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THE YORKTOWN ANNIVERSARY

One hundred and fifty years ago, on October, nineteen, 1781, Lord Cornwallis... the British army at Yorktown will be fittingly celebrated during the month of September and October of this year.

This sequel to the surrender of the British army at Yorktown will be fittingly celebrated during the month of September and October of this year.

It is to be assumed that good part will be given in this celebration to the share of Catholic France in this triumphant ending of the American Revolution.

All through the long and dreary years of war the Catholic loyalty, not only of the land, but of a large part of the world, warmed the heart of Washington and helped give him hope and courage.

Capital and Labor

Universal experience teaches us that no nation has ever yet risen from want and poverty to a better and loftier station without the unremitting toil of all its citizens, both employers and employed.

—Pope Pius XI, in his Encyclical, "Forty Years After."

the Grand Monastery of the Augustinians in Paris, under the presidency of Cardinal De La Rochefoucauld, Archbishop of Rouen, the clergy of France unanimously voted thirty million livres to the King for the American cause.

As Catholics and as Americans, then, we have a deep and warm interest in the approaching Yorktown celebration.

CATHOLICITY IN TEXAS

The spoken word dies. The written word lives. This is one reason why the Knights of Columbus of the State of Texas have undertaken the monumental work of publishing the history of Catholicity in Texas.

Some of us think of Texas as a great cattle country. Others think of it as the home of the heroes who died at the Alamo.

When the Knights of Columbus of Texas undertook to write the history of Catholicity in the State, we doubt if they realized what an important, and what a tremendous work they were assuming.

A happy circumstance in connection with the writing of this history is that, for the first time in the experience of American Catholic annals, all the Dioceses in the State have combined to help promote the work that is being done by the Knights of Columbus.

THE MEXICAN ATMOSPHERE

Vera Cruz, a Mexican State, passes a law limiting the number of priests to one for every hundred thousand persons. That, of course, is virtually eliminating religion.

The State of Vera Cruz, as far as is known here, has made only one attempt to forcibly remove a priest from his church.

These things indicate that the heart of the Mexican people is religiously sound; that Communism and Socialistic rulers are still in the saddle, but that there is a growing respect for the strength and necessity of religion.

SOCIALISM IN SPAIN

Many of our readers will be surprised to learn that Spain—the most Catholic country in the world—is a hotbed of Socialism, and that the de-Christianizing of the Spanish people has been going on ever since the French Revolution.

And where has Socialism been bred in Spain? In the newspapers, in the universities, and among the "intellectuals."

There is a Communist association in every city in Spain, and a Communist association of students in every university.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens.

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum of \$_____ to be used at his or their discretion for the work or the institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added: "I am interested particularly in _____"

Ave Maria Bells

At dawn, the joyful choir of bells, In consecrated chateaus, Flings on the sweet and drowsy air

At noon above the fretful street Our souls are lifted to repeat The prayer with low and wistful voice;

At eve with roses in the west, The daylight's withering fragrance, Ring, prayerful bells, while blossom bright

— Charles Warren Stoddard

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

Al. Smith doesn't have to go up in the air. The air comes down to him. He gave a dinner the other day to Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, aerial circumnavigators of the globe, and their wives.

Twenty-five Catholic colleges and universities in the United States conferred a total of 747 degrees upon that many individuals this year. The degrees were divided as follows: Masters of Arts, 584; Masters of Science, 74; Doctors of Philosophy, 89.

We feel better now. We have just been reading that Commissioner Woodcock, America's supervisor of drought for the gullet, is delighted with the way the Volstead law is being enforced, and with the fact that nearly one hundred thousand people were arrested in the past eleven months in America for alleged violation of the law that is growing so dear to the hearts of the people.

It has happened. Preachers are tackling marathons. In Cotton Valley, La., a Baptist preacher talked continuously for fifty-eight and one-half hours last week, with just one intermission—to change his shirt.

A friend writes and asks: "What was the religion of Trader Horn?" Well, his middle name was Aloysius; he was educated in a Catholic college in Liverpool, he ended his days as a fervent Catholic, and was buried with a requiem Mass in Taker-ton, Kent, England.

The Irish were terribly neglected in the Spanish-American War. The Sixty-Ninth Regiment—the "Fighting Irish"—was never able to get the second pair of trousers for its men. No energetic soldier should be expected to go through a war, to say nothing of a barbed-wire fence, on one pair of trousers.

The expression: "He would roll over in his grave if he could hear that," is a common one. We never saw a man roll over in his grave, though there has been evidence that some have tried to do it.

is hard to fight and shed blood for the things you love when you have sons and daughters in the mob that is desecrating and destroying the things you love.

And what of the future? The Socialists and Communists, peaceful now, are already deeply disgruntled with the new Government. Friends of Spain, and of Europe, will hope and pray that the new Government may succeed.

THE NEWS FROM MEXICO

Not so good is the news from Mexico. Governor Tejada of the State of Vera Cruz, in which there are more than two thousand Catholic churches, has notified the Church authorities that, beginning Saturday, the State will enforce the new law limiting the number of priests to one for every hundred thousand population.

There are two Bishops in the State of Vera Cruz, and they have joined the Apostolic Delegate in a declaration that they will not recognize a law which virtually means the abolishment of the Church in the State.

Better days seemed to be in sight in Mexico. Better days are in sight, we believe, in spite of the trouble in Vera Cruz. Governor Tejada may triumph to-day, tomorrow and for years to come—triumph over liberty, over decency, over service and sacrifice, at the muzzles of machine guns.