Felix Smolarek; three daughters, Mrs. Marie Blake, Mrs. Agnes Schultz and Miss Martha Smolarek; nine grandchildren. Her funeral was held Monday, March 11, at 9 o'clock at St. Casimir Church. Interment in St. Casimir Cemetery.

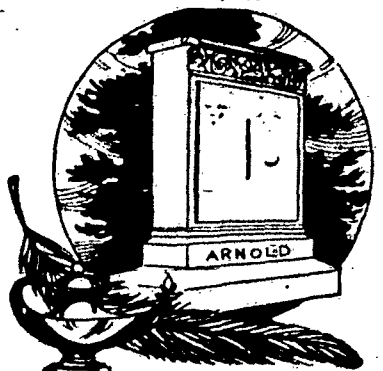
**JOHN A. SPAHN**  
John A. Spahn of 773 Main Street, E., died Saturday morning, March 9. He is survived by two sisters, Miss Catherine Spahn, and Mrs. Barbara Elcheberg; also several nieces and nephews. The remains were removed to the Frank W. Rosenbach Funeral Parlors, 131 Allen Street, from where the funeral was held Tuesday morning, March 12, at 9:15 o'clock in Corpus Christi Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Mrs. Patrick Hughes Dead**  
Albion, March 14.—Mrs. Patrick Hughes, one of Albion's pioneer residents, died at the family home, 12 Caroline Street early Saturday, March 9, at the age of 87 years. She is survived by five sons and five daughters, John A. and Joseph D. of Mobile, Ala., Thomas L. of New York City; Michael W. of Buffalo, Henry of Albion; daughters, Sister M. Catherine of the Sisters of St. Mary's Lockport, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anne Hughes of Albion, Emma J. of Rochester; 17 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

**Patrick J. Howard Dead**  
South Greece, March 14.—Patrick J. Howard died on Thursday, March 7, at the home of his sister, Big Ridge Road, South Greece. He is survived by one son and three daughters, John E. Howard of Rochester, Mrs. Harry E. Snell of Greece, Mrs. Ward L. Coakley of Canandaigua, Mrs. Elmer Raymon of Denver, Col.; seven grand-children and one sister. Funeral services were held from the home of his sister on Monday, March 11th and at St. John's Church in Greece on the Ridge Road at 9 o'clock. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**Bernard J. Leary Dead**  
Geneseo, March 14.—Bernard J. Leary died at his home in Geneseo, N. Y., Tuesday evening, March 5. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth Leary; one daughter, Mrs. Lewis Weeks of Rochester; two brothers, John E. of Bergen and Michael of Rochester. His funeral was held from his late residence Friday morning, March 8, and at 9:30 o'clock at St. Mary's Church. Burial in St. Mary's Cemetery, Geneseo, N. Y.

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The road to many ends,  
My Spirit fights the flesh,  
To attain the Heavenly Goal,  
Intercession by the Nazarene,  
Commends to God my Soul,  
I now retract my false ideals,  
And with the righteous stand,  
A prayer for Christ our King,  
On both sides of the Rio-Grande,  
When time evolves a change,  
Leave glory with her fame,  
Pride ever links the past,  
And ne'er omits the same,  
—Michael Wolfe O'Scanlan,  
Note:—  
Almighty God is not a Socialist.  
The big fish eat the little ones. A great many people are under the impression that Christ was a Socialist. He said, "give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." That doesn't sound socialistic. There are a few things good in Socialism, Mussolini is putting them in practice. Everybody works but Father, or go to jail. He is a real ruler. See how amicably he settled the religious question and he tries to emulate the best traits of the mighty Roman Emperors. He is considered by some people a tyrant. The working man is the greatest tyrant of all. If you don't believe me ask Trotsky exiled from his beloved Russia, and his old ally the Czar is dead, the last and weakest of the powerful Roman off. Glory died with them, misery still remains. They are killing each other, and using their power to

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