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RUSSIA IS ANGRY

The Soviet government in Russia is very angry with Pope Pius XI, because the Pope has asked all the Christian world to unite in prayer on March 19, St. Joseph's Day, for the amelioration of the dreadful persecutions Christian people are now suffering in Russia. Various Soviet publications have had bitter and abusive editorials on the Pope, and various anti-religious societies have published boastful and abusive resolutions.

Meanwhile, all Christendom has been aroused by the letter of the Supreme Pontiff on the Russian atrocities. Nation after nation has taken official cognizance of the matter in their legislatures or houses or houses of parliament, and the matter has been brought officially to the attention of the Russian government.

Here in America considerable effective action has been taken, and more will follow. The Anglican Church, both in America and in England, paid gracious tribute to Pope Pius for his appeal for widespread prayer, and officials of that church have asked all their people to join in prayer for the same purpose as requested by the Pope.

Friends of the Soviet government in America are protesting against the act of Pope Pius, and against every action taken in this country. These friends include the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism, and the Freethinkers of America. As far as religion is concerned. it is well to have them where they belong. Moral suasion had a lot to do with the winning of the World War, and moral suasion will have a lot to do with settling matters properly in Russia.

TRIAL MARRIAGE CONDEMNED

The Colorado Supreme Court has called trial marriage by its right name-"nothing more, in effect, than an attempt to legalize prostitution.'

The above quotation is taken from an opinion written by Chief Justice Whitford of the Colorado Court. Brought before the court was the matter of the estate of a Denver physician who had prevailed upon his wife to sign a prenuptial contract to the effect that, if married, they should live together only as long as agreeable to both parties. In other words, a trial marriage. The agreement provided that if the couple separated after marriage the husband was to pay his wife \$100 for each year they had lived together. After fourteen months of married life, they separated. The husband, legal to the penny, and undoubtedly imitating the economy of the Scotch

stories he had heard, paid her \$110. Death is something no man can bar-gain with, and the physician eventually went the way of all flesh. When his will was probated, the discarded wife entered a protest to the terms of the will, from which she was entirely eliminated, and she sued for her widow's rights of onehalf of the estate. The other heirs presented the trial-marriage contract as evidence that she was entitled to no part of the estate. A County Court upheld their contention. A District Court upheld the wife's claim, whereupon the heirs appealed to the Supreme Court. Judge Whitford of that court pronounced the trial-marriage contract "utterly void," and in a very sharp opinion put the proper label on that kind of business.

Either marriage is something sacred and uplifting, or it is the other thing. It is heartening, in these days of fads. fancies and loose living, to have a high court of justice say it is not the other thing; that no prenuptial contract of any kind can vitiate a marriage contract, and that the wife remains a wife in law, as well as in fact.

The Catholic Church stands irrevocaly against the dissolution of marriage, and against any and all "trials" or "isms" that tend to lower or degrade the relations men, and women. Marriage is a Sacrain the eyes of the Church and of all ildren, and from time immemorial tunght that what God has

A Lenten Thought

Under the star-made shadows lay The Garden of Gethsemane: With footsteps heavy - sorrowing He Went up to meet His Calvary, Some day the cross the cruel load, The burden of the heavy road, Will be our lot, for we must see Our garden of Gethsemane.

Life, love and all the things of earth, Sweet music, dancing, loy and much All these must be for us, yet we Must come to our Gethsemane

Must know our time of heavy grief, Must feel the thorns, without relief.

And dark as blackest night will be The hour of our Gethsemane.

A ray of light! A fluttering star' A note of hope—a whisper far! sweetened breeze. O, Christ! 'tis He! To help us bear Gethsemane

is no marriage. It is just what the Colorado Supreme Court has called it, and what all decent people have felt it to be ever since it was foisted upon the world

THE LENTEN PERIOD

by the fads and follies of irresponsible

people.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the forty days of Lent. During this period the Church asks us to devote extra time to prayer, to fasting, to penance for our sins, and we are urged to give alms, to help the poor and needy, and to do other works beneficial to our spiritual lives and to our souls.

There will be special services and devotions in all of our churches during Lent:-Fortunate will be the man or woman who regularly attends these with deep devotion, and with simplicity of mind and honesty of purpose. They will help warm the fires of Faith in his soul. They will help inspire him with a better and finer love for truth, for virtue, for right living and for correct conduct, and they will bring him closer to God, and to the truths

Lent is not only a time of special grace for us all, but it is good for the churches and it is helpful for the pastors. It brings men and women, boys and girls, into closer touch with their respective churches. It helps them know and appreciate all the Church means to them in life; all it means to them in times of worry and trouble, of doubt and despondency. It makes them feel that the Church is the fireside home of their souls, worthy in every sense of all they can do for it, of all they can give it and of all they can sacrifice for it.

Many of us are careless about helping our churches. We seldom think of the great burden every pastor has—the double burden, financial and spiritual, and how he needs and appreciates every bit of help we can give him. The cost of maintaining a church property to-day is almost appalling. There is the rectory to be cared for, the convent, the school, and the church itself, all of them costly, and all of them expensive to maintain. There are the appealing cases of the worthy poor, of needy children, poorly clad and hungry many times, and myriad other things that touch the heart and keep empty the

pocketbook of every pastor. It will be quite appropriate for us to think about these things in Lent, and to make firm resolutions to help, and to put into active practice our willingness to help. Fasting and prayer are wonderfully good in themselves, but St. Paul has told us that if we have not charity, we have nothing. Let us attune our souls, first of all, to the work and to the charities of our parish and to the great task of help-

ing our pastors in every possible way. The Church asks us to eschew entertainments and social events during Lent, and to give our souls as wholly as possible to the spiritual things of life. If we do this in the right spirit, the results will be a revelation to us all. We will find ourselves-stauncher-and stronger in our Faith; happier and more contented in mind, and with a deeper and truer love for God and for his holy Church. The pleasures of the world, once discarded, will seem trivial and useless in comparison with these, and we will find ourselves a militant and active part of that great organization which builds schools, colleges, universities, hospitals, orphan asylums, homes for the aged, convents,, rectories, churches and chapels throughout the world; of that great organization which builds character, teaches and safeguards millions of children, and stands unflinchingly and unfalteringly for all things that are true, noble, uplifting and helpful to our bodies and our souls—the Church of Jesus Christ.

DID YOU DO YOUR PART?

Students, parents, teachers and pastors should pause at the close of the first scholastic semester to consider what has been their contribution to its success or

If the pastor has carefully seen to it that the school building is all that the financial status of the parish will permit in point of lighting, heating, ventilating, floor space and classroom equipment; if he has provided the legal number of school days, filled each one of them from opening to close with school activities exclusively; if he has regularly encouraged the children to strive for higher standards, to him indisputably is due a large measure of the scholastic success which his school has scored.

Existence of Church Proves Divinity

The Catholic Church was founded by Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. He proved His claim to be God by credentials that have successfully stood the acid test of countless assaults during 1900 years. The Catholic Church has seen the birth of every institution, society and government that now exist in the world. She has chanted the Requiem of all those that have disappeared during the past 19 centuries. Still full of life and youthful vigor, she is the solitary survivor of the past. This alone is a superhuman fact of history that proves her divinity, and her claim to a hearing from reasonable people.

CHAULIAC, THE FATHER OF MODERN SURGERY AND THE MODERN HOSPITAL, WAS A CATHOLIC ECCLESIASTIC

REVELATION BROADCASTED

We should make use of the creatures of time to set forth the truths of eternity. One of the purposes of creation was to manifest the omnipotence of the Godhead. Even broadcasting throws some light upon the idea of a divine revelation. In broadcasting, waves of some sort are set free. They travel great distances. They may be picked up by certain instruments and converted into something like the human voice. The voice does not travel like the echo down the ravine. After this fashion, the sound fills the intervening space; he who has ears to hear, may hear. In broadcasting, the air is perfectly quiet, as far as unassisted ears are concerned, but it is filled with potential messages. To hear, certain sensitive instruments are needed, then one may listen.

There is some analogy here to the idea of divine revelation. Back of this universe

If each morning has found the teacher ready and eager to start anew her labors with Christ's chosen little ones; if she has allowed nothing to prevent her thorough preparation for the day's new teachings; if, while directing her best efforts in behalf of the weaker students, she has generously, aye, if necessary, heroically meted out to all from the fullness of her knowledge, her share of credit in the scholastic attainment is far from negligi-

If the student has been regular and punctual in attendance; if he has discharged his home tasks with a reasonable degree of serious attention; if his has been a whole-hearted co-operation in all school activities; small though his stature. be, he has been a potent factor in the success of his class and school.

Let us now consider what part of this momentous institution depends upon the parents, since it is now an almost universally accepted belief that with the parents rests the most important part of the child's education. It is the duty of the father to keep informed, by the regular and consistent study of the report card, of the progress which his child is making in school. He should encourage well doing and aid in the overcoming of careless habits. He should provide, according to his means, wholesome food, decent clothing and the material necessary in the various school activities. Upon the mother devolves the duty of seeing that the child gets to bed at a seasonable hour, so that by a good night's rest he is fitted for the work of the coming day. Upon her depends his rising at an hour sufficiently early to permit his enjoying under her personal supervision the substantial breakfast so requisite to a successful school day. She should see him off each morning, a smile lingering upon her lips, sweet harbinger of his homecoming when together they will talk it all over, the failures as well as the victories. What such a heart-to-heart talk means to a child!

The first scholastic semester is ended. Students, teachers, parents, pastors, did you do your part to make it a success?

is the Creator, a personal Being, thought and love; He is the supreme expression of intellect and will. The constant activity of this Person is sending its waves of force, as it were, through the universe. We are all potential recipients of His messages, but these messages must be turned into human language before they become practically operative. Man, busy about many things, frequently does not hear God's words. He is tuning in on things of time. The dial needle is set on the sensual rather than the spiritual messages. Martha got many things. Mary got one thing only—the message. In the long epochs of time, now and then, there were individuals who did get God's broadcasting station. With some faculty inspired, they did get His whisperings, and for the benefit of mankind these blessed people did record what they heard. So we have the Inspired Word of the Bible.

Radio broadcasting and reception make it easier for us to understand that such communication believes God and man is possible. Science, in some instances, teaches that the brain is a miniature broadcasting station. If human thinking so affects the air, why should not God's thinking affect the soul? Ordinarily speaking, we can get clearly and intelligently only one station at a time. . In simultaneous broadcasting, certainly receiving is exceedingly confusing. We don't get much out of it. When we are tuned in on the world, the flesh, and the devil, individually or collectively, it is quite impossible for us to get God's inspired

This is an analogy, not a proof. It ioes not demonstrate conclusively that God has revealed Himself, nor does it prove the doctrine of Communion of Saints. Since it is only an example, it does limp. If you see the limp, all the better. Today's science will pass, as yesterday's has. Another generation may scrap evolution, the electronic constitution of matter and many others. When that takes place, our religious faith, independent of an attitude of science, must stand firm. Divine religion, as a correct understanding of God's revelation, must endure forever. Religion does not depend more on the Capernican system than upon the fixity of species, upon protons and electrons than upon atoms and molecules. Scientific theories may come and go, but religion remains eternally the self-same. "There is no God like the God of the righteous. His dwelling is above, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Russia has a large Mohammedan population, several millions of people. Thirteen Mohammedan mosques were closed recently by the Government, and all of their furnishings seized and confiscated. Rich rugs and mosaics were sold, and the money converted into American tractors to be used on the new "collective farms" in Russia. A Jewish synagogue was also closed, and a number of churches, some of them Catholic. There appears to be no let-up on the determination of the Government to crush all religions, and to crush them by every possible means, no matter how severe, inhuman or unlawful.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Three banks in Texas closed their doors a few days ago, all on the same day. It would be unkind, under such conditions, to remind the Texans that they broke the historic Democratic record of their State and went for Hoover in the late Presidential election. So we won't say a word

Raymond Johnson, the dryest dry in the Iowa State Legislature and a frontseat church member, when Volstead services are held on Sundays, has just been fined \$300 for public intoxication, and given a suspended sentence of three months in jail. That's real tough on Raymond, we would say. Expecting him to talk and fight for the Volstead law, and not get a nip now and then. Moral uplifters will get discouraged if this thing

One thousand years from now most of us will be forgotten, even by our creditors. But in Gandersheim, Germany, a few days ago, the 1000th anniversary of the birth of Roswitha, a Benedictine nun, was celebrated with great acclaim. She had the distinction of being the first woman dramatist in Germany, and she dramatized a number of Biblical subjects with such skill that she made many converts to the Church. Several of her dramas, picturing the fight between good and evil in the world, were reproduced on her anniversary day, and all of them had the "happy ending" demanded by present-day producers. Roswitha wrote six major dramas, and her fame spread all over Europe. It is good. these days, to have her work and her life remembered, for she championed the things that were clean, wholesome and religious.

The Mexican government has requested all Governors of States to take steps to combat the excessive use of alcoholic drinks within their respective jurisdictions. They are to do this, not by restrictive measures, but by persuasion and education. Furthermore, it is understood that no new licenses will be granted for saloons, and that no licenses can be transferred. A widespread propaganda movement will be inaugurated against the use of liquor, developed along educational lines. In charge of all this work is Senor Portes Gil, former President of Mexico. He is opposed to drastic action, such as the 18th Amendment in the United States, and is firm in the belief that the educational campaign will prove more successful. The people of America who are sincerely interested in Prohibition will do well to watch the results in Mexico, and, unless all signs fail, the results will be a pleasant surprise for them.

In a talk on "The Woman of To-day", before the Catholic Women's Club of this city a short time ago, Mrs. Frank A. Mc-Gowan of Canton, O., said many modern women think it is the smart thing to do to drink bootleg liquor, and she said this feeling is quite common among school girls. After emphasizing the dangers of using liquor, Mrs. McGowan said: "l hope our Catholic girls will set a good example by leaving liquor alone, and by cultivating the virtue of temperance. Her words are recalled now by the appalling tragedy that has just taken place at Los Angeles, Cal. A sixteen-year-old high school boy is dead from drinking poison hootch, a seventeen-year-old high school girl is permanently blind from the same acuse, and two other high-school students, boys, were at death's door for days. All this was the result of a "joy ride" these Moungsters took into the country, trying to be modern, trying to do the smart thing. The boys bought a gallon of bootleg liquor at a road house. Two of the girls-with-them, luckily; refused to partake of the drink, and escaped being victims. The others paid a terrible price fortheir evening of fun, and their fate should be a warning to everybody to beware of

Sunday's Liturgy

By Dom Ambrose Wittman, O.S.B.

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the following Collect of the Mass to joy . . We are his people, and pray: "Graciously hear our prayers, seep of his pasture" (Tract).

from all adversity." our prayers." Mother Church knows sin." my strength and my refuge... how powerful God is. The power of healed; our spiritual blindness will Christ to work miracles is for us an be removed. assurance that the same Saviour

(Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News ders" (Gradual). The fact reminds of angels, and have not charity, I us in the song which occurs just be- am become as sounding brass or a fore the Gospel story; "Sing joyful- tinkling cymbal . . . If I should have ly to God, all the earth: serve ye the For this last Sunday before the Lord with gladness. Come in before opening of Lent, the Church gives us his presence with exceeding great . We are his people, and the

we beseech thee, O Lord, and un Knowing, therefore, that we have loosing the bonds of sin, guard us approach the Lord with unbounded teristics of true charity? The more confidence, we ask. Him in today's First, then, we are to beg God to Collect for something very great: we these demands, the more necessary by the Rev. Edward F. Garesche, grant our wishes: "graciously hear ask Him to "unlooseth the bonds of is it that we make the Church's that the Lord will graciously hear in those bonds by yielding to the its if we approach Him with child-spirit of the world and by not relike faith and confidence. In today's sisting manfully in times of tempta-Introit she tells us how natural tion that we really do need the asit should be for us to have con-sistance of an all-powerful God to fidence in Him: " . . . for thou art extricate ourselves. That, then, will be our task for Lent. If we sincere thou wilt be my leader and wilt ly cry out with the blind man of to nourish me." To encourage us to a day's Gospel, "Jesus, son of David, still livelier faith she reminds us have mercy on me." we too shall be

A splendid gauge for our progress who restored the wight of the blind in this task of "unloosing the bonds sciences. It will entitle him to a New York, also a world famous man near Jericho some nineteen of sin' is presented to us in the year's scientific travel abroad, at the school of nursing, and to give ethical hundred years ago is just as power-Epistle. There St. Paul tells us how expense of the State, with the obligation of furnishing a report of his achool of King's County Hospital.

all faith, and have not charity, I am nothing . . . charity hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Who of us can claim that his charity has all those qualities which St. Paul here states are the characbonds of sin' 'our very own.

Catholic Student Wins Scholarship schools.

Book By Priest Used In Several Nursing Schools

New York, Feb. 28.-The book Ethics and the Art of Conduct for our charity fails to measure up to Nurses," published some months ago S.J., has already been adopted as r So enmeshed have we become prayer for the "unloosing of the text book for the study of Ethics by 48 of the leading non-Catholic Schools of Nursing in the country, and is being used as a book of reference by many more. It has also been adopted by many Catohlic

> Following on its publication Father Garesche has been invited to Louvain, Feb. 27. — A student deliver the principal address at the from the Louvain Catholic University graduating exercises of the School of ty, Dr. Joseph Schockaert, won first Nursing at King's County Hospital, prize at the Belgian inter-university Brooklyn, one of the largest in the competitive examination for medical world, and at Bellevue Hospital,