Vera Cruz Bishop Offers His Life To Governor Tejeda

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Appeals to President

Bishop Guizar also appealed to President Orits Rubio of Mexico to put an end to the deplorable conditions in Vera Cruz.

His telegram to the President said: "As a consequence of the conduct of the government of the State of Vera Cruz, today in the presence of a thousand children, two of my priests were murdered within the church of La Ascuncion while carrying out their sacred duty of teaching the Catechism to the said infants. In God's name and that of the fatherland, I beg you to free my priests and the Catholic people of Vera Cruz from such savage outrages by adopting the radical remedy which civilization demands."

Governor Blames Church

With brazen effontery, Governor Tejeda blames the Church for the crimes in Vera Cruz. In a telegram to Bishop Guizar on Friday he charges the Church authorities with attempting to murder him, and then utters this defiance: I declare emphatically and before the entire world that my government will continue to comply with the revolutionary program within the precepts of law and conscience and the interests of our people. It will not take any backward step despite the criminal attitude which has been adopted by the clergy, who will be answered with the energy any situation may demand."

No Hope for Peace

No hope is felt that the law limiting the number of priests to one for every hundred thousand inhabitants will be repealed now or in the near future. Governor Tejeda dominates the Legislature of his State, and he has the backing of many Deputies in the National Legislature in Mexico City. Practically all of the priests of Vera Cruz are in hiding, and it is believed that most of them will return secretly to their parishes and continue to minister to their people despite the law and the certainty of death if caught.

Catholic Hour Program Heard At 8,000 Miles

Washington, Aug. 7. — A man writing from Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, South America, announces that he has heard the Catholic Hour broadcast distinctly and with great satisfaction. The Falkland Islands being some 8,000 miles from New York, the writer of the letter enjoys the distinction of being the most distant hearer of the broadcast reported here to date, it was said. His letter was received in Washington 11 days after it was written.

"Having never heard of the Catholic Hour before," the Port Stanley writer says, "I am anxiously awaiting next Sunday evening and hoping the conditions will be favorable. . . . I cannot express the pleasure and satisfaction it gives a Catholic living on the fringe of the AntArctic to hear his Faith defended in far-away New York."

Loyola Club Has Election Of Officers

Rev. Charles F. Shay is Chosen Honorary President—First Social Event Will Be Held in September.

The Loyola Club, newly organized, at the Cathedral parish, elected its first set of officers at a meeting on Wednesday evening this week in Cathedral Hall. Interest may be judged by the fact that though the night was an extremely hot one, about 75 members were present out of a membership of 85. The following officers were chosen:

Honorary President, Rev. Charles F. Shay, rector of the Cathedral; spiritual adviser, Rev. John Maxwell, assistant rector; president, Robert Brasch; first vice president, Bernard Herlihy; second vice president, Elizabeth Sullivan; financial secretary, Roberta Grande; treasurer, Rev. John Randall; recording secretary, Marian Voelkl. Sister M. [illegible] will be the faculty adviser.

The Constitution of the new club was approved and adopted. The next meeting of the club will be held on the first Friday in September, the [illegible]. Tentative plans were made for the first social event of the club, a party in honor of the members who [illegible] to school in the Fall. [illegible] date set for this party, but it will probably be held the second [illegible] in September.

[illegible] of the club will be in[illegible] early. It is expected, and [illegible] will be lined up in [illegible] Dramatic, literary [illegible] will be sponsored, [illegible] the club for the [illegible]

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Leaders in Madagascar

Most Americans know little about the island of Madagascar, except that it is "an island in the Indian Ocean." The only thing a lot of people know about it is that it is used frequently in cross-word puzzles. But it is a progressive little nation, with 3,500,000 inhabitants. About 15 per cent. of these are Catholics. The Church has six Bishops, pictured above, on the island, and they are progressive and devoted leaders.

Small Stature No Bar to Great Achievement

There have been a great many short men besides "the little corporal," the five-foot-two Napoleon, who have made the world sit up and take notice. Two of our Presidents were among them, Martin Van Buren and John Quincy Adams. Martin Van Buren was often alluded to as "the little magician," because of his shortness of stature and his mastery of political wizardy. And there was Stephen A. Douglas, scarcely more than five feet tall, affectionately nicknamed "the little giant."

Gen. George B. McClellan, the Democratic candidate against Abraham Lincoln in 1864, was "Little Mac," and sometimes—paradoxically—"Little Napoleon," a title which he shared with General Beauregard. Admiral Farragut was five feet six and a half inches tall.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, John Paul Jones and Gen. Phil Sheridan were each five feet; Beethoven was scarcely more than five feet four; John Keats a little more than five feet, and Swinburne and Whistler are given as five feet or so in stature.

Other men who are described as being short, or under medium height were Chaucer, Michelangelo, Chopin, John Milton, Robespierre, Alexander Pope, Savonarola, Thomas B. Macaulay, Charles Lamb, Ibsen, Thoreau, Thomas Moore, William H. Seward, William Ellery Channing, Andrew Carnegie and Alexander Hamilton.

Lizards Feast Royally on Eggs of Crocodile

I have sometimes watched monitors, or African water lizards, at their work of robbing crocodile nests of their eggs, C. R. S. Pitman writes, in Asia Magazine. The antics of these prehistoric looking creatures, which are usually about four feet long, are most entertaining.

On more than one occasion when I have been lying in concealment, observing the behavior of the guardian females on the breeding grounds, I have seen a monitor deliberately provoke a crocodile until it rushes off in pursuit into the water. In the meantime the monitor's mate arrives on the scene, excavates the nest with great haste and begins gobbling up the eggs.

Soon it is joined by No. 1, which had only taken to the water on a ruse. They usually succeed in disposing of the greater portion of the eggs before the return of the rightful owner. Even when forced to withdraw, they will decamp each with an egg in its mouth.

Professors Crawl, Growl

Called the strangest club in the world, the "Red Lion club" recently held its annual dinner at Bristol, England. Its members are professors, and the "King Lion," who presided, was ceremoniously addressed as "Your Majesty" by the other "lions" and "cubs." At supper they sedately quaffed strong old English ale, and the marrow bone. The red lions of the club are the senior scientists, and the cubs are new members, who were made on admission to "wag their tails," and go through a ritual of initiation. There were also two jackals, and when the king lion gave an order they had to growl ominously. Professors even went down on all fours on the carpet in their conscientious effort to look lionlike.

Giralda

In Seville of Andalusia, Giralda dwells. It is one of the most beautiful Moorish monuments of Spain. A twelfth century minaret stretched against the blue sky, and now the shrine of two dozen anointed bells. Giralda is the mother and sweetheart of Seville; without Giralda the city would feel compelled to hide and change its name. The Moors wished to destroy it before surrendering to San Fernando, but he replied that a Moorish head would be cut off for every stone removed. The heads changed their minds. To an American, Giralda marks holy ground, for in the cathedral stands the sarcophagus of Christopher Columbus.

Treasure Trove on Farm

On the land of a widow farmer of Aarhus (Denmark) 6,000 copper and silver coins of the days of Eric Glipping (1250-1286), king of Denmark, were found. It was in the reign of this king that the first rigsdag, or general assembly, became an established legislature in Denmark. The coins as treasure trove, were by law the property of the state, but the widow received a sum of money in exchange.

Only Daddy

Elizabeth Ann's mother was telling the little girl and her small brother the story of Cinderella. Suddenly there came a knock from the front door.

"Go see who's there," said her mother. "Maybe it's the fairy prince."

Elizabeth Ann hurried from the room. "No, it isn't a fairy prince," she called back, disappointedly from the hall. "It's only daddy!"

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Scout Rescues Drowning Man At Risk of Life

Bernard Munding, Thirteen Years Old, Student in Holy Rosary School, Performs Heroic Deed.

Bernard Munding, 13 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Munding of 327 Seyle Terrace, a student in Holy Rosary School, a member and patrol leader of Boy Scout Troop No. 68 of the Sacred Heart Church, recently proved himself a real hero by saving the life of a drowning man, Floyd Welker, aged 27, of 107 Champlain Street. Local Scout headquarters recently wrote to Washington headquarters, extolling the heroism of Bernard in this case.

Bernard is spending the summer with his parents at White City. He is an expert swimmer. He and Roy Bubel of Dewey Avenue hearing cries for help about 6 30 on the evening of July 30, plunged into the rather choppy Lake Ontario. Between them they brought Mr. Welker in to shore and while Mr. Bubel went for assistance, young Munding wasted no time Although Mr. Welker weighs in the neighborhood of 200 pounds, Bernard managed to handle him without any assistance He carried out the resuscitation instructions which he had learned so well in scout meeting and by the time the coast guards arrived 12 minutes later, Mr. Welker was revived and out of danger. When the coast guards and a doctor arrived on the scene, there was practically nothing for them to do. It is needless to say they were high in their praise of the youngster's resourcefulness. They were doubtful if Mr. Welker's life would have been saved, if time had been lost.

In answer to the compliments which have been given him, Bernard in true scout fashion rated the job as "good turn for the day."

Yankee Sailors Opened Hawaii to Civilization

The United States may well thank Boston and its daring men of the sea for the fact that Hawaii now flies the Stars and Stripes rather than the Tri-color or the Union Jack. A Spanish navigator discovered the islands in 1555, but his country laid no claim on them and they were virtually forgotten. The British Captain Cook visited the Islands in 1778 and named them the Sandwich Islands. Still the islands were practically unknown. Then, following the close of the American Revolution, American ships began to sail the seven seas, in growing numbers, and in 1790 the first ship flying the American flag—from Boston—visited the Hawaiians. It was the first of many from the same port, carrying traders, whalers and adventurers; and soon the natives learned of the Republic on the continent to the east and to acquire the ways of the white men.

The Boston traders found each of the islands under a separate king, with two rival rulers on Hawaii, the largest of the islands. One of the latter obtained firearms and ammunition from the traders and got their assistance in building a "navy." With this American help he became the "Napoleon of the Pacific," conquered the other islands, and as Kamehameha I ruled over the consolidated kingdom. His line died out with Queen Liliuokalani, and the United States came into control.

Need Not Visit Europe for Literary Research

Two professors of English at Southern Methodist university published a book, "Famous Editions of English Poets," in which 18 volumes of verse are reproduced in full, just as they appeared in the originals, with photographic copies of the old title pages. This involved a vast amount of labor and research, and was done at Oxford university and the British museum, where original copies of such works as Shakespeare's sonnets, Pope's "Essay on Criticism," Byron's "The Prisoner of Chillon" and Tennyson's poems were available for copying. On returning to this country, the Texas Weekly relates, the scholars were surprised to learn that all the rare volumes they had consulted overseas could have been found in libraries of their own state. This is an amusing incident, but it is more: it indicates how our country has made intellectual progress while it expanded economically, and that it has libraries as well as skyscrapers to be proud of. It is not always necessary to rush to Europe for a draught from the Pierian spring.

National Parks Lure Millions

The national forests are not only national in ownership, but are becoming more and more national in employment. It is estimated that there were nearly 32,000,000 visitors to the various federal reservations in the past year, many of whom were really intent upon getting back to nature. Nearly 2,000,000 of the visitors were campers, while hundreds of thousands were hikers walking their way through the forests and over the mountains.

The conveniently placed and well-equipped camp sites developed by the Forest service, together with the well laid out trails, have proven lures which have brought many a vacationist to the forests. The automobile was largely responsible for the tremendous number of visitors, exceeding last [illegible] 30,000,000 to the reservations.

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CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

"Shadows on the Rock," by Willa Cather, author of "Death Comes for the Archbishop," is the choice of the Catholic Book Club of New York city for month of August. This book is published by Alfred A. Knopf of New York, and the price is $2.50. The editors of the Book Club say:

"Shadows on the Rock" is a more Catholic book and is a work of greater art than is "Death Comes for the Archbishop." That is the summit of praise.

The book is the story of the lives of a group of hardy pioneers. High praise is given the book by the editors of the Club, and in conclusion they say:

"Our verdict, we might be suspected by now, is that Willa Cather's latest book is nearly perfect in itself, and in its acceptability as the monthly choice of the Catholic Book Club."

Other books recommended are: "The Angelic Doctor," by Jacques Maritain, the Dial Press, New York, $2.50; "The Fine Gold of Newman," by Joseph J. Reilly, the Macmillan Co. of New York, $2.50; "The Story of Pius XI," by Benedict Williamson, P. J Kennedy Sons, New York, $2.00; "Synge and Anglo Irish Literature," by Daniel Corkery, Longmans, Green & Co., New York, $3.00, "The Oblates 101 Years," by Grace H. Sherwood, the Macmillan Co. of New York, $2.50; "Catholic Journalism," by Apollinaris W. Baumgartner, O.M. Cap., the Columbia University Press of New York; "The Historical Evolution of Modern Nationalism," by Carlton J. H. Hayes, Richard R. Smith of New York, $3.50; "Traitor or Patriot," a story of the life of Sir Roger Casement, Cape & Harrison, New York, $3.00; "Impressions of a Pilgrim," by A. J. Francis Stanton, P. J. Kennedy & Sons of New York, $2.75.

Wealth of Historical Interest in Old Boston

Boston is one of the oldest cities in the United States and few are possessed of greater historical traditions than this, "The Hub." Founded in 1630 under the lead of Gov. John Winthrop, it is a city in which landmarks, known to every school boy, abound.

To mention a few, there are Faneuil hall, "The Cradle of Liberty," the Old South Meeting house, the Old State house, the home of Paul Revere, the site of Griffin's wharf, where the Boston tea party was held, and the old North church, where the lanterns were hung out for Paul Revere.

Boston common, with its famous frog pond, remains intact, and the "Sacred Cod" still hangs in the hall of the house of representatives in the State house on Beacon hill. On School street is the site of the first public school in America, established in 1635.

The tourist will also wish to visit Charleston and see Bunker hill monument, dedicated in 1843. At the Charlestown navy yard may be seen the United States frigate Constitution, "Old Ironsides." And, of course, the visitor will wish to see Cambridge across the river, where Harvard university is located.

Lexington and Concord, famed sites of Revolutionary war battles, lie within easy ride of Boston.—Boston Herald.

Story of Samson Found in Oriental Literature

Discoveries on the site of the ancient city of Beth-Shemesh, in Palestine, by the Haverford college and archeological expedition, confirm the scientific supposition that this gray mound on the border between Dan and Judah was once a part of Egypt's domain, once Philistine, once Hebrew, once Roman, once Byzantine; but it would have been more interesting if the American archeologists had found something like a visiting card of the giant Samson, or a bit of jewelry with the monogram of a lady named Delilah, in the ruins. For it is supposed that it was here, at Beth-Shemesh, that the famous betrayal of Samson—the shearing of the luxuriant locks, which resulted in the loss of his Herculean powers—took place. Modern criticism is inclined to make rather light of the feats of Samson, as recorded in the Scriptures. Similar tales of a gigantic hero—even of his temptation and fall—are found in oriental literatures that go before the Hebrews.

More Shame to Them

Medieval Clocks

Into the making of clocks and their cases has gone much of man's inventive and decorative abilities. Comic and performing clocks had a great vogue during the Fifteenth and Sixteenth centuries. In the museum at Basle, Switzerland, may still be seen a specimen in which the vibration of the pendulum gradually caused a long tongue to protrude. Other clocks were made to show a whole series of scenes, such as processions of the apostles and other characters. Great interest was also excited by clocks representing the positions of the heavenly bodies and the days of the week and month. Repeating clocks which sounded the hours when a string was pulled were prized in the days when the only method of striking a light at night was with flint and steel.

Mission Priest From the South Visits in City

The Rev. J. P. Lonergan Conducts Church and School for Colored People—Rochester Boys His Friends.

The Rev. J. P. Lonergan, Holy Ghost father in charge of the Church of St Mary Magdalen, for colored people, at Tuscaloosa, Ala., visited friends in Rochester this week, and left behind him many happy memories. He was the guest of Eugene and Leon Maloney of 724 Parsells Avenue, who with William F. Lynch of 225 Yorkshire Road lived with Father Lonergan while attending the University of Alabama. During the past year these young men helped him to paint his church, and they are greatly interested in his work.

Father Lonergan has 67 colored Catholics affiliated with his church His Sunday collections vary from 45 cents to $1.00. He conducts a school for colored children, and has 120 registered with him. Only five of these are Catholics. The children are supposed to pay 10 cents a week to help keep up the school, but Father Lonergan gets only $10 to $12 a month out of them. He does his own janitor work, teaches and does all other work. The school was built through the kindness of the late Claude Richards of Winchester, Mass., a friend of Father Lonergan's.

In addition to his church at Tuscaloosa, Father Lonergan has a mission church, with a white congregation, at Reform, Ala. He is greatly attached to the Southern people and is anxious to improve his work for them

Messrs Maloneys and Lynch are going to get up a big benefit party for Father Lonergan in the near future, and they hope to interest a lot of kindly Rochester people in the undertaking. Announcement of the event will be made in the near future, with date, place and character

Europe's "Holy Alliance"

The Holy Alliance was the name of a league formed by Russia, Austria and Prussia after the fall of Napoleon in 1815 for the purpose of regulating the affairs of Europe "by the principles of Christian charity," says an article in Pathfinder Magazine. Notwithstanding its professed purpose the real policy of the Holy Alliance was to make every endeavor possible to stabilize existing dynasties and to resist all change. The league endured until 1830 and was in time joined by all the important and European monarchs except those of England and Turkey. The Monroe Doctrine was enunciated largely to warn the Holy Alliance not to interfere with the newly established republics in Latin America.

Explaining Origin of American Dollar Sign

In l'Animateur des Temps Nouveaux, Charles Prince explains for French readers the origin of the American dollar sign. He relates that Spain, in the Fifteenth century, when practically all the world's gold was carried to the Iberian peninsula from the mines of South America, designed a coin of eight reals' value which bore on one of its faces a representation of two columns (the columns of Hercules) intertwined by a riband in the form of a letter S bearing the inscription, "Plus Ultra.' Englishmen called these coins "pillar dollars," taking the word dollar from the German coin known as a "thaler." When the United States congress in 1787 decided to strike a coin known as a dollar with the same value as the Spanish "pillar dollar," accountants naturally used as the sign for this new coin the old device of pillars intertwined with a garland which is so well known today in the form of an S with a double bar.—Exchange.

"Witch" Elm Claims Victim

How the "witch" elm tree claimed another victim recently was told at the coroner's inquest at Port Talbot, Wales. Thomas J. Richards, thirty-six, had been engaged by the Penybont council to trim the branches. A branch on which he was standing snapped and he fell 40 feet to the road and was killed. A lineman previously had been killed while cutting away the branches of the same tree under similar circumstances. The tree, nearly 50 feet high, is known among woodmen as "a traitor tree."

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Catholic League Games Attract Many Booster

Holy Family, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Andrew Teams Are Winners of the Latest Contests

Three good games, with many rooters present, were played in the Catholic League Sunday. Holy Family won from St. George's team 7 to 5, at the Yawman & Erbe field. Our Lady of Perpetual Help took the top score of 8 to 6 from St. Margaret Mary's team, and St Andrew defeated Holy Redeemer, 16 to 5.

Joe Mason pitched for Holy Family, and the game was the ninth straight win for him. Bubnis pitched for St George. He yielded 11 hits but in the first inning he thrilled the fans by striking out three batters when the bases were loaded and none out.

The O L P H team got off to good start by putting across five runs in the second inning in the game with St. Margaret Mary. After that the picking wasn't so easy.

All of the games were well played, and the fans were pleased with the showing made by the boys.

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