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SUBLIME PATRIOTISM

Mahatma Gandhi, leader of a nonviolent" rebellion against British authority in India, has instructed his followers to do these things:

"If you are sent to prison, go piously. "If you are assaulted, bear it cheer-

"If you are shot, die peacefully." Civil disobedience is the lever with which Gandhi expects to pry liberty from the British government—buy nothing British, pay no taxes, boycott everything British, including the government servants, and pay no attention to British laws. It is amusing to read in daily papers that India is the first country in the world to undertake a rebellion of this kind. Ireland set the pace in this regard, and India is merely imitating what Ireland set out to do at the time England dumped the vicious Black and Tans upon that country. Ireland's "non-violent" rebellion soon developed into an orgy of foul murders by the Black and Tans, with the logical reprisals. Whether India's rebellion will develop likewise remains to be seen, for England learned a bitter lesson in that Black and Tan adventure.

Irish leaders have virtually coached and hi in his movement, and have encour aged him to take the step he has taken The results will be watched with the keen-

est of interest.

AN HISTORIC MASS

History was written, with prayer and sacrifice, when His Holiness Pope Pouis XI, celebrated what he called a Mass of "expiation propitiation and reparation" in St. Peter's Basilica on March 19 for the terrible persecutions inflicted upon Christian peoples in Soviet Russia. It was a great spiritual protest, echoing and re-echoing throughout the Christian world. Its effect and its influence, we may be sure, will be felt in millions upon millions of hearts, irrespective of religious belief.

For that Mass was in many respects a proclamation to the world that the Supreme Pontiff stands at the forefront as the champion of religious liberty. For, in his letter of protest and of condemnation of Russia's brutal methods, made public at the time he appealed to the Christian world to join him in prayer for Russia on the 19th of March, Pope Pius XI said that in 1922, a few days after his election as Supreme Pontiff, he had asked the nations then participating in the Genoa conference that they should all demand of Russia, as a preliminary condition of recognition "the acceptance of three definite points - freedom of conscience, liberty of worship and inviolability of

church proyerty." This request, it should be remembered, was made for all the people of Russianot alone for the Catholics, who comprise a very small minority of the population of that great nation; but for the Jews and for all non-Catholics as well. Three definite and great points—freedom of worship, liberty of conscience and inviolability of church property. And for all the people! His Mass of "expiation, propitiation and reparation" was therefore a Mass offered to Almighty God in humble petition for these great and definite points. Millions of non-Catholics and of Jews, recognizing the humane and historic significance of this appeal, joined our Holy Father in devout prayer for Russia on March 19th. A memorable

wide and world-impressive. And what a setting! The largest Church in the world. The largest congregation in the world—70,000 people. The tomb of the martyred St. Peter close The relics and treasures of ages and conturies around him. Sonorous posed choir of Slavic ecclesiastics and arians alternated with the more is must sung by the non-Russians at the Man. Representatives of the whom as prayed accompanied

with their own strangely

wirtually turning St.

and beautiful spiritual spectacle, world-

Be Content

If what thou dost desire may not be Learn then with what thou hast to be content;

For idle wishing is good time misspent, And wise men have no leisure to repine. Not anything thou hast, however fine,

Nor aught which by fair fortune might As wealth, or health, or praise most eloquent, Can have the power to make thy life

The fount of good within thy own soul

diwine.

Seek Beauty, Truth, and Love; Live with thy heart, Rich in thyself, whatever Fate deales: Thou own'st the whole and need'st the smallest part, Lord of the earth and Lord of the deep skies

> -Bishop Spaulding in "God and the Soul."

Thou child of God, of Nature, and of

Peter's into a Russian national cathedral for the occasion.

The chanting of the "De Profoundis" for the repose of the souls of the thousands of religious martyrs already sacrificed in Russia; the exposition of the sacred relics of the True Cross, and of Veronica's veil—the very garment with which she wiped the face of Jesus on his way to Calvary—all these combined to make this Mass a great historic event; an appeal and a sacrifice that could be made nowhere else in the world with such effort, with such fervor, and with such Christian spirit and soul. Reverently were the eyes of the Christian world upon the Supreme Pontiff on this occasion, and may this reverence warm the hearts and give bene-diction to the souls of all peoples who love humanity, religion and God!

STUDY VS. PLAY

The other day the writer passed a school play ground—not in Rochester, and not a Catholic school—and though it was ten in the morning, there was a class in the yard being taught by a hired teacher to play what used to be called one-o'-cat. But they played with an indoor ball, while we older boys of a generation or more ago played the same game with a hard ball and with no teacher, and we had more fun.

We live in the age of fads. We are living in an age when the cost of schools is mounting, while the result of school work does not equal that of a generation ago. Too much time is spent in teaching children to play,t oo many high priced teachers are employed at the taxpayers' expense to teach children to do what they can do better themselves. And this is to the detriment of the children. because it destroys initiative in the child.

The writer on several occasions has had excellent opportunity to observe results. A teacher who was considered expert in his work showed a class of boys a certain game. The boys followed his instructions. and it was what would be called tame. They played his way to please him, and for that alone. But when he had gone, and recreation time had come for them after school, the writer happened to be there again. He recognized the elements of the teacher's game but their active minds had improved on it, put some "kick into it," and it was a pleasure to see how earnestly and actively they entered into the exer-

There are a lot of us old moss backs as we may be called, who love children but who are not able to grasp the reason for teaching children in school how to play. We think that proper exercises can be enjoyed by them at their own games, when their own minds will be developed in devising methods of exercise that will do them more good than the games that are class work. We old moss backs wonder why they should be taken out of class, where earnest teachers are trying to teach them to read, to understand what they read, to be able to figure up a simple sum, to know a bit about the grand and beautiful world they live in -We wonder why these classes are interrupted by games of ball, or any other game, during the hours that should be devoted to the important studies of Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Geography. The time for these subjects is already too little to, attain the high aims of our State Board of Regents, without taking part of it away for play in the yard, which by its noise distracts those still in school and which prevents the children from concentrating on their classes when they return, often breathless, to their school rooms for other important work that is school work.

We hope in our old-fashioned way that the time is not far off when these fads will be banished from our schools, and when the children will be allowed to have their play when their work is done in school.

One would think, from what can be seen today in the vicinity of many city schools, in their school yards, or in the "gyms," that the only recreation a child gets is what is provided by the school and at the taxpayers' expense. And the writer is so hopelessly old-fashioned that he has never been able to understand why there are gyms at the schools at all. Our good old parents and grand-parents, and the generation before them, were strong, welldeveloped and earnest, and we did not hear of them dying from nervous breakdowns. nor from many of the ailments so common to-day. And they never had any one hired to teach them to play, nor did

Catholic Church Preceded Bible

The Catholic Church celebrated its silver jubilee many years before the last book of the Bible was written. It was more than 300 years after the founding of the Catholic Church that the world obtained the Bible. Christ's Church does not depend only on the Bible. See Matt. 16, 18.

MULLER, THE GREATEST BIOLOGIST OF THE LAST CENTURY, WAS A CATHOLIC

they know what a "gym" was. They seemed to get healthful exercise at home helping father at the wood pile, and mother in her work, and then, when that was done, in the nearest vacant lot at their games which were played with vim. Faddists could not get a hearing then from sensible parents.

ARE WE LAW CRAZY?

Judge Robert M. Jones of Knoxville, Tenn., says we have gone "law crazy" in America. Everybody who has a hobby wants a law to promote or protect that hobby. And a lot of people have had their hobbies embalmed in the statute books. What the Judge says is of interest:

"Why, in a neighboring State," the judge says, "it is against the law to ride a jackass more than six miles an hour, and a few years ago in the Tennessee legislature a Senator introduced a bill against -calling any female a flapper."

In another State a child cannot pass from the eighth grade to high school unless he has learned the first verse of "The Star Spangled Banner." There is a law to that effect.

"Ordinarily," the Judge said, "law should follow only where there is a crystallized public opinion in favor of it. Where people are not in favor of it, they will not heed it, and the law is no good.

"There are more than 100,000 statute laws in the United States restricting the conduct of the individual. Each one is an infringement on man's personal liberty. Some, of course, are necessary, but the great majority are foolish.

"Now there are so many laws that people of good mind and high ideals can never expect to obey them all, and as a result a law is not looked upon as sacred, like it was when the statute books were only five inches thick instead of being five volumes fifteen inches thick.

"Every good law will be obeyed, and there will be a hearty public opinion in favor of enforcing it. The poor laws will not be obeyed and they ought to be repealed."

When Judge Jones says every good law will be obeyed, he means every such law will have the support of the great majority of the people of America. He is right. And he is doubly right when he says laws ought to be repealed when they lack this support. They are a menace to the peace of society when they are not approved by the great mass of the people, and they should be removed from the statute books.

Approximately 700 hours are now devoted to the broadcasting of religious programs each year by the two National networks. The National Broadcasting Company set aside 338 hours during 1929 for such programs, and the Columbia Broadcasting System set aside approximately the same number. The Catholic Church has one hour a week, or 52 hours of the 700. The Jews have a certain number of hours, and the Protestants have the great bulk of the religious hours. The Catholic Radio Hour is the newest program on a national hook-up. -

LORD BALFOUR DEAD

There will be no shamrocks strewn on the grave of Arthur James Balfour, British statesman who closed his eyes in death on March 19th.

Dust to dust, and ashes to ashes, his mortal remains will commingle with the earth to which he long ago consigned the tortured and mutilated bodies of many brave Irishmen, whose only fault was that they loved liberty better than they did

For in 1887, when the mighty genius of Gladstone and the giant strokes of Parnell had carried the Home Rule cause of Ireland to the forefront of British politics, Lord Balfour was appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland. Instantly he launched a violent and far-reaching system of punishment, of torture, of deaths by gibbet and firing squads, to counteract and crush the growing spirit of liberty in the hearts and souls of the Irish people.

"Bloody" Balfour, the Irish called him. Hate and fury were turned loose by him upon the hapless people of the land of St. Patrick—not so much hate from Balfour's own heart, as from the hearts of the bigoted and pitiless men he used to crush the soul-of-Ireland. The prisons of the land resounded with the cries of his tortured victims, and many new-shaped graves dotted the country when gibbet or bullet did its work.

"He was responsible," said Tay Pay" O'Connor, his contemporary in the British Parliament, "for a cruel treatment of merely political prisoners which was unequaled at that time in any of the more civilized countries of the world." He broke down not only the bodies, but the minas of irish prisoners, by slow methods of torture, brutality and inhumanity. He gave orders to shoot down rioters and marchers without hesitation, and bloody and brutal scenes followed these orders. He did not believe in popular government, and he was determined the Irish people should have none of it. He had a narrowminded contempt for the Irish.

"They are our inferiors," he once declared, "and no amount of Gladstonian rhetoric can make them otherwise. They are politically incapable of self-government.'

Immigrants to the hospitable shores of America carried his blood-red epithet over here—and "Bloody" Balfour was a common expression in Irish circles in America for many years. Even to-day it is remembered with thoughts that neither time nor death has softened. He missed a great opportunity—the opportunity to give Ireland some acceptable measure of Home Rule and bring the land closer to the hearts of the British people.

And yet, in many ways, Lord Balfour had a character that was lovable. His friends admired him greatly, and few men in recent years have received such fulsome world-wide obituaries. Nevertheless, and with good cause, Ireland's tears will not bless his grave, nor will shamrocks adorn it. The gruesome epithet his deeds won for him in Ireland will live longer in that land than any memory the people may have of his character or his greatness. He wrote his name into Irish history with the blood of innocent and

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Home is a place where a man stays while he has a flat tire.

Al. Smith is a realtor now. Here's betting he'll never have a sign, "To Let", on his hat...

A minister in New York says we want a new religion. He's wrong. What he wants is a new job.

When you tell your son that George Washington never told a lie, be careful to explain to him that George never played bridge or golf.

It's all in one's viewpoint. A Washington Congressman says we are enduring a period of economic low visibility. A plumber in Kalamazoo says he's out of

Some people were doubtful about the justice of the acquittal of Edward I... Doheny, the millionaire oil operator, until the wind-bag from Alabama jumped up in the Senate and denounced the Jury. Then everybody knew Doheny was innocent.

A gentleman in Seattle, Wash., was divorced by his wife because he trumped her ace in a bridge game. She promptly hit him with an alarm clock, knocking out his front teeth. Then she left the house and started her suit for divorce. He's lucky she didn't shoot him.

Martyrs make a cause. In Philadelphia the other day a union workman, out on strike, was killed by strike-breakers. On the day of his funeral 35,000 union workmen dramatically raised their right hands and solemnly swore to live and die for the cause for which their comrade had given his life. All the bullets and all the coercion in the world can never kill a just cause that has the blood of a martyr for its inspiration.

The inevitable has happened. Frank Ward O'Malley, famous writer, who left America "forever" several months ago and went to Switzerland to live, as a protest against the bigotry of the 18th Amendment, and of the electorate of America in the late national election, has returned to this country. "I got home-sick," he said. "So I have left the land of the free-Switzerland-and have returned to the land of the dazed-America."

The head of many a "Red" was thumped violently by the New York city police during the recent Communist demonstrations in that city. A petition has been filed now with Mayor Walker. demanding the removal of Police Commissioner Whalen because of this thumping. It was unlawful, the petition says. The signers forget the famous saying of the famous "Dooley"-"There is more law in the end of a policeman's night stick than there is in all the law books of the world." When the end of a copper's night stick is padded soft, the policeman might as well go home and play checkers.

A foreigner, coming to America, might think, after looking at the headlines on the front pages of America's newspapers, that Al. Capone is a bigger and more important man than Herbert Hoover. What a comedy! All the Chicago police force out looking for him, and Al. walks into headquarters and gives himself up. Then nobody wants him! The Governor of Florida proudly proclaiming that Al. would never be permitted to enter that State, and lo! Al., armed with a Federal injunction, motors through the State to his castle beneath the sun. And a few years ago this man was a Bowery bartender with a reputation for knowing how to mix cocktails or knife disturbers. Now he lives like a king, and gets more headlines than any king.

patriotic men, and as "Bloody" Balfour he will be remembered.

Sunday's Liturgy By Domi Ambrose Wittmann, O.S.B.

March 30 "Laetare Sunday," Fourth Sunday In Lent

(Prepared for the N.C.W.C. News | not with sadness or gloom, Today, in |

Thee, Almighty God, that we, who her daily garb during this season

Collegeville, Minnesota.)

relieved by Thy consoling grace." By saying "we rightly suffer for our deeds," we frankly acknowledge that the sufferings and trials which we must undergo are fully deserved. The stains of the sin must be washed away by saying penance; therefore, God Himself at times sends us such Penances. But now in Lent Mother Church encourages us to do even more than willingly accept the troubles that come our way. She would have us do voluntary penance, would have us perform daily acts of selfdenial to prove our love of God and our hatred of sin. She knows that it is only by so doing that we can hope to make progress in the work

of gaining eternal salvation. We are to undertake this work with full singerity of purpose, but consoling grace."

Service by the Liturgical Press, mid-Lent, the Church herself re-should be the cause of uninterrupted minds us of that holy joy which is so necessary a quality of Christian pen-For this one day she lays The Collect: "Grant, we beseech aside the violet vestments which are rightly suffer for our deeds, may be a bright rose color. For this one and in their stead uses vestments of with flowers and makes use of the organ to accompany the liturgical chants. She does this in order to remind us that true Christian penance is performed joyfully and lov-With half of Lent already past, she wishes us to look forward to the remainder of it with renewed courage and with renewed resolutions to make good use of this time of grace.

joy in us. The Introit which gives its name to this Sunday, the "Laetare, Jerusalem", - "Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all ye that love her; rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow,"---prompts day she again decorates the altar us to cherish and foster true happiness of heart no matter how dark or lowering the clouds surrounding us may seem. The Savior will promiracle: He provides for us in the great miracle of love which takes place every day on our altars. How fitting, then, that we should joyfully where it will be preserved in the perassist at this great act of Christ's, and join with Him, as He wishes us The God-Man Jesus Christ is Father every time we are present at has also been a constant and consis-In every holy holy Mass! It is by such co-opera- tnt promoter of the adaptation of Mass He continues that great work tion with our Savior that the Mass Christian art under all its forms to of the redemption which He first en- will "profit us both unto devotion the ideals and concepts of the natives acted on Calvary. We look there- and salvation" (Secret). It is by the Church seeks to convert. acted on Calvary. We look there and salvation" (Secret). It is by fore to Him for the strength to "suf-such co-operation also that we can

relieved by the consoling grace."

The consciousness of God's help Altar In Javanese Style, Gift to Pope

(By N.C.W.C. News Service)

Louvain, March 28-Dr. Joseph Schmutzer, a native of the Dutch East Indies, lately named professor at the University of Utrecht, Hol-He provided for the great land, has presented the Holy Father multitude in today's Gospel by a with an altar in Javanese style. Recently arrived in Rome, the altar has found its way to the Latern Palace, manent Mission Museum.

Dr. Schmutzer, for years a leader to do. in offering the Sacrifice to the of the Isle of Java Catholic party.

The altar, work of a Javanese arfor for our deeds, according to the insure the granting of that prayer of tist, which he has had sent to Rome example He set us; we ask His hedp ours for today: "that we, who as an object lesson, is adorned with and pray to be "given relief by His rightly suffer for our deeds, may be a statue of the Sacred Henri and of two knooling angels.