57 CATHOLIC COURIER AND JOURNAL, FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 1931. TELEPHONE MAIN 1557 PARK SOUT The Catholic Courier WAYSIDE WHEAT Our Parochial Schools My Daily Prayer And Journal If I can do some good today, Difficial Paper of the Diome of Rochester By the Managing Költor lf I can serve along life's way. If I can something helpful say, Published at \$17 Andrews St., every Friday by Our parochial schools are American in every respect. Their curriculum THE CATHOLIC COURIER and JOURNAL, Inc. Lord, show me how, Right in the middle of the business With the Approbation of the depression and worry over the crime wave, I can right a human wrong, is American; their teachers are American; their students are American, or on Right Hey, John Francis O'Hern, D.D., can help to make one strong, can cheer with smile or song, and whether Al. Capone and Bishop Canman (Bishop of Rochester reavy A non are law-breakers or martyrs to duty. the way to be Americanized; their ideals are American, and utterly opposed to Lord, show me how. the State of Iowa asks for an appropriation to help fight grasshoppers. Dourier Istablished 1939 can aid one in distress radicalism and Bolshevism; their loyalty is American, and has been proved to If I can make a burden less, Journal Matsblisheds 1849 can spread more happiness, Lord, show me how. Jubseriber to the N. G. W. O. News Service the hilt in every crisis of our Nation's history. The millions the Church spends Bishop Cannon is showing faint signs Matered at the Postoffee at Rochester, of political intelligence. He says the Democrats in all probability" will nomin-N. T., as Megond-Class Mall Matter If I can do a kindly deed, If I can help someone in need, If I can now a fruit seed, annually for religious education are gladly given to train good Catholics and ate AL Smith as their candidate for Presi-BURNERIPTION RATING Lord: show me how. good Americans .- Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C.S.P. dent in 1932. When he admits that Al can Stra V Payable in Advance be elected, we'll call him an "astute ob-If I can feed a hungry heart, \$7.10 Torolat one year Il I can give a beter start, Il I can fill a nobler part, server of public affairs." ¥3.10 Lord, show me how. Maxa all shocks payable to Catholis Courier and WHAT IS SOCIETY? THE BLESSED PEACEMAKERS -Selected. Journal, Inc. : Advortising Bates gladly furnished They are circulating the bogus oath of application: This hewspaper will not scoop the K. of C. over in England, labeled as a At the recent convention of the Na-More than two thousand years ago, in marshable or andesirable advertising. sample of American hate. It's an awful tional Circle, Daughters of Isabella, in His immortal Sermon on the Mount, our document, but not half as bad as some of **BULLY!** Boston, His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell Divine Redeemer said: "Blessed are the Millerial Staff: 1 the liquor that is being circulated in peacemakers, for they shall be called the delivered an address to the delegates. He Prists of the Diopese, America over an English label. Years ago, when the late President warned the women against the virus of Alaurice F. Sammons, Managing Editor children of God." self-indulgence in vanity, eating, drinking and amusements, and said it was paganism Roosevelt was alive, he was won't to ex-Last year sixty countries in the world claim "Bully!" whenever he saw a large All simulations for publication must be tigned with the name and address of the writer, and must spent a total of \$4,157,931,958 for arma-A minister in New York packed a lot family together. He would shower conand worse. He said: ment and arms, according to a report just of ice around his pulpit the other Sunday gratulations upon the parents, and especially upon the mother, and would tell "This virus of self indulgence is published by the World Peace Foundation. to help give his congregation a feeling of he is the Courier office by Tuesday prepeding the not confined to the pagran world. It is "coolness" while he preached. If he could We have read a lot about the frenzied way date of publication. infiltrating into the lives of Catholic women. When you are surrounded her how proud America should be of her. the leading nations of Europe are arming. only take that with him to the next world, Down in Scranton, Pa., the other day It will surprise a lot of us, therefore, to it might be more serviceable for him. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walsh celebrated know that the United States spent more - 14. day in and day out and year in and their golden wedding anniversary. Eleven year out by these pagan ideals it is money in preparation for war than any other nation in the world-more than Friday, August 7, 1981. children accompanied them to their parfolly to think that you can escape The sweeping charges of the Wicker-

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onverse when we defy God's laws; in other words, when we violate the laws of Nature, there is always one answer to our acts moral decadence and decay. France is giving that answer to the world to-day. Erance is on the tobogsan. In the first quarter of the present year the deaths in France exceeded the births by 34,679. In the same period in Germany, age-old enemy of France, the births exceeded the deaths by nearly half a million, while in Italy_much_smaller_than_France, thebirths exceeded the deaths by some four hundred thousand.

Curiously enough, one of the men most alamad. about conditions in France is Gustave Herve, spokesman for the National Socialists. He recently made a fervent plea for France to wake up or face political and national decadence. And to whom does this Socialist leader look for the right awakening? To a revival of re-Ligious spirit in the hearts and Lives of the France cannot blame the World War for her condition he says, for in five of the thirteen years before the war the deaths exceeded the birthy by many thousands, and in the forty-four years between the war of 1870 with Germany and the World War the population of France remained practically stationary, at thirty-eight million, while Germany, during the same period, grew from thirty-eight mil-Hon to sixty-seven million in population. gustave Herve is man enough and patriot enough to name the cause of this

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up for them. One of the eleven celebrated the Mass, the Very Rev. James A. Walsh, V.F., pastor of a church in Susquehanna, Pa. Five other children are with the elect of God. The parents are hale and hearty, and their children are a blessing, a credit to them. If birth-controlists had their way, Mr. and Mrs. Walsh would probably have one or two children, wearing monocles, perhaps, and calling their friends 'old thing" or "m'deah." A family like the Walsh family is a blessing to a community, and is a splendid answer to the fatuous arguments of those who would interfere with Nature by violating the laws of God.

In Chicago, last week, Mrs. Gertrude Frost died. She was the mother of sixteen children, six of them nuns and one a priest. All of the children who are alive were at her bedside when she died, united in prayers for her soul. We can picture the spirit of "Teddy" Roosevelt looking in upon a scene like this, and shouting aloud to the angels: "Bully!" God bless such mothers. They are the salt of the earth and the soul of the Church!

** THE FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

We were talking the other day with the pastor of a thriving little parish in a beautiful country village in this Diocese. We were talking about the pioneers who founded his church—the priests who rode miles on horseback to say Mass, and the people who walked miles to hear Massthe Bradys, the Kellys, the Burkes, the Shays, the Shanahans and others. "They were great," said the priest, proudly. Then his face clouded, and his voice was sad. "The tragic thing," he said, "is that nearly all the descendants of these pieus men and women have fallen away from the Church.' This same story might be told, though not so sweepingly, in many places in America. Grandsons and granddaughters of men and women who carried the Cross everywhere in America-you look for them in the fold, and they are gone. They smile pityingly when you speak of the faith of their fathers. For Time and temptations have hardened their hearts and darkened their understanding. Atheistic books, plays that by invendo make mockery of religion, pictures that paint the glories of salacious life, companions that ridicule religion, the pitfalls and the pleasures of modern life-these are a tempting contrast to the correctness of life demanded by religion. Then, too, priests were scarce three or four generations ago, and the Church had to fight an uphill battle. Now, better organized, better systematized, better equipped with workers and apostles, lay and religious, the children do not slip unnoticed from the pathway of Faith, but are held with hands of love closer to the Cross. It is a pity so many fell by the wayside in the old days, but, please God, they may yet walk the pathways trod by their ancestors the pathways that lead to God.

their influence.

"Some people who are fashionable enjoy the reputation of being leaders of society. Leaders of society! What does that mean? Nothing but a petty prominence in that restricted circle of people who arrogate to themselves a certain very doubtful position in the world of fashion,

"But that is not society. Society means the aggregation of mankind united for God. That is the real soclety. I repeat, that little by little the virus of this pagan influence enters the souls of some Christian women and they succumb to the silly vanities about them.

'Not so the valiant woman. The valiant Catholic woman dares to stand on Christian principles and defy the silliness of the world, and steadfastly refuses to follow the example of frivolous people whose whole heart and mind are turned to thoughts of what they shall eat and drink, wherewith they shall be clothed, and how they shall amuse themselves.

"As Catholic women you have as your ideal of, youranhood, the Blessed Mother of Gocs Upon that ideal Christian wormanhood is founded. The Church provides the most beautiful exemplification of that ideal in the Sisterhoods, with their lives of occupation and prayer, their wonderful heroism and their self-mortification.

"Women of the world are not called to that life of sacrifice. Yet they have an ideal which they strive to realize their homes-the ideal of true Catholic womanhood."

France and Germany put together; more than Great Britain, Belgium, Austria, Bulgaria and Rumania together.

America's total was \$707,425,000. Right behind America, with a Soviet grin, comes Russia, with an expenditure of \$578,942,707. France is third, with a total of \$466,255,000. Then comes Great Britain, with \$465,255,000. Italy, with Mussolini rattling the sword, is fifth on the list with a total of \$248,946,500. Japan is close be-hind, with \$236,861,500. Why Ghandi wears a nightshirt may be explained by the fact that India spent \$211,587,622 on armament. _Germany, long the war lord of Europe, spent \$171,923,040, and Spain spent \$112,583,300. Ireland, famed for its fighters, spent only \$7,080,500. Nicaragua, where revolutions are as thick as mosquito bites, spent only \$272,391. Liberia stands the lowest of all countries, with an expenditure of only \$126,070.

Brazil led all nations in South America, with an expenditure of only \$55,005,920. Argentina is right behind, with \$50,331, 291. Mexico spent \$46,335,500.

And so it goes. Nation after nation for-gets that "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." One nation is suspicious of another, jealous of another and afraid of another. A good Irish priest, just home from Europe, said: "You meet a lot of pious Christian people going around there with knives up their sleeves.

There would be no wars, and little need for armaments on a vast scale, if nations and peoples, would sit closer to the feet of the Saviour of the world and listen to Hisinstructions on peace and love. Petty

sham Committee that the police forces of the country are general failures, honeycombed with graft, back-broken by politicians, and composed of many incompetent men will not go unchallenged. Frankly, we do not believe the charges. The police forces of every fairly goodsized city have some incompetent men, of course, and some crooks and grafters. But we believe the bulk of the men on the average police force of the average American city are honest, dependable and capable. So are their officials. Politics has always dominated police forces more or less. But politics dominates every other part of every city's government just as fully and more fully than it dominates the police. So there is nothing to get alarmed about over that. And it cannot be changed unless we abolish our form of government. We will agree with the Wickersham Committee that the police forces are "general failures" in one regard. That is the big boil on the back of the neck of Uncle Sam -the Eighteenth Amendment. The average policemen has a supreme contempt for that law, and a supreme contempt for most of the men who are trying to enforce it. Furthermore, the average policeman likes his beer. He gets it usually from the bootlegger on his beat. This makes him, to a certain extent, a pal of the bootlegger, and from this situation there has developed a dangerous condition of affairs-the linking of individual policemen on a large scale with the men who are the meat and marrow of the "gangsters" of America. If the Wickersham Committee and the American people want to abolish that condition of affairs there is just one way they can do it logically, effectively and completelyabolish the Eighteenth Amendment. This, in a nutshell, covers the situation.

national decadence the dechristianization of the country. What he says is interesting: · ·

"Seventy per cent, if not 100, of our falling birth-rate, from its very beginning, has been due to the systematic deChristianization of the country by the French Revolution, which produced all the devastating offects that began about 1880, and the appliation of our so-called 'lois iniques' (day laws). By placing all the forces of the State as the service of a restoration of religious spirit Catholic, Protostant, or Jewish in in our nation, just as since 1880, we have placed them at the service of deChristianization, we would obtain by a sure stroke. with -A revival-of-moral and family deciplines, not only the arrest of our depopulation trut a mival of our normal birth-rate."

Mr. Herve's appeal is founded entirely upon national pride; a patriotic appeal, without one single moral principle to influence, guide or command. It will fail, of course, for it is moral decadence that has brought about this deplorable condition in France. Mr. Herve knows, as does anyone who knows human nature, that it requires something higher and better than patriotism to resurrect a people from moral decadence. Hence, he appeals to the churches to save the nation and its people. He wants the whole force of the State behind the churches. Nothing else will save France.

But France, we argue, is a preciominantly Catholic country. Why should France be in this deplorable immoral, condition? France is predominantly a Catholic country in name only. Else she would never. have permitted her rulers to drive the religious orders, men and women, from the country, like outlaws and renegades. She would never have permitted the name of God to be taken off her coins, out of her schools, and out of the hearts of her children She would never have permitted her people to become permeated with the polson of pagan life, desecrating the sanchity

HE LIKES RUSSIA

George Bernard Shaw likes Russia. He has just returned from a tour of that country, during which Stalin pointed out to him the beatific blessings of Communism divorced from the projetariats and from God. Mr. Shaw expressed great satisfaction with his visit to Russia.

"Stalin is one of the world's outstand-ing personalities," he said. "The western world has nothing like him. If I were eighteen, I would have stayed in Russia,

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THREE COLLEGE EVILS

Automobiles, liquor and co-education are the three evils of American colleges, Dr. Clarence Cook Little, former president. of the University of Michigan, declared in a recent address on the "Educational Counseling of College Students" at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Although he admitted he favored the philosophy of education," Dr. Little said that under present conditions it was inadvisable to bring mixed undergraduate students together. "Co-education is not safe at the present time," he said. "It spoils more people than it helps."

Automobiles and liquor, the other partners of the "charming combination," are abused by the students rather than used "wisely," he told the educators. "The average person doesn't know where to go, how fast to go," he continued. "It is the grown-ups that provide the liquor and automobiles, not the boys themselves.

A girl, a car, a quart, and the average college boy is lost, according to Dr. Little. He is right. The combination is a bad one, and it behooves parents to select colleges for their boys where this combination cannot be had. The whole furture life, success and happiness of your boy depend in a large measure upon the college you send him to. Act wisely and well in this matter.

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jealousy causes personal quarrels; national jealousy causes international wars. The peacemakers, blessed in the sight of God and dear to the heart of God, are not popular with nations. For armaments mean business; business means fortunes; fortunes mean power, luxury and cheap human glory. Selfishness, merciless towards God. is back of much of our war preparedness and most of our armain ent. The pity of it is that one nation, no matter how well intentioned, dare not sit with hands empty of guns, lest the wolves of the world rush in and devour her and her people. And so the war preparedness makes an endless chain, leading not towards God, but towards battlefields soaked with human blood and towards civilization blased and sacrred by brutalities. It is not an edifying picture to contemplate.

WHERE BLOOD FLOWS

It is hard for Americans to conceive a condition similar to that which exists in the State of Vera Cruz in Mexico. That a group of eight men, armed to the teeth, should walk into a Church of God, and in the presence of more than one thousand small children deliberately shoot to death one priest, mortally wound another and make desperate efforts to murder the third, passes all human understanding. That this dastardly crime was committed with the apparent connivance and approval of the constituted authorities of the State

reveals how low the brutality and how bestial the bigotry of the men who are opposed to the Church, its work and its ideals.

Murder under any conditions is a terrible thing. For this God branded Cain. " For this human lives are exacted by Governments in retribution. Against this the whole power, force and influence of civilization cry out. But when murder goes into the house of God; when men invade a Church where Christ, the Prince of Peace and the God of Love, rests in the tabernacles, and when they deliberately murder priests who are teaching truth, love, goodness, sacrifice, service and devotion to God to little children-why, that passes all comprehension. Centuries ago, when it was done by sacrilegious swashbucklers who sought to climb to power over the bodies of human beings, it shocked the world, more accustomed then to the cry of battle, to tribal raids and the sounds and alarms of war. But in these days of supposed peace and good-will, of welfare work and human progress, when religion is so badly needed to soothe and soften human souls, it is terrifying to think crimes like this can be committed with so little evidences of public indignation and so little outbursts of shocked resentment.

There is no consolation, of course, in the thought that these conditions cannot last: for no nation can live which countenances them. Meanwhile the priests in Vera Cruz, at the mercy of a murderous bigot, are confronted by a law that limits their number to one for every hundred thousand people in the State. The rulers of the State, apparently, are perfectly willing to reduce them to this number by violence and murder. More than two thousand churches are to be served, and more than a million and a quarter Catholic people. Martyrdom no doubt awaits other priests in this unhappy land, and the fury of religious persecution the people who cling faithfully to the Gross. The priests and people of Vera Cruz need our prayers, and while we pray for them let us watch and pray, vigilantly and ceaselessly, that similar conditions are never permitted to develop in America. It is all right to boast that our Nation is "the land of liberty," but it is a lot better that we stand organized and ready to keep it so now and forever.

you make your will the best way in the world to help these needy ones is to insert a paragraph something like this in the will:

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have

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heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens. When

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocesse 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 _____

Bequests, large or small, are a greet blessing to religion, and it is highly editying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequesti.