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AMERICAN REALISM

The land of Indochina, ancient and venerable, is becoming civilized: also Americanized. Nine masked bandits held up the new postal bus between Siam and Cambodia recently, rifled the mail bags, and lined up the eleven passengers and robbed them. One of the passengers, Bishop Valentine Hergott, Vicar Apostolic of Phompenh, Indochina, handed over 1,500 francs while an amazingly big revolver was pressed against his stomach-Then the robber demanded his pectoral cross and tried to snatch it a way. But the Bishop clung to it tensciously. The robber pressed the gun harder against the Bishop and threatened to shoot.

"Shoot away," said the Bishop, calmly. "you'll not get the cross unless I am

The robber, amazed by this heroism, withdrew his gun and left the Bishop unharmed.

REVERSING THE GEARS

"How much did you spend at the dance last night, Son?" "Seven-fifty, Dad," was the proud an-

And how much did you put in the collection box at Mass to-day, Son?"

"Well, I only had a quarter left, andand, well, I had to have a paper, and so I gave fifteen cents to the Church"—this with a countenance growing increasingly

"Yes, Dad?"

"Don't you think we had better start reversing the gears on this business?" 'Yes, Dad, I do; indeed, I do"-with

real enthusiasm_ "Well, boy, let's do it, and the time to begin is right now, Let us show the world, and the devil, and the rest of the folks, that dancing doesn't come ahead of God. Keep that in maind, may boy.' "Father"— a little shame-facedly—"I

never thought of that before." about it, and we'll get somewhere in this world besides to the dance halls.'

A GOOD MAN RETTRES

The retirement this week of William Howard Taft from the office of Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court will cause sorrow to many people. Mr. Taft has earned the love and respect of all people; more than that, he has earned and held the comfidence of all right-Fancies and not influence him. Fanatics could not boss frim. In all tris public life he has been a solid rock of sound Americanism, fair and square with everybody, and guided by a fine sense of duty, never

by cheap political exigencies. Our Catholic people owe Mr. Taft enduring gratitude. When the United States took over the Philippine Islands after the Spanish-American War, there was a violent period of bigoted propaganda against the Friars in the Philippines, and wild clamor to influence the country to seize the lands they owned. The dogs of religious hatred were Let loose, and they bayed and barked from one end of the land to the other, in pulpit and in press. Mr. Taft went to the Philippines to straighten out affairs for the United States. He paid no attention whatever to the clamor and clap-trap of the bigots. He went ahead calmly and cooly, and made a decent, fair and satisfactory settlement with the Friars, winning the lasting enmity of peo-ple who see red when they see the Church.

All through his public life he has shown this same fine spirit of fair play and common sense. He was not a politician, and he was aw kward and at times bungling in handling politicians. But he of prayers and hopes that he may his licelth and remain with us yet in time. He is a good American. a bot in these days of

Lincoln

·Hurt was the nation with a mighty wound, And all her ways were filled with

clam'rous sound. Wailed loud the South with unremitting And wept the North that could not find

relief. Then madness joined its harshest tone to minor note swelled in the song of life

Till, stirring with the love that filled hisbreast, But still, unflinching at the right's behest, Grave Lincoln came, strong handed from

The mighty Homer of the lyre of war. Twas he who bade the raging tempest

Wrenched from his harp the harmony of

Muted the strings that made the discord-Wrong.
And gave his spirit up in thund rous song. Oh, mighty Master of the mighty lyre, Earth heard and trembled at thy strains

Earth learned of thee what Heav'n already And wrote thee down among her treasured

-Paul Laurence Dunbar.

"LET'S SAVE THE CHURCH"

Fire broke out in the village of Funing, China, not long ago, at the midnight hour. It was adjacent to a newly-completed Catholic Church, built by native Chinese converts. Aroused from their sleep, these Christians hastened to the church, found it just beginning to burn and climbed to the roof to beat out the fire. One man, beating the fire furiously, was warned that his own house had just caught fire.

"Never mind my house," he shouted, 'let's save our church!

This is the spirit that makes martyrs. This is the spirit that leads to success, accomplishment, victory. It is a good battle cry for Christians in these days of godless living.

"Let's save the Church!"

THE MORALS OF RUM-RUNNING

Modern psychology favors the word 'mores." Once upon a time it was called ethics. Words, words, words—but there is an ethical sequel, so let's look into it. Rum-running is a direct result of the Prohibition Laws. The purpose of the Volstead Act was to cure an evil. The American saloon was an evil. It is folly to pre-sume that such an evil did not exist. This was the reason or the excuse for Pro-

It has always been the psychology of reforms to swing to the opposite extreme. Thus did many a heresy see the light of day. In the violent swing of the pendulum the balance of adjustment is broken. But what about the philosophy which condemns with abuse the violation of liberty. law, ethics? Because intemperance is an abuse, it is not logical to conclude that the principle of intemperance must be annihilated. Yet it would seem that is preisely what has happened. In the promulgation of Prohibition a heresy of a hundred centuries has been resurrected. Alcoholic liquor is condemned as intrinsically evil. We must expurgate the Bible of all reference to wine. This form of Manichaeism has been legalized and solemnly enthroned in our Country; liquor is intrinsically evil, and it is immoral to drink it. This would seem to be against nature, reason, and Catholic truth. Can vice be eradicated or even lessened by illogical and false philosophical principles? Have we not created for us by it false notions and misrepresentations of state authority which imposes unjust restrictions on the liberty of

the subject? The remedy is worse than the disease. or to put it more correctly, the remedy has made the disease worse than it was before. After a decade of trial it is now realized quite universally that Prohibition does not mean temperance, and may even mean intemperance. But there is one fundamental objection to the Prohibition Act, possibly the only valid one precisely insofar as it pretends to impose total abstinence upon the community as a whole —it is an unjust law or even no law at all because it violates the just freedom of action belonging of natural right to the individual. A rational man has from his very nature certain elemental rights which belong to him as an individual and are not under the control of the state of which he chances to be a member. For example, he has a natural right to life, to eat and to drink what God has provided for that purpose, to the procreation of children, to private property. Now, he is normally controlled in the exercise of these rights only by the supernatural and the natural ethical laws of God. It is true that he may be deprived of the exercise of them by legitimate authority as a punishment for gross abuse. Aside from this, only by a strictly personal and voluntary decision, may these rights be restricted or foregone. The Volstead Act prohibits freedom of choice in the matter of drinking, a freedom which is part and parcel, flesh and blood of man's nature. Therefore, unless every individual concerned has made a free and uncoerced surrender of this freedom, the Act is contrary to the natural law, and as such has no binding

force whatever. Associated with the working and the evading of the Volstead Act, there is much evil and crime. The central evil is the increased drunkenness. No law can prevent man's exercising his natural right to

Little Child of Nazareth

"Little child of Nazareth, living in silence, peace, humility, come into my heart and make me gentle, silent, peaceful, humble; teach me to love the small things in life-little children, Your workman's tools, Your simple meals; let me work with You, under Your eyes, happy in Your love; may I never lose sight of You; may I live, think, speak, remembering always that You are always there, by the side of Mary and Joseph. Teach me to prefer, like You, a small and lowly house with its tender charm, order, obscurity and the peace of heart that always springs from humility.—Give me Nazareth."

-Ernest Hello.

drink. Another evil is alcoholic poisoning which can be cured only by the removal of Prohibition. No law can deprive man of his right to life. And finally our American modern mores have been shorn of a fundamental element called temperance. Who today can exercise voluntarily the virtue of temperance in the matter of libations greater than one-half of one per cent.? As for rum-running in itself, there are many easier and more honest ways of earning a living. We cannot quite bring ourselves to believe that it brings God's

MAYOR CHANG-(HUN OF SHANGHAI

Mayor Chang-chun of Shanghai, China, was one of the principal speakers at the recent silver jubilee of the Stella Matutina School of the Sisters Helpers of the Holy Souls in that city. He paid a wonderful tribute to the Sisters, their work and their school. He was followed by Tsai Yuen-pe, President of the Administrative Council of the Nationalist Government at Nanking. This gentleman's wife is a graduate of the school, and he therefore had special reason to commend the institution in the heartiest possible manner. This he did, and with enthusiasm. Many other Chinese officials were present at the celebration, which brought out the fact in a fine way that the Sisters are winning a warm place in the hearts of official China, as well as in the hearts of the people themselves. Our contributions to the mission work of the Church help make such schools possible, and help spread the Faith to all nations and all peoples.

Courts are not supposed to be sentimental, or soft-hearted, and the Judge who weeps is judicially lost, or he's had a drink too much. But in Kansas City, where died recently a wealthy gentleman, a Judge knocked \$80,000 worth of sentiment, entwined with justice, out of the gentleman's last will and testament. The late-lamented had a faithful and devoted housekeeper. For thirty years she did the housework, milked the cows, churned the milk, made the butter, mowed the lawn and nursed her employer when he was ill. Then he died leaving \$350,000. Frugal to the last, he bequeathed her an income of \$80 per month. She promptly went to court, and was awarded the full amount for which she sued-\$80,000. If the gentleman rolled over in his grave, let us hope he got a pain in the neck while doing

introduced a bill in the State Legislature to permit physicians to prescribe liquor for their patients without restriction as to time or quantity. The United States Supreme Court, in the case of Lindner vs. United States, decided that "direct control of medical practice in the State is beyond the power of the Federal Government." Senator Hastings is basing his bill on that decision. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, who would rather hit a dry fanatic a wallop than to wear wings, has written Senator Hastings a letter commending the bill and urging its passage. In his letter, Dr. Butler

Senator Hastings from Brooklyn has

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Six men drank poisoned alcohol in Gary, Ind., at a party the other evening. All six became blind, permanently, it is feared, and the minds of three of them were affected. Brothers and Sisters, we shall now sing the new National Anthem:
"Land of the Poison Drink," after which
we shall pray for the continued advancement of our noble experiment to new and exalted heights of original achievement.

Bankers have the professional habit, usually, of discounting life. But in Seattle, Washington, they have a banker who doesn't do that. Name, Sullivan. He has adopted an old folks' home, collected money for it, helped to get the right contracts for its buildings and fittings, and made it a hobby. He is helping to pension. he says, men and women who have been good fathers and mothers, good citizens and good workers, and who have spent all their money living their good lives.

Curiosity does more than kill the cat. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Walsh, Vicar Apostolic of the Maryknoll Kongmoon Mission in South China, in an article in the February issue of the Field Afar, a mission magazine says: "Whoever invented the episcopal ring did no favor to missionary bishops. Our people of South China are not very far advanced in the liturgy. Some merely look at the ring, some bow to it, some smell it, some blow on it, some spit on it, babies think it's candy and suck it, a few kiss it, and, finally, all ask how much it cost."

Courts, by absolute necessity, are compelled to be eminently fair to all parties in every action at law. Occasionally there are exceptions, when judges are prejudiced, dishonest, or gullible. But these exceptions are few. An age-old axiom in law, and a good one, is: "Every man is presumed to be innocent until he is proven guilty.' Every just Judge follows that axiom. Hence, it is hard for some aggrieved parties to understand why judges are courteous to thieves, to blackjack men, to burglars and murderers. Which leads up to the point we are getting

The Rev. Philip Yarrow of Chicago, engaged in the very laudible work of fighting indecent literature, recently caused the arrest of a book-store clerk

"The unconstitutional, unreasonable and immoral restrictions attempted to be put upon the practice of medicine by those mad men and mad women who have no concern for human suffering or human life, provided only that they can impose upon the population their own personal views concerning alcohol, should be resisted by all possible means."

A total of 13,000 surgeons are listed in the New York City classified telephone directory, we are told. Operator helping operator, as it were.

SAYINGS OF LINCOLN

Learn the laws and obey them-I am nothing, but truth is everything. Killing the dog does not cure the bite. Give us a little more light, and a little

It is not best to swap horses while crossing a stream.

Success does not so much depend on external help as on self-reliance.

It is better only sometimes to be right than at all times to be wrong.

Gold is good in its place; but living, brave, and patriotic men are better than

I must stand with anybody that stands right; stand with him while he is right,

and part with him when he goes wrong. My experience and observation have been that those who promise the most do

I am not bound to win, but am bound to be true.

who had been selling some very vile stuff on the side-literature, not hootch. The trial Judge, Immenhausen by name, followed the path of judicial virtue in the case—equal concern for both sides. Whereupon the Rev. Mr. Yarrow, full of efferves-cent piety and righteous rage, leaped to his feet and announced:

"I have as much chance of getting a square deal in this Court as a cake of icc has in the mouth of Mt. Pelee."

Instantly the tables were reversedthe minister was seized for contempt of court and the prisoner set free. The Judge said he could not conscientiously try the case after citing the plaintiff for contempt. The prisoner may be arrested again—but that's another story. All of which illustrates what happens when a man's fanaticism, whether it be in a good cause or a bad one, runs away with his reason and submerges his sense of fair play. The minister, enraged by the vile nature of the books the defendant had been selling, could not, and probably never will understand why any Judge should treat such a man with courtesy and solicitude. The law, unless you go to the heart of it, is what a deep-thinking Irishman once called it-"A dang bad buzz-saw to monkey with."

A lady in Bradford, Pa., loves to smoke. She is enthusiastic about it. Exuberant, almost, for she plunged the family bread-knife through the right lung of her husband the other day when he refused to give her a cigaret. Husbands who are determined to take a firm stand in this matter should see to it that the door to the street is wide open before they lay down the law about who is boss of the house and the smokes of the house. The gentlemen will live, the doctors say. It is also safe to assert that he is quite likely to change his views about women smoking. While he is recovering, the cigaret companies might send the lady abroad the land to give demonstrations illustrating the success of her argument in favor of taking a whiff or two. She should be a valuable annex to afternoon bridge clubs. and to political organizations of ladies who are demanding equal rights.

er to death a few weeks ago beause the lady's love for him had cooled. Then he was placed on trial for murder. His wife, trying to save him from the electric chair, testified that they had been married thirty years, that for twenty years of this time he had never been addicted to liquor, but that he started to drink ten years ago, and for the last two or three years had been using liquor "almost continually." A ministr, next-door neighbor of the Judge, testified that the judicial gentleman was "not rational" when he was drunk. We'll delegate this testimony to Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, because he helped carry the "dry" State of Texas against Al. Smith in the late-lamented Presidential election. Maybe the Bishop could at least prevail upon Texas judges to stay sober enough to stopkilling their stenographers.

A Texas Judge stabbed his stenograph-

Sunday's Liturgy

By Dom Roger Schoenbechler, O.S.B.

Feb. 9 Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

(Secret).

defended by Thy protection. Through (Gospel).

our Lord Jesus Christ." Epiphany the Christmas cycle for even within the Church, we ask, in this year draws near to its close. "keep His household in His unceas- fended by His protection." This household or

reign at Christmas.

prayed to her King as Saviour of the cised by the members of the Mystic world; last Sunday (in the Sunday Body of Christ (see Sunday within Gospel which pictures the vast ishment to each "according to his been in Rome six months and has family of God in its reality. In it works" on the last day.

The same week, the Cardinal made portrait studies of a number Archbishop was received by the wheat and the cockle, virtue and vice, the good and the wicked, grow toward which every Christian and the Pope.

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Collect of the Mass: "Keep, we until the harvest," which is the last beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy house-hold in Thy unceasing love: that, as destroy the cockle "lest perhaps the love of Thy house-hold in Thy unceasing love: that, as destroy the cockle "lest perhaps the love of Thy house-fine up the cockle. He root up the hope of God's heavenly grace"

City Received. it relies solely on the hope of Thy gathering up the cockle, He root up the hope of God's heavenly grace heavenly grace, so it may ever be the wheat also together with it."

Mindful of this opposition of evil tion and battling against the enemies With the fifth Sunday after to good, both within ourselves and of virtue and religion. the second part of the Collect, that In the Collect we pray that God God's household "may ever be de-

But to show us how we are to our inconstant hearts" "family of Gott is the Church, the make our lives deserving of this pro- Then shall we "obtain the effect of Kingdom over which the King of tection, the Epistle gives us an ideal that salvation the pledge of which Light, the Prince of Peace, came to picture of a Christian community we have received in the mysteries" and of the Chrstian life. A whole Two Sundays ago the Church array of social virtues to be exer-Collect), as supreme Ruler over all. Octave of Epiphany) is proposed to Today she addresses Him as the us. Love, peace, and thankfulness future Judge, who will one day sit are to reign over all. By this in judgment over her members, good standard the all-wise Judge of the and bad. We know this from the Gospel will mete out reward or pun-

Woman Paints Popels Portrait Berlin, Feb. 7.—The first woman the nomination of the Superior Gento paint a portrait of His Holiness eral of the Sulpicians, a society for Pope Pius XI is a German, Dr. E. Kelmer-Dinkelsbuchler. She has

(Postcommunion) of the altar so

often in our lives.

rather than on our own frail selves

when striving after greater perfec-

By striving in this fashion we

Given Official **City Reception**

Paris, Feb. 7 .- For the first time since the separation of Church and State an Archbishop of Paris has shall have God on our side. Then nicipality of Paris. Upon returning can we truly hope also that He will from Rome, where he was consecrat-"absolve us from our sins, and direct ed Archbishop of Paris and raised to the Cardinalate, Cardinal Verdier was guest of honor at a reception in the Hotel-de-Ville, the capital's. municipal headquarters.

In delivering an address of welcome, the Marquis d'Andigne, president of the Municipal Council, informed His Eminence of the great joy with which Paris had learned of which the capital has the greatest

esteem, admiration and appreciation.