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THE TIGER OF FRANCE

We can almost hear General James Wolfe reciting that wonderful verse from Gray's "Elegy" to his fellow-officers on the night of September 12, 1759—the night before he died on the Plains of Abraham while leading his men in an attack on the fortress of Quebec.

"The boast of heraldry, the pomp of power, And all that beauty, all that wealth e'er gave, Await alike th' inevitable hour— The paths of glory lead but to the grave."

We wonder if Georges Clemenceau, Tiger of France, ever knew or recited that verse. And if he thought the paths of glory led to the grave, and stopped there forever. For Georges Clemenceau denied God, and the existence of God.

"I do not wish to prevent you from praying for me, Sister."

There was in his voice profound respect and reverence for the devoted Sister who ministered so faithfully to him—and perhaps in his heart a world of hidden remorse for his treatment of the good Sisters of France in the past.

The Church of God, forgiving to her enemies and helpful to them, was personified in Sister Theoneste, ministering with devoted hands and sympathetic heart to one who had fought the Church in the vigor of his life.

And so the fiery old Tiger, pathetic for all his greatness, lonely for all his fame, passed from life into the enfolding mysteries of eternity. He had lived to see the folly and futility of attempting to drive God from France.

Let Us Give Thanks

Let us give thanks to God today, For gray skies and for blue, And for the friends who with us stay— So, loyal, kind and true.

Let us give thanks to Him tonight, For having been so kind, AS TO CAUSE US JOY AND GLAD DELIGHT— In days now left behind.

Let us give thanks to Him each morn, For the food we have, to eat, For our bread that's oft time made from corn And yet, again from wheat.

Let us give thanks to God above, On each and every day, For pouring down on us His love— To sweeter make life's way.

Yes, whether skies be blue or gray, Till earth is left behind, Let each day be Thanksgiving day— For God to us is kind.

—John A. Twamley.

AUTHORITY AND OBEDIENCE

A recent pastoral letter by the Rt. Rev. Timothy Corbett, B.D., Bishop of Crookston, Minn., has timely thoughts on something badly needed in this world of ours— Authority and Obedience.

"The fundamental cause of the evils of the century consists in minimizing, despising, or rejecting the authority of the one true Church, the Divinely appointed guardian of Faith and morals.

"Some individuals speak of Catholic doctrines, Catholic practices, and Catholic discipline totally regardless of the mind of the Church and her legitimate representatives.

"No dependence on others, liberty, no obedience to legitimate authority, such is the cry of present-day society, forgetting that human liberty is limited and that unlimited liberty is license.

THE GRAVE OF FATHER POWER

More than one million people have flocked to the grave of the Rev. Patrick Power in the Catholic cemetery at Malden, Mass., in the past three weeks to pray and to ask his help in overcoming physical and other troubles.

Sixty years ago Father Power, a young Irish priest, died and was buried there. His life was uneventful, quiet, pious, zealous, commonplace.

This story spread like wildfire. Soon other cripples came, and newspapers blazed into headlines stories of other cures. After that, the flood of humanity. By day and by night they came.

A Priceless Treasure

"In possessing Catholic faith, I hold a treasure compared with which all things earthly are but dross. Instead of wishing to bury this treasure in my breast, I long to share it with others." (Cardinal Gibbons).

"And all these things were noised abroad."

St. Luke's Gospel, 1-65.

WHY?

Why are we thus? Human nature is blamed for many things, and it seems to be a very strange combination. If we follow St. Paul's advice, and look at ourselves, we wonder at our own vagaries and oddities— if we are honest in taking that look.

Jill hears of a new candy from abroad. If it comes from abroad, it must be better than home-made, thinks Jill. The cost is five dollars a box. Some of it has a real kick—drops of cheap brandy concealed in the chocolate covering.

Jim is down town. A new show is being presented. It is said to be very raw in spots. He wants to see if the reports are true. Personal investigation is necessary.

Jane on her way to work sees some new contraptions in the way of vanity cases. They are expensive even for June. But she wants to be a little ahead of the times.

WAYSIDE, WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Justice is primping her feathers. Two New Jersey hijackers and murderers have just been sentenced to die in the electric chair. Judging from the great number of such crimes that have gone unpunished, and indeed untroubled, we had about concluded that hijacking and shooting had come to be accepted as a great American sport.

All of our readers have heard, undoubtedly, of Post-Office annexes. We have one in Rochester. Nearly every city has one or more. They are a sign of growth, of progress, and incidentally of prosperity.

The influence of a priest upon the children of his parish is a wonderful influence for good. Many people give only passing thought to this, while others study it with deep interest.

"Father Moran loved little children." St. Patrick's Church swarmed with them. He laid his hand upon them for good. He taught them to love the right and live worthily.

Jacks and Jills and Jims described above. The readers of this article are not the Jacks and Jills and Jims taking a Catholic paper and are using it.

Denver, Nov. 29.—Requests totaling \$70,000 will be divided between five Catholic charitable institutions in Denver by terms of the will of Mrs. Catherine King, widow of a pioneer Leadville merchant, who died here recently.

Five Institutions Receive \$70,000

The institutions are the Children's Hospital Association; St. Vincent's Orphanage; St. Clara's Orphanage; the Queen of Heaven Orphanage; and the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor.

Papal Honor Given To Bishop Cantwell

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—The Rt. Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Los Angeles and San Diego, has been appointed Assistant at the Pontifical Throne by Pope Pius XI. It was announced here.

\$15,000 Left to Church

Merced, Calif., Nov. 29.—Our Lady of Mercy Catholic church and school here will receive \$15,000 of a \$25,000 estate left by Mrs. Emma Nordgren, pioneer resident of Merced County.

Sunday's Liturgy

By DOM ERNEST KIEZER, O.S.B.

By Dom Oliver Kapsner, O.S.B. (Prepared for the N.C.W.C. News Service by the Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minn.)

Collect of the Mass: "Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy power, and come; that from the threatening danger of our sins we may attain by Thy protection to be delivered, and by Thy deliverance to be saved; who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God world without end. Amen."

The official prayer of the Church on the first Sunday of Advent, the first day of the new church year, opens with an appeal to the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity to come and deliver us from our sins.

of the faithful who are living on earth today. Are we, therefore, the one who are so sorely oppressed as to storm heaven for assistance and deliverance? Yes, the prayer besets our own condition; and our own souls, stained with the guilt of actual sin, could invent no better prayer than the one which the Church places in the mouth of every Christian today.

his utter helplessness to extricate himself from his sinful condition. Nay more, man was to feel that his will had been so weakened by the first sin that he was unable of himself to avoid committing further sins. And to think of the horrible consequences of sin: separation from God, namely, and eternal happiness! Oh, horrible "threatening danger of sin!"

Dec. 1 First Sunday of Advent