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HOPEFUL SIGNS IN MEXICO

* There are hopeful signs in Mexico. The recent attempted assassination of President Rubio caused no uproar in official circles against the Catholic Church. Rather, was there a determined stand taken by officials against all rumors that religious excitation had led to the shooting. When Obregon was killed, reverse tactics were followed, and with vicious violence. When Rubio was shot, the first man to extend sympathy to him was Archbishop Ruiz, head of the Church in Mexico.

Then, too, the recent recalling of the Mexican Ambassador from Russia, and the dismissal of the Soviet Minister from Mexico, is another hopeful sign. It indicates a cutting of the bond of atheism and blood that Russia has been attempting to entwine around Mexico. Not only was the Soviet Minister sent home, but he was arrested, detained, searched for incriminatory papers, and all his luggage searched. His legation was likewise invaded and searched, and a house servant arrested. This procedure, a violation of all diplomatic procedure, surely was brought about by unusual conditions, and it surely evi**rious** determination on the par of the Government to rid Mexico of Soviet influences, Soviet evils and Soviet atheism. The dawn of better days, we may conclude, is in Mexico. May it blossom and brighten into a golden sunlight of peace. progress, love of religion and love of God.

Multiplication I take my leave with sorrow of Him 1 love so well: I look my last upon His small and radiant prison cell; happy lamp! to serve HIM with 0

- NEVER-CEASING light! O happy flame' to tremble FOREVER in HIS sight!
- I leave the boly quiet for the loudly human train. And my heart that He had breathed upon
- is filled with lonely pain O King, O Friend, O Lover: What sorer
- grief can be In all the reddest depths of Hell than banishment from Thee!
- But from my window, as I speed across the sleeping land,
- I see the towns and villages wherein His houses stand:
- Above the roofs I see a cross outlined against the night, And I know that there my Lover dwells
- in His sacramental might.
- Dominions kneel before Him, and Powers kiss His feet, Yet for me He keeps His weary watch in
- the turmoil of the street The King of Kings awaits me, wherever 1 may go;
- O who am 1 that He should degn to love and serve me so? - JOYCE KILMER

SAYINGS OF WASHINGTON

Commerce and industry are the best mines of a nation.

Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of every one.

Ingratitude, I hope, will never constitute a part of my character, nor find a place in my bosom.

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.

To persevere is one's duty, and to be silent is the best answer to calumny.

I never wish to promise more than I have a moral certainty of performing. -I shall never attempt to palliate my own foibles by exposing the error of another.

It is a maxim with me not to ask what, under similar circumstances, I would not grant.

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few; and let those be well tried before you give them your confidence.

Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

A good character is the first essential in a man. It is, therefore, highly important to endeavor not only to be learned, but virtuous.

I am resolved that no misrepresentation, falsehoods, or calumny shall make me swerve from what I conceive to be the strict line of duty.

Freedom of Thought and Catholics

We praise the captain of an ocean liner for obeying the warning signals flashed from the coast. Catholics should be praised for obeying the dogmatic decisions of the Church. Christ made the Catholic Church the beacon light of the world, flashing out to us warning signals that will guide us safely to eternity. The doctrines of the Catholic Church no more impede the freedom of Catholics than do the beacon lights set along the rocky coast impede the voyage of the navigator. He disobeys them at his peril.

VALENTINE, THE FATHER OF ANALYTICAL

CHEMISTRY, WAS A CATHOLIC PRIEST.

When the patriot cause was enveloped in black despair, he placed his trust in God., He never wavered or gave way to despair. The victories of Princeton and of Trenton, won by an army that left blood-tracks in the snow, were like bolts of lightning from the sky. They battered the morale of the enemy; they strengthened the morale of the Americans. Soldiers, hungry, half-naked and despairing saw him upon his knees at Valley Forge, in the snow beneath the skeleton trees, praying to God for guidance, for strength and for help, and were themselves inspired and strengthened.

Washington had to contend with a great deal of bigotry and narrowness. Catholics and Quakers had been proscribed in several of the colonies; outlawed in some of them, and the spirit of Puritan intolerance was dominant in a great part of the country. - Champions of liberty themselves, they would deny liberty to all who disagreed with them. They were a strange anomaly in the human family. Washington used a stein hand in dealing with these matters. Many of his best generals were Irish, though not all of these were Catholic. But a number of his closest friends were Catholics, and he cherished a fine sense of loyalty to them, and of comradeship for them. He knew their worth, their sincerity, their unselfish loyalty and patriotism, and he bound them to him without reservation and with whole-

hearted friendship. It was an agonizing task to lead the disorganized and poorly equipped patriot army through the long years of the bloody Revolution. It was an almost hopeless task to unite the thirteen colonies into a stable government afterwards. But these were tasks he accomplished ably and well: not so much because of his supreme ability, but because of his sincerity of purpose, his willingness to make sacrifices, his unfailing devotion to a high and fine sense of duty, and his great desire to make America truly the land of the free and the home of the brave, where all people of all races and religions might live in harmony and in unity. We have been slipping away from the ideals of Washington; not badly, or dangerously, perhaps; but slipping, nevertheless. That is why it will do us all good to read the life of the Father of Our Country, to know his ideals, to appreciate his character and to bless and strengthen our lives with an understanding of his fine patriotism, his loyalty to country and his trust in God.

ample, "the love of the virtues of modesty and chastity."

Parents are urged to keep their daughters away from public gymnastic games, or to see that they are modestly dressed if they are compelled to attend such games.

Teachers in girls' schools are asked to do their utmost to instil love of modesty in the hearts of the girls, and to urge them to dress modestly.

Teachers "must not receive in their colleges and schools immodestly dressed girls," and mothers of pupils are to be forbidden to visit the children if the mothers are immodestly dressed.

Nuns are directed not to receive in their colleges, schools or recreation grounds immodestly dressed girls or women, and are asked to do their utmost to teach holy chastity and Christian modesty to pupils under their care.

Women are requested to organize pious organizations to combat the wearing of apparel unsuited to Christian modesty.

If any members of such pious associtions should wear immodest clothing, they are to be dismissed from membership at once.

The ninth rule is a most emphatic one: "Maiden and women dressed immodestly are to be banned from Holy Communion, and from acting as godmothers in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and if it be an extreme case, may be forbidden to enter the Church."

Prayers and sermons for the promotion of Christian modesty are recommended for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt has been arrested for speeding. Perhaps her automobile had too much alcohol in it.

President Hoover has asked the Republican leaders in Congress to speed up the tariff bill. Why ask the gentlemen to leave their liquor?

"New Jersey," said Prohibition Administrator William J. Calhoun of that State, the other day, "is bone dry." Without reflecting in any way upon the gentleman's veracity, we suggest that when Mr. Calhoun dies he be buried, not by the side of Baron Munnchasen, but on top of him.

The Philadelphia Board of Education, by a unanimous vote, recently refused to permit high school students to devote one hour a week to religious instruction. General Smedley Butler wasted too much time on bootleggers, we would say, while he was cleaning up the city.

In Corning, N. Y., there is a church maintained by the Koo-koo night shirt folks. It caught fire while they were holding services the other night, and the members stuck to their seats and to the services while firemen fought the blaze. It's good judgment, we'd say, for them to . start getting used to fire in this world.

Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury, following the example of the Pope, has called upon all Anglican churches in England to unite in prayer for the same purpose on March 16.

"We all know," said the Archbishop of Canterbury, "that during that week multitudes of our fellow-Christians throughout the world, at the bidding of his Holiness. the Pope, will be joining in our prayers.

Cardinal Bourne of England recently declared that if Bolshevism cannot he curbed the results will be terrible, not only in Russia, but all over the world.

Pope Pius, in his recent letter of protest against conditions in Russia, said:

"The promoters of these iniquities wish to strike by this agitation at religion and God Himself and to bring about the ruination of minds and even human nature itself."

At a recent mass meeting in London, Viscount Brentford said:

"Have you heard of the Archbishop who was buried alive after his eyes had been put out; of another Bishop who was plunged into quicklime; of another Archbishop who was hanged in front of his own altar; of three priests who were thought worthy to suffer the death that Christ.suffered and were crucified; of another who was stripped naked and sprayed in a Russian winter with cold water until he was a frozen statue of ice?" These terrible things, just a few of the incidents related at this mass meeting, give_us_an appalling glimpse of the conditions faced by religion in Russia at the present time. Everywhere men and women ure being persecuted, robbed, imprisoned, shot, or tortured. Working people are being bribed by rich promises, or driven by threats, to take part in public processions designated as anti-God, and in Moscow and other places the Godless League is a militant and powerful one. Churches are being closed all over the land, despoiled, desecrated. The great Cathedral of Moscow, venerable with age and historic in character, is to be turned into an anti-God museum. The cathedral of Peter the Great in Leningrad already has been made into such a museum, and its marvelous bells removed and destroyed. In our own State Legislature at Albany a resolution has been introduced protesting against these outrages, and all over the world the Christian spirit is being aroused by the horror of the conditions Let us join our fiely Father, the Pope, in prayers to God on March 19 for the alleviation of these conditions, and let us watch and pray that godless men are never permitted to seize our Government and dominate our people.

FAITH BUYS A MANSION

Faith has bought a mansion in India. During the summer a central committee was formed in Bangalore, with the Bishon of Mysore as chairman, to collect a fund to purchase a home for the Apostolic delegate to India, the Most Rev. Archbishop Edward Mooney, formerly of Youngstown, Ohio.

The work has been completed. A spacious old mansion has been bought in Bangalore, commanding one of the finest views of the city, and the deed to the property has been presented to Pope Pius XI, as a Jubilee gift from the faithful in India. Not only the mansion, but a splendid summer home in the Nilgiri Hills.

The total cost of the combined gifts was 110,000 rupees-\$40,000-and nearly all of this was given by the poor of India. Only 160 people gave more than 50 rupees -\$16.00 each-and their combined gifts amounted to only \$6,000. The other \$54,000 came from thousands of poor native Catholics all over the land, including. two days' fishing from "the fisherman of See Street, Negembo, Cevion."-When you sip your refreshing Ceylon tea, remember there is a poor fisherman in that land who gave the proceeds of two days' fishing to help buy a home for the Apostolic Delegate to India.

Donations for the residence were relived from Colombo, Calcutta, Malacca, Jaffna, Ceylon, Mysore, and myriad other places. Look in the family geography for these places, and feel proud that the Faith of Catholic people in that ancient nation has just bought a mansion in which lives the official representative of the Pope, a native of our own United States. Then you will begin to understand the universality of the Church, the love that is cherished everywhere for the Church, and the sacrifices that are made for the cause of religion.

A PLEA FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARY WORK

My plea is for foreign missionary work. The average man looks on foreign missions as an attempt to christianize a seople of relatively inferior civilization. He asks: "Why not stay home and con-vert our own land first?" This is a ques-tion many Catholics ask—Catholics ignort as to the missions. St. Thomas tells that ignorance is a moral fault when Che means of removing it, and the chilgation of L Our missionaries are mostly willying of good-strong are building for gener-

Let the experience and precedent of the past be the guide for the future. What do you think would have happened to the Catholic Church in America if the Spanish, French, Irish, English and other priests had refused to leave their own lands until everyone in them was converted? We can appreciate what we owe to the priests and nuns of other lands when we realize that for over three centuries America was a missionary land. Common decency and simple gratitude demand that we endeavor to do unto others has been done unto us.

America was astounded recently by the brutal murder in China of three valiant missionaries. God will reward these sacrifices in the increase of vocations for foreign mission work. They have blazed a glorious trail; they have answered the call of Christ, and their cause is as divine as is their calling. Missionaries are able to carry on only by reason of their abiding trust in their Leader, who is not a great scholar, nor a renowned statesman, nor a great scientist, but God Himself.

Our priests and nuns are ready. The thing that is lacking is the generous support of the Catholic body as a whole. What has been accomplished thus far is due to the zeal of particular groups or persons. Are you a member of a group or one of these people? Man instinctively spreads good news. What is more sublime than the propagation of the only real news that matters—the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Perhaps the Master's voice is calling: "Come, Follow Me!" and, unlike the rich youth of the Gospel, will the youthof to-day heed Love's eternal cry? "The harvest is great and the laborers are few; the sufferings and mortifications are often overwhelming, but remember the kingdom of God is not in speech, but in The Foreign Missions await power." your answer to this appeal. Mine is a call for volunteers!

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GEORGE WASHINGTON

It would be well for us all if we would read the life of George Washington occasionally. And it would be a fine thing for all of us if we would cultivate the spirit of service, of patriotism and of sacrifice that were outstanding characteristics in the life of Washington.

Washington loved his country sincerely and deeply. He risked for his country all he had in life; all that he hoped to have -social standing, fortune, liberty and life itself. He was unselfish in his devotion, whole-hearted in his love, willing to fight and to die for the cause he believed in, and for the rights he championed. His public life was a noble one, clean, wholesome, inspiring.

IN REGARD TO DRESS

Very often we are told that "Style is Supreme." It may be. But there is something that overshadows it-decency, morality. This is emphatically emphasized in instructions just adopted and promulgated at the Vatican by the Sacred Congregation of the Council to Bishops of the Catholic Church. The subject covered is "Women's Press" are adopted.

Parish priests are instructed to "insist, argue, exhort and command that feminine garb be based on modesty.

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For today and the whole coming

week Mother Church prompts, us to

turn to God with stronger faith and

trust in Him. She prompts us at the

same time to ask for the intercession

of that valiant fighter for Christ,

stational church for today. The Col-

lect runs thus:

the Apostle Paul. We gather in

Parents are urged to inculcate in the souls of their daughters, by word and ex-

Sunday's Liturgy

By Doni Ambrose Witthian, O.S.B.

"O God, who seest that we put not against all adversities."

The Diocesan Council of Vigilance 'should at least once a year seek the best means to preserve the modesty of feminine dress.'

On every third year, Bishops and other ordinaries are asked to make reports to the Sacred Congregation covering the conditions as to the mode of dress in their Dioceses.

These instructions, followed out carefully as they will be throughout the country, will surely have good effect, and be productive of desired results. That they are badly needed, no one will gainsay. Of late years the styles in the dress of women have run violently to the extreme, so much so that the above instructions have been deemed most necessary. The action of the Sacred Congregation should have a salutary effect on the modes of dress of our Catholic people, and through their good influence, upon all other people.

RELIGIÓN IN RUSSIA

The horrible, sacrilegious iniquities which have been committed against religion in Russia, to quote the words of Pope Pius XI, are rapidly arousing the entire Christian world. Mass meetings in protest have been and are being held all over England, France, Germany, Austria, Ireland, and other countries. The recent fetter of Pope Pius XI, calling upon all-Christian nations to unite in protest has had a tremendous effect.

Pope Pius has asked the entire-Christian world to unite with him in prayer on St. Joseph's Day, March 19, for a cessation of the Bolshevist atrocities. The

Sexagesima Sunday If the great apostle of the gentiles be heard and that our Lenten efforts elisus in the Epistle that he is weak will be successful. "May the sacrifive-offered to thee, O Lord, ever enliven and protect us" (Secret) Holy Mass and Communion will gradually prepare our hearts for the good seed spoken of in today's Gospel, so that we too will "bring forth fruit." The help we call for in the Collect "against all adversities" is abundantly granted in the sacrificial

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In the Collect we admitted that we cannot trust to our single efforts: we In the fast part of our prayer we approach the holy table therefore to ask that "we may be defended unite ourselves with Him who can "Against our trust in anything that we do of all adversities," we say; hot only and will help us. Today's Postcommunion should be the earnest request lives. ourselves: mercifully grant that by against the adversities from without, the protection of the Doctor of the such as bodily hardships, but also we then put to our divine Guest:

Gentiles we may be defended against those from within, that spring from Treshed by Thy sacraments, may so our coldness of faith and our inall adversities," The thoughtful Christian realizes Clinations to evil. In this coming The thoughtful Christian realizes Lenten season we are going to put live as to do Thee worthy and acthat he is entirely dependent upon Lenten season we are going to put God in all that he does. It is a fact forth special efforts to make our lives ceptable service.'

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Chinese Girl, Ill, 'Saved By Priest, When Left to Die

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunchong, South China, Feb. 21-In the interior of China, even Catholics are not always able to lay aside the superstitious dread of death in the house. As a result, they often place sick people out in the open. and abandon them, when a little care would have saved the sufferers

Recently, at Sunchong, where Father Robert J. Cairns of Worcester, Mass., is the Maryknoll nastor. a Catholic girl, seventeen years old. was ejected from her home while critically ill, covered with a mat, and left to die. The Chinese woman catechist of the mission called Father Calrus, who anointed the girl, and left medicine for her. The catechist devoted herself to the care of the supposedly dying girl, who recovered her health, and is now perfectly well again.

give his actions a sound spiritual put our trust in ourselves." value, and will be the basis for all. The Masses we attend offer an the his efforts toward gaining happiness. Dest guarantee that our prayer will

tells us in the Epistle that he is weak and infirm, certainly we must admit the same of ourselves. Whatever the work toward that without the help of God we could do nothing: "we put not our trust in anything that we do of ourselves." But with the Lord's assistance we can do great things. The Church today directs to us the very words of assurance banquet of the Mass. which St. Paul received: "My grace great sacrifice; his church is the is sufficient for thee" (Epistle).

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which he will never lose sight of conform more closely to the ideal set and this dependence of his on the by the Savior. When making these. Créator will color his entire atti- Lenten resolutions we must there tude toward life, will lead him to fore remember all the more "not to