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STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known By M. J. MURRAY

Thurketyl's Cross Memorial The word "FONT," meaning a collection of type, is a direct connection with the early days of printing in monasteries... This memorial of Abbot Thurketyl, which has stood in the Fen country near Peterborough, England, for more than 1000 years, commemorates the destruction of Danish pirates who had plundered Croiland Abbey.

Political Heritage and Training Of American People Suggest No Revolt

(C. V. Service) This very condition may augur for a revolution. He anticipates many riots, strikes, demonstrations, prompted mostly by immediate conditions, but not producing a revolution. There will be changes. Organized farmers and workers' committees will achieve greater recognition than in the past, and with the cooperation of active management will force the adoption of measures of planning and control which will improve their status. Their leaders will become really influential. Following upon abuses, evidences of corruption and incompetence among political and financial leaders, there will come a period when the people will demand a new government, one that will move actively for more thoroughgoing changes than have previously been made. A shift in the governing powers will take place probably by constitutional means. Then, and only then, will begin the period of the moderate reformers who have gained power will be tested, and when it will be decided whether the irreconcilable revolutionaries will gain the ascendancy. Until New Order is Ready. This, of course, is speculation, on which Mr. Soule comments thus: "On the basis of this prediction, it looks as if we had begun to float on a revolutionary tide but were still far from its flood. Prophecy of this sort is extremely uncertain. Nobody can tell how rapidly the 'current' may flow around the next headland. All one can do is to chart the course which it has generally followed in the past. But of one thing I am sure. As long as people wait for the downtrodden and the hopeless to produce a revolution, the revolution is far away. Revolutions are made, not by the weak, the unsuccessful or the ignorant, but by the strong and the informed. They are processes, not merely of decay and destruction, but of advance and building. An old order does not disappear until a new order is ready to take its place. Interesting as these discussions are, and however they may challenge argument, both writers emphasize indirectly the duty of Catholics in the premises. If Mr. Sokolsky is right in assuming revolution in America will be frustrated in advance by the indifference of the American citizens themselves, then Catholics must overcome this indifference in themselves and others with the intention of cordoning the evil permitted to exist because of the lethargic condition of the public mind. If Mr. Soule's contentions are correct, and much of what he says is correct, then Catholics must inspire and help determine the 'new order' which, as he declares, should take the place of the old. And here precisely the duty incumbent on them has been outlined and made mandatory by a Leo XIII, a Pius X, and a Pius XI. 'Rerum novarum' and 'Quadragesimo anno' have no more important purpose than that of urging all Catholics to labor for a new social and economic structure of society, a fact indicated even in the title of the Encyclical of Pius XI, 'The Reconstruction of the Social Order'. The Holy Father's declaration: 'With the assistance of Divine Grace, the destiny of the human family lies in our hands.' is at once a mandate which to obey is the duty of all Catholics.

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AFGHANISTAN, MOHAMED'S LAST STRONGHOLD By Rev. George J. Blatter (Editor's Note: This highly interesting report of Father Blatter's sojourn as first residing priest in Afghanistan is being reprinted serially with permission from The Medical Missionary, publication of the Society of Catholic Medical Missionaries, Inc.) (Continued from Last Week) Having reached Kabul, the goal of my journey, I sought arrangements for a protracted stay in spite of covered warnings. The winters up in this mountain region of nearly eight thousand feet are severe with frequent heavy snowstorms and bitter cold. Hearing that the government had assigned one of the buildings confiscated from the rebels in the late war, as a sort of lodging house or caravansary for all foreigners and receiving a hint that probably it would lessen molestations or suspicions if I took up quarters there, I had my baggage transferred to one of the rooms in this wall. It was furnished with a spring bed, easy chair and table-desk. Privacy was almost impossible, as the flimsy doors could scarcely be closed and, it seems, holes had been bored above the door frames for the express purpose of listening. The floors in rooms and corridors were of rough brick; the windows without curtains or screens. Half a dozen natives were peering around on the lower floor.

(Continued Next Week) Spiritual Thoughts I am persuaded that the whole rationale of this life, the whole secret of trial, the whole of the essence of virtue, consist in entrusting oneself to the invisible One, and in giving Him this supreme gift of appreciation, relying upon what looks like a shadow without getting any guarantee against the apparent inconsistency of the absolute Confidence and generosity are only one. To expect all from God, to give all to God, these are the same thing. — Msgr. d'Hulst. This confidence, which is so sweet to the heart when it is something hard but so generous and beautiful when it is only willed, is the all of the spiritual life. Give all thou canst and know nothing is lost. In the service of such a Master the Incarnates, if conscious and entertained, demand an expiation. — Msgr. d'Hulst. Universality of Charity that recognizes no differences of races in this higher sphere where Christ dwells, that is in the life of grace, is perfectly compatible with difference of spiritual gifts on the part of the one nation to which we belong. Christians simply must love all men in Christ. — Abbot Vowler. Every time that I shall say Deo Gratias, may Your infinite goodness O my God, accept it in thanksgiving for all Your benefits bestowed on all creatures, especially my unworthy self, and to supply the defects of those creatures who, either through malice, ignorance or incapacity, neglect to thank Your divine majesty. Our fidelity to grace gives joy to the heart of God. Whose sole occupation, according to Tertullian, seems to be to give happiness to man.

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