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Priest Ransoms Preacher From Chinese Bandits

Kweilow (Szechwan, China), Dec. 25.—When the Rev. Mr. Smith, Protestant missionary, was captured by Chinese Communists, his freedom was secured by a Catholic priest, Rev. Father Alois Baummeister, M.S.C., by payment of \$100 ransom.

"From September 12 20 I was in the hands of the communist bandits, forced to submit to threats of shooting, chains, and all the deprivations of a band of brigands is capable of imagining. I would have been assassinated had not soldiers arrived on the twentieth and scattered the band. These bandits are all over the place."

"Recently they captured and ill-treated Father Ankebrand at Wuchuan. Property damages are ever increasing. My entire station is in ruins, everything having been wrecked, burned or stolen. The three missionaries who left Germany a year ago cannot come through on account of the bandits. I haven't even a page of clean paper or any ink."

Father Baummeister is the successor of Father Winkelman, who was murdered by bandits last year, as Superior of the Mission at Tekiang, Kweilow Vicariate, Szechwan, China.

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A Problem



The "Mexican problem" reaches over into the United States. The National Conference of Catholic Charities has named a national board to help solve this problem—to help care for the many hundreds of Mexican children who are being looked after now by Missionary Catholics.

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Book Reviews

The MacMillan Company, New York City, has just published a book by Hildaire Bellco, "Survivals and New Arrivals." The book bears the imprimatur of Cardinal Hayes of New York. The "Survivals" deal with the main forms of old attacks on the Catholic Church: the Biblical attack; Materialism; Wealth and Power; the Historical Attack; and Scientific Negation.

The New Arrivals cover the more modern attacks on the Church and her teachings. Mr. Bellco writes cleverly and convincingly in dealing with these, and his book throughout is good to read. It will interest not only clerical readers, but the layman as well. When one has gone through it he will have a better idea of why the Church has endured all attacks, all emittos, all opposition, for the past 2,000 years, and still lives, filled with zeal and with the enduring fires of Faith.

St. Joan Church Dedicated Sunday In Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 27.—St. Joan of Arc parish, here, founded in 1919 and believed to be the first in the United States ever named for the "Maid of Domremy," dedicated a beautiful new church Sunday, with the Rt. Rev. Joseph Charrand, Bishop of Indianapolis, officiating.

The parish is located in the exclusive residential section of north side Indianapolis, and has more than 3,000 parishioners. The Church of St. Joan of Arc cost about \$400,000, and is one of the finest edifices of its kind in the State.

Mission Board Ready to Send Medical Kits

New York, Dec. 27.—After consulting experts and studying the standard first-aid kits of the Army and Navy, the Catholic Medical Mission Board is now preparing to assemble the Medical Mission kits, to be sent out to missionaries all over the world. The supplies to be included in these kits are: Tissue forceps, haemostat, scalpel, probe, thermometer, medicine dropper, flashlight, safety pins, eye and ear syringe, surgical needles, teaspoon, metal wire for splints, absorbent cotton, medicine graduate, wooden nail brush, pencil, carbolic vasoline, carbolic soap, liniment tablets, C. C. pills, aspirin, quinine sulphate, sodium bicarbonate, bichloride of mercury, potassium permanganate, iodine swabs, bandages, silk ligatures, tongue depressors, adhesive tape, smelling salts, penknife and scissors.

Bandages and dressings will be contained in a waterproof canvas bag, with compartments for needles, clipes, and an additional supply will be forwarded with the kit, so as to keep the bottles filled for a long period.

Quebec Donates St. Joan Memorials

Paris, Dec. 27.—The City of Quebec has donated to the French National Committee of Honor to Joan of Arc the sum of \$150 for the purchase and placing a commemorative stone at Compeigne where the heroine was made prisoner.

The Seminary of Quebec and the University of Laval, on their part, have sent \$150 for the placing of a similar stone at the Chateau de Beaulieu-les-Fortaines, where St. Joan was kept a prisoner.

Queen of Italy



QUEEN HELENA.

The people of Italy have great love for their queen, Helena, who is dear to their hearts. Queen Helena recently accompanied her husband, King Victor Emmanuel, to the Vatican, where Pope Pius XI received them in private audience.

France Decorates Tripoli Archbishop

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.—M. Pensaot, French High Commissioner for Syria and the Lebanon, acting on behalf of the Paris Government, has just conferred on His Grace, Monsignor Antony Arjda, Maronite Archbishop of Tripoli, the decoration of a Commander of the Legion of Honor, in recognition of the Archbishop's great interest in and contribution to the economic welfare of his country.

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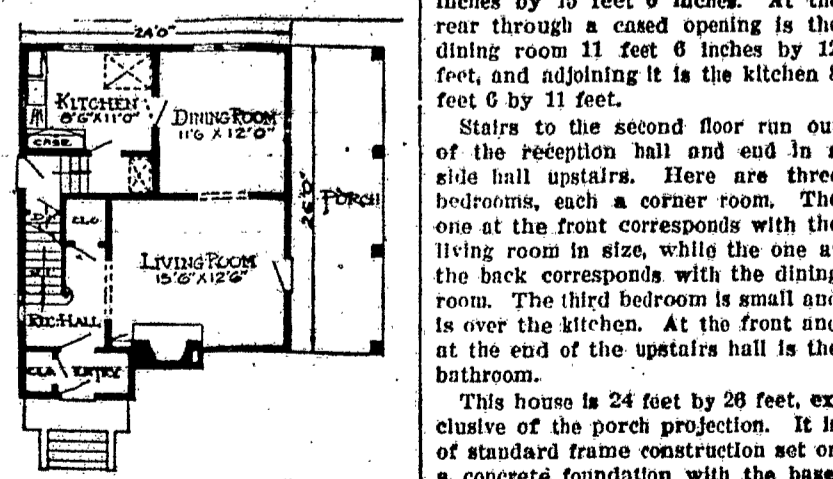
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