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NO SUNDAY IN RUSSIA

Hereafter there will be no Sunday in Russia. The Soviet government, determined to kill all religion, has banished the day. It has established a seven-day "nonstop" week, arranged so that one group of workers will rest one day in every five. All retail stores must keep open seven days a week; all factories must run seven days a week.

Having communized the time, the Soviet Government is proceeding with the communization of the land. On the lower Volga, where there are many frugal Germans, 500,000 acres of land have been seized by the Government, to be communized. All products will go to one central point. There will be a central kitchen which will feed the whole town-50,000 people—and communal baths, schools, nurseries and hospitals. The children will not be permitted to live with their parents, but will be taken and reared by the Government.

The Germans, loving their homes and loving their children, are preparing to move out of the country. Not all of them. unfortunately, will be able to do this. The situation, naturally, has caused a terrific uproar, even among the Russians. Murder and arson are common, but the .. Soviets make terrible retaliation for all opposition. The firing wall and the bayonet are used to stifle all argument, all pleadings, all hope of normal life and normal a living.

Thank God, therefore, that we are living in a land like America. Even with its petty troubles and they are petty, compared to Russia-we have golden skies and glad hearts, and happy, companionable lives. Watch carefully lest the fanatics do here what the fanatics have done in Russia. Let no man fall asleep upon the ramparts of Liberty!

THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS

In Sizo-t'ang, Hankow, China, where the blood of many martyrs has sanctified the soil and enriched the Church, Bishop Trudo Jans and two of his priests were murdered by bandits last September. It required nearly two months to remove the bodies from the bandit-infested province to a community that was safe. A great public funeral was held for the martyrs at Ichang and there were many dramatic scenes, replete with pathos.

The highest public officials, civil and military, and the entire population of Ichang attended the funeral. For Bishop Jans was rarely well beloved. Protestants and Budhists eulogized him, and wept at his casket, and at the cemetery a Chinese Colonel threw himself upon the ground, embraced the casket, kissed it and went bitterly. When the bandits left the murdered Bishop and his priests, native Chinese gathered up three flasks of the blood of the martyrs, and carried them, weeping, to Ichang for the funeral.

At the battle of Borodino, an enemy cannon had a perfect range on a line of Napoleon's soldiers. One shot killed 28 men who were in the line. Twenty-eight other men promtply moved into the line of death. A second shot killed them, and third line immediately took their places. So, too, is it with missionary priests—true soldiers of Jesus Christ. Seven new Belgian priests have taken the places of murdepend missionaries in Hankow, and other prises from many places are on their way to China. No fallen lines will be left allowed to die out. The Cross will be carried to the death, and beyond, by other

b. Smith has been appointed Governor Roosevelt as a Trustee of the Callege of Forestry at Syracuse Uni-No better appointment could been made. Al. knows how to get say of the woods, if anybody does, he a welcome addition to the

hands and other martyrs.

Advice to Youth

First, Let the Fear of Him who form'd thy Whose Hand sustain'd thee e'er thou hadst a Name, Who brought thee into Birth, with Pow'r of Thought Receptive of immortal God, be wrought Deep in thy Soul. His, not they own, thou art: To him resign the Empire of thy Heart. His Will, thy Law; His Service, thy

Wak'd by the Call of Man, on early Knee. Ere the World thrust between thy God and thee, Let thy pure Oraisons, ascending, gain His Ear, and Succour of His Grace obtain, In Wants, in Toils, in Perils of the Day,

Employ; His Frown, thy Dread, His Smile be all thy

And strong Temptations that beset thy Way.

Thy best Resolves then in His Strength To walk in Virtue's Paths, and Vice

To Him intrust thy Slumbers, and prepare The fragrant Incense of thy Evining Prayer. But first tread back the Day, with Search severe. And Conscience, chiding or applauding,

Review each Step; Where, acting, did I Omitting, where? Guilt either Way infer. Labour this Point, and while thy Frailties

Still let each following Day correct the Life is a shelvy Sea, the Passage fear,..

And not without a skilful Pilot steer. Distrust thy Youth, experienc'd Age implore. And borrow all the Wisdom of Threescore.

But chief a Father's, Mother's Voice revere; "I is Love that chides, 't is Love that, counsels here. Thrice happy is the Youth, whose pliant

To all a Parent's Culture is resign'd. -Benjamin Franklin.

DISCUSSING QUEER SUBJECTS

By a strange and happy coincidence, the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on "Christian Education of the Young" reached the daily papers of America about the same time that the Association of University professors started kicking up a lot of dust because the University of Missouri dismissed two male members of its faculty for distributing a "sex questionnaire" among the students, boys and girls alike. The Association of Greek-nosed gentlemen -and maybe some ladies, for all we know -severely censured the authorities of the University of Missouri for dismissing the two teachers.

Apparently the President of the University of Missouri, Stratton D. Brooks. and his Board of Curators, are terribly old-fashioned-too much so for the Association Professors who think they can discuss sex and sex before mixed classes of students, just as they discuss alligators, logarithms, astronomy and poetry. President_Brooks_and_his_Board-denounced the questions as "shocking" and said they tended to make the students morally lax.

"Nothing of the sort," say the wise old owls who censure the President and his board. Because why? Because "the evidence is in agreement on the point that the sex matters and sex problems brought up by the questionnaire are familiar, or known to every high school graduate before entering the University of Missouri."

On top of that, the committee of protesting professors solemnly declares that one of the dismissed professors testified that "he had been frequently consulted by students about the very issues that are raised in the questionnaire concerning the sex code and the moral ideals that are involved in engagement and marriage. The students testified that these problems of the sex code and of morals, engagementand marriage, are frequently discussed frankly, not only in fraternity and sorority houses, but also by the girls with their boy friends."

No mention is made about the morals or ethics of taking young ladies out and knocking them over the heads with a hammer, as a college professor—a married man, at that—who believed in sex discussion, did with a girl student not long ago.

We say that by a strange and happy coincidence the Encyclical of Pope Pius reached America about the same time this discussion was launched by the erudite Association of sentimental University professors. The Pope touched upon this very subject, as follows:

Greatly dangerous is that naturalism which invades the field of education, and widely diffused is the error of those who, with dangerous pretention and ugly words, promote so-called sexual education. falsely pretending to be able to fortify the young against the dangers of the senses; and, worse still, with exposing them for a time to the trials in order to harden the soul against such perils.

Similarily erroneous and pernicious to Christian education is the so-called method of co-education. The Creator has ordained the perfect co-existence of the sexes only in the unity of matrimony, and by distinct degrees in the family and in society."

This is plain language, worded as though it were meant to hit the very heads of the Association of professors who verbally trounced the President of the University of Missouri for dismissing two sex educators from the faculty of the school. On the one hand, we have our Holy Father solemnly warning the world against the very things the college pro-

The Verdict of Time and Catholics

For 1900 years the Catholic Church has been teaching exactly the same identical truths. Those truths have successfully stood the test of time. They have been accepted by the greatest intellects the world has produced, and they have consequently the quality of stability and permanency that are an antecedent proof of their credibility, because errors and falsehood cannot endure.

HAUY, THE FATHER OF SCIENTIFIC CRYSTALLOGRAPHY WAS A CATHOLIC PRIEST

fessors are boastfully upholding—the free mingling of the sexes, the "frank and frequent discussions of sex matters in fraternity and sorority houses by the girls with their boy friends." and two smirking gentlemen distributing a questionnaire to boys and girls alike, sitting side by side in study halls and class rooms, to have them write down what they thought about it all. No wonder Pope Pius used vigorous language. No wonder a fine upstanding University President dismissed two members of his faculty. No wonder the Catholic Church thunders against such so-called modern education, and that good Christian fathers and mothers of all faiths worry their souls away when their boys and girls leave for some colleges. The Catholic father and mother, knowing these things, will watch carefully where their boys and girls go to school, lest their children, too, be chatting "frankly and frequently" on sexual subjects in fraternity and sorority houses with their boy and girl friends, as is done in many schools of America to-day, with the approval and participation of the very teachers themselves.

INCONSISTENT PEDDLERS OF PROOFS

The very people who make a professon of accepting only what can be proved, do not live by any such rule. Perhaps one who tried to live consistently by such a rule would land in an insane asylum. Think of having, "Prove it" thrown at you every time you turn a corner in life.

Does not the very fact of living imply some faith? Surely it means a belief in some things one has not proved and one cannot prove. Such a faith may be merely natural, but it is a genuine faith just the same, inasmuch as it is a belief in what cannot be demonstrated. Faith and life are so closely allied that no one can escape faith unless he escapes from life. from reason. Really, then, do we live by faith. Only those who have lost the use of reason, the demented and insane, can live without faith. Those who profess to live only by reason, to have faith only insofar as the matter can be demonstrated by reason, make such assertions only because they have not reasoned the matter

far enough. For example, such people would be indignant and insulted, if one were to question their royal lineage, their parentage. But from the very nature of the case they cannot know who were their parents. It must be taken on the statement of others: their own personal investigation will not verify it. Faith is necessary for family life. There could be no durable family existence were it not for faith betwen husband and wife, between parents and children. All human associations, for that matter, are founded on some kind of faith, on confidence in what really cannot be proved by the strictest reasoning. One must have faith in the motorman who drives the car, in the engineer who drives the train, in the chaffeur of the taxi, the milkman, the baker, the banker to whom you, without hesitancy, give over your earnings. Modern industry is built on credit of some sort or kind. Credit is a phase of faith. Destroy faith, eliminate or annihilate it, and there would

be a world panic. Men, women and children at one another's throat. In fact, a panic is merely a loss of commercial faith.

Our friend, the scientist, among whom we number the inconsistent peddlers of proofs, could not get started on an experiment if he did not have faith in some things. Except by faith, how can he be sure that someone has not tampered with his scales, or adulterated his reagents? Some people are of this suspicious disposition, but we all know; of what it is a symptom and where it leads if unchecked. All human achievement is the result of faith. For human achievement is based on a confidence that something which has not been proved by reason can nevertheless be accomplished. Iluman reason did not prove that the world was round, yet human achievement, based on the belief of a Columbus, proved it. Human reason did not prove that a body could suspend and move itself in air, yet human achievement, based on the faith of the Wright brothers, proved it. Human reason did not prove that the vast Atlantic could be traversed in almost the twinkle of an eye, yet human achievement, based on a faith akin to the Crusaders of old-the faith of Lindberg-proved it on an epic flight to Paris. Truly, now we have knowledge, because these possibilities have been demonstrated, but these pioneers had only faith.

We do not mean to minimize the part of reason. But we do mean to condemn that exaggerated attitude assumed by some of never accepting anything that cannot be proved. Some things must be accepted on human faith, if they are to live at all. Life without faith would be so intolerable that one might as well end it all with a bare bodkin. So, to these inconsistent peddlers of proof, we make no apologies for saying that any view of life denying all faith is really unnatural. Since such a view does not fit facts it is unreasonable. We might even venture the paradox that it is reasonable to have faith, it is unreasonable to rely exclusively on reason.

May we then risk the logical deduction? The scientist who attempts to face the universe and life without faith, human faith, is unscientific. The construction engineer who builds a bridge according to a particular formula for calculating stresses, granting good material and workmanship, and the bridge crashes down, knows that the formula was wrong. Life demands human faith, at least, and it breaks from the stress of living, where the formula for living requires absolute proof for everything. So the scientist who professes to live without faith is unscientific. He does not see life, and see it whole. The man -who appreciates the need of faith in life is scientific, really and truly. Surely all this has to do only with human faith. But it is the beginning of the light. For it shows the reasonableness of religious faith. In the matter of religious faith the agnostic says that he is a superior man who admits nothing he cannot prove. Thereby the inconsistency, for he is constantly admitting in other spheres what he cannot prove. He is an inconsistent peddler of proofs. - This he does not like. But murder will out.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

There was a terrible accident in New York City the other day. Seventeen people were arrested for violating the Prohibition law.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is limping. He hurt his ankle in a bad fall. No, he wasn't. He slipped on the ice.

Beware of superstition! A colored gentleman, strapped to an operating table in the surgery of a hospital at Mt. Holly, N. J., heard a door open, and looked up and beheld moving quietly towards him a physician wearing a robe of white from head to foot. Emitting a wild shriek, the colored gentleman broke the straps that bound him to the table, leaped through a window and ran for his life, clad only in a hazy surgical nightgown. Several hours later a searching party of State Troopers found him, hiding in a garage, and so cold that he was willing even to let the "ghost"

Wing Fu, Ching Su, and their countrymen are setting us good examples, patronizingly as some of us may feel towards the Oriental. The Catholics of China offered up many thousands of Holy Communions for Pope Pius XI on the occasion of the 50th Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood, and they subscribed \$10,000 in gold as a gift to him.

The same wonderful spirit was manifested throughout the mission world. Catholics of India offered up thousands of Holy Communions and oversubscribed a fund of \$35,000 for the purchase of a permanent residence for the Apostolic Delegate as a gift to the Pope. South Africa held a week's observance of the event in the principal metropolis, Cape Town, and similar expressions of devotion were the order of the day in other sections. These things make us feel and understand the true Catholicity of the Church.

Fanatics do not like cold truths, any more than connoisseurs like cold soup. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, said in a recent

"The cure for false democracy is true democracy. It is not, and cannot be, the return to despotism under any form, however attractive that may appear to be. Privileged individuals and privileged classes sooner or later become preying individuals and preying classes.

He said plenty of other things along tne same line, too, giving special attention to fanatics on laws. Wherefore, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., political barker for the Methodist Board of Public Morals, and his associates, heave a healthy brick at Dr. Butler in a recent document announcing how America shall be governed in the fu-These gentlemen don't like Dr. Butler. He is too sane. He is too sound. He is too much opposed to the hypocrisy of reform laws, to put it plainly.

Our neighboring city of Auburn, with a population of 35,677 in 1925, arrested 1,082 law violators last year. Exactly onehalf of that number was for public intoxication, indicating that Auburn has the reverse gears on the Volstead Law. But Auburn isn't alone in this matter. Many other cities in the country show a similar condition, indicating that the "noble experiment" operates from both ends. Auburn, and kindred cities, will be interested in a violent proclamation just issued by the Board of Temperance and Social Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through the political Bishop Cannon, attacking the foreign-born population of America for being boozers; attacking some of the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church for their ever-increasing assaults" upon the sacred Prohibition Law, demanding that all users of liquor be made criminals by law, and that the President call out the U.S. Army, if necessary to enforce this sacred bit of buncomb that has brought more crime to America than' any or all-other causes in the past 10"

Sunday's Liturgy

By Dom Roger Schoenbechler, O.S.R.

Jan. 19 Second Sunday After Epiphany

and eternal God, who governest all ceives this intense desire for peace God is the ruling and governing things both in heaven and earth; and harmony among men and namercifully hear the prayers of Thy tions. The liturgy for today is a fit-people, and grant us Thy peace in our time. Through our Lord Jesus Church proceeds in a sort of reason- tions. our time. Through our Lord Jesus Church proceeds in a sort of reason.

Christ Thy Son who liveth and reigning way, much like Moses of old.

As a proof of God's "almighty and at the time of the introduction of Protestantism in the Scandinavian things both in heaven and on earth" in the Gospel of the first great publands, as a church where the tracked Christ Thy Son who liveth and reign-ing way, much like Moses of old.

Holy Ghost, God world without end. things both in heaven and on earth" Amen."

Collect). She recognizes the sulic miracle of His Divine Son: "This adherents of the old Faith worshippreme sovereignty of God over the beginning of miracles did Jesus in ped. The knowledge of the existthe Mass for the second Sunday universe before she dares to ask Him Cana of Galilee; and manifested His ence of the cave persisted through Amen." after Epiphany is usually considered to "Mercifully hear the prayers of glory, and His disciples believed in the centuries, but its whereabouts rein the light and doctrine of the Gospel reading for the day, which nar- der in the world but also maintains with the theme just suggested, we found it. rates the marriage feast of Cana. it. He is the author and guide of find therein a royal road and divine Opening into the larger cave, there

in the light and doctrine of the Gos-But the official prayer of the day the physical and of the moral order. plan for true Christian peace, the is as maller one, which probably did also tersely epitomized another very if discuptions in the moral set in, mainspring of which is: "Loving one duty as a secrety of serior the case significant and universally appeal these are due only to the permissive another with the charity of brother or some mountain caves in butch significant and juniversally appeal these are due only to the permissive another, with the charity of brother—of some mountain caves in Dutch ing thought, which pervades the entire Mass of the Sunday. It is a men, who refuse to accede to the prayer for God's "Peace in our time" wishes of the Creator. For this reading quite in harmony with the season after Epipheny harkens back to the acknowledgement of God's will "grant us, His peace in our lime" kneeling benches for the faithful.

(Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News brated in honor of the Prince of the establishment of peace and order Cave Used As Church Service by the Liturgical Press. men of good will." Collect of the Mass: "Almighty or search of the mass: "Almighty or

In asking God for peace Mother

It is God who not only created or-

peace, who came to bring "peace to in the world. Hence the Church invites all today: "Let all the earth power over all things (Collect). This is the great principle, only too often forgotten, that alone can establish

In Persecution Days Is Found In Norway

Louvain, Jan. 17.—In the Telefuture peace among men and na marken forests of Norway, two woodchoppers have discovered a large cave Reading the Epistle in connection search for it, until the woodsmen