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MEXICO SEETHING AGAIN

Mexico is seething with bigotry again. Several states have passed laws limiting the number of priests in a way that virtually means the closing of all churches in these states.

Archbishop Pascual Diaz has issued a pastoral letter declaring the new law unconstitutional, and calling upon clergy and laity to refuse to obey it.

Without the priests' participation, the letter asserts, the Catholic religion cannot be practiced, because the Catholic Church is a hierarchical society and cannot even be imagined without the hierarchy established by Jesus Christ.

On New Year's Day, and on Sunday, all Catholic churches in the city were without Masses. Many thousands of Catholics went to churches outside of the Federal District where the restrictive laws are not in force, and attended Masses.

Los Remedios Church, which was built by Cortes, is usually sparsely attended, although it attracts tourists, but Sunday the crowd overflowed the church doors.

The resurrection of bigotry in the capital city of Mexico may be laid directly to the great rage caused among professional bigots by the recent four-hundredth anniversary celebration of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Nursing Sisters

You know you have our praise, but what are praises? Love is your only fee, Who wipe in every dabbled head upon a pillow

We seek the blithe; you turn aside to anguish. We loathe who pass by Hall you Samaritans who halt your journey

Not for yourselves, for aliver, or for glory. You labor, gentle host; Because in every wound you bind you see the lashes

Might or noon, you choose the wracked and helpless. And never count your loss, Because in all the parched whose lips are shaken

You hear the thir that moaned upon the Cross.

—Eileen Duggan, in "Catholic Missions."

A GREAT NEWSPAPERMAN

Half a century ago a young newspaper reporter, Richard V. Oulahan, went to Washington to cover the news of the Capitol for The New York Times.

President Hoover, Ex-President Coolidge, and scores of other distinguished Americans paid beautiful tributes to the life, work, character and ability of Richard Oulahan.

Richard Oulahan, fortunately, represented a newspaper that would not tolerate yellow journalism, muck-raking, misrepresentation, cheap sensationalism or dishonesty of thought or word in its news dispatches.

RENO GRINDS THEM OUT

We are told, with flourish of rhetoric and flaunting of headlines in daily newspapers, that Reno "ground out" a total of 4,248 divorces last year.

It would be rash judgment to expect that Reno will remain alone, or even supreme. Every successful peanut roaster is father and mother to rival roasters.

Catholic Action

Isn't it rather strange that there are relatively so few Catholic lay leaders in a country that boasts of nearly 21,000,000 Catholics? Strange, because of the fact that each year we graduate so many thousands of Catholic youth men and women from our high schools, colleges, and universities.

What is the reason for this? Can we say it is entirely lack of appreciation? I do not think so, since our Catholic lay-folk personally practice their religious duties, even at the cost of sacrifice and that demands appreciation of them.

A BLESSING IN DISGUISE

These are serious times through which we are passing. In every country on the globe there are hundreds of thousands of people unemployed, and as a consequence are suffering pangs of hunger and of cold.

OBSCENE MAGAZINES

New York City has organized a committee to get rid of obscene magazines. Charles H. Tuttle, former United States District Attorney, has accepted chairmanship of this committee.

The committee says the newstands of New York City are "flooded with lewd, lascivious and obscene printed matter and indecent pictures and photographs."

AMERICA'S MURDER RECORD

"Thou shalt not kill" is one of the Commandments of God. One of the first things taught in our parish schools is obedience to these Commandments, and love and respect for them.

Foreigners commit most of them, is the average excuse of the average citizen. The same excuse is frequently offered by Prohibition fanatics in explanation of the widespread opposition to the Volstead law.

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 _____ Requests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly edifying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests."

John Ford, long a crusader against salacious literature, was nominated for chairman of the committee, but refused to accept. "Years ago I accepted the chairmanship of such a committee as this," he said.

We doubt if the present committee will run away like scared rabbits. America is polluted with a flood of so-called "snappy" and "spicy" publications that are nothing more nor less than cess-pools of filth.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

We were shocked to read the other day that South Africa defeated Ireland in an international rugby match before a crowd of thirty-five thousand spectators in the city of Dublin.

Two thousand men, representing Holy Name societies from 462 parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, attended the annual Mass for the Holy Name Society in St. Patrick's Cathedral the other day.

John F. "Chick" Meehan, widely known in Rochester, will be the coach at Manhattan College next year, succeeding John Law, former Notre Dame star.

What happens when fanatics try to enforce laws is illustrated impressively in Palatka, Fla., where a minister is in jail on the charge of first degree murder.

Mary Shannon, seven years old, of Brooklyn, was looking hungrily into a store window on Christmas eve when a big policeman laid a hand on her head, and said: "Well, my girl, what are you going to have for dinner to-morrow?"