

BELIEVE IT - - - Not

By THE REV. OWEN B. MCGUIRE

If you, dear Reader, happen to see in the daily papers a story from Europe that treats of the Royal families of Catholic faith, my advice to you is: Don't believe it. And if you think you can read and digest it, I would advise you to take it with the proverbial grain of salt. Indeed, some of these stories that I have seen would need to have the whole contents of the salt-seller poured into them.

I remember reading a few years ago in the Sunday Magazine section of a New York daily a story about the English Royal family. They are, of course, non-Catholic. According to the story they were—accordingly—the most brainy and hard-working Royalties of Europe. Their contrast with the brainless and idle Royalties in Catholic countries was truly astonishing. Now the truth is that the late King Albert of the Belgians had more brains than all the members of the House of Windsor—before the War it was of Hanover—rolled into one. And he had used his brains by hardwork. He was a learned man, King Albert, and a

scientist. Before he became King he delivered some lectures on Scientific subjects in this country. So far as I know neither King George nor the Prince of Wales has done anything of that kind.

Brilliant Monarch Again there is certainly no member of the English Royal family who can be compared in intellectual ability to the ruling monarch of Italy. His mother, Queen Margherita, was one of the most brilliant women, Royal or plebeian, of her times, a competent critic in painting, sculpture, and in the literature of several languages; the friend and patron, by the way, of our own lamented Marion Crawford.

These thoughts occur to me after reading an article, a mixture of press dispatch and comment, in The New York Times of August 14. It records the death of Don Gouzaló, the youngest son of the ex-King of Spain. The death was caused by hemophilia, the bleeding brought on by a slight shock in an auto crash in Austria. And the author of the article goes on to explain what he and "The Bureau of Information of the New York Academy of Science" think about the strange case. This learned thinking is wrong in almost every detail. It is wrong especially in respect to the facts; and it is self-contradictory.

The writer begins his comment by stating that this disease of hemophilia "has been known for years to be hereditary in the Bourbon family," that is in the family of the ex-King. Well, I have been reading for years and listening to the long list of the infirmities, physical, mental and moral, of the Bourbons; and I have never read or heard of hemophilia as included in the list. But farther down in his article the writer who makes Don Alfonso responsible for the disease of his son, had forgotten what he had just said, and informs us "the males who suffer from the disease do not transmit it to their children." Yet Don Alfonso, a male transmitted it to his children!

Not Responsible Queen Victoria, the boy's mother was an English princess who became a Catholic before her marriage to Don Alfonso. It has been well known both in England and in Spain, and that for over a quarter of a century, that the children of his marriage were threatened with hemophilia. And it was just as well known, and was never denied, that it came through the mother. Of course, the poor Queen could not be blamed; and although it was a terrible disappointment to the people of Spain, they never treated the Queen otherwise than they would have done if her children had been immune. It was an unfortunate marriage, and has probably changed the history of Spain. But those responsible for it were neither the King nor Queen nor the Spanish Government of that time, but the English Government who kept secret which they well knew to be a fact, namely that the family of the princess was afflicted with hemophilia.

When the Spanish Government thought it time for the young King to marry, they sent him to England to choose a mate. He was not long there when he chose Ena Victoria, daughter of the Prince of Battenberg. She was apparently a strong, healthy girl, and certainly the most beautiful and attractive of the circle from which the choice was to be made. She is still a strong, healthy woman for a peculiarity of the strange infirmity is that it usually does not affect the females although it is transmitted through the female line. The King did not know, and probably the young princess, then eighteen, did not know, and the Spanish Government did not know. They rejoiced in the King's choice. But the English Government knew well and never divulged the secret,

Catholic Charities Meeting to Attract Local Delegation

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of Catholic Charities since our beginning.

"In the problem of relieving human suffering, too, there should be a close combination of public and private effort. All forces of the community should be marshalled in the common cause — not only for the alleviation of human suffering, but in giving the people an opportunity to secure through their own efforts the things necessary for their own well-being.

"Much has been accomplished for the relief of people living in rural communities through the AAA and other agricultural projects of the Federal Government. There must, however, be a more permanent program worked out for the urban communities — something of a more lasting nature than the mere distribution of relief. We have reached a point where we are administering relief to more than 25 per cent of our urban population.

"This year's National Conference of Catholic Charities will continue to impress upon national and state governments their solemn responsibility to the victims of unemployment, which has robbed individuals and their families of their means of livelihood.

"Problems fully as difficult as any that have ever challenged human solution still face the country today. Official estimates indicate that the depression will leave us with five million persons who cannot be reabsorbed into the industrial system — some too old — and some handicapped in other ways.

"The day for emergency programs is drawing to a close. More permanently constructive plans must be developed in which our Catholic people will be enabled to participate actively and intelligently in a program of public welfare and which will fulfill the ideals of social justice."

Bazaar Nets Hospital Large Sum of \$6,246.47

Auburn—The net profit of the Mercy Hospital bazaar, which was conducted recently on the grounds of the Knights of Columbus in Genesee Street, amounted to \$6,246.47. The proceeds were turned over to officials of the Mercy Hospital by Mrs. J. Joseph Byrne, general chairman of the bazaar; Raymond J. Wall, treasurer, and Frank J. Leach, secretary.

which trickled out when it was too late for Spain.

Did Not Have Facts The writer in the Times simply did not know what he was writing about, neither the facts nor the science.

To give a few instances: He says that the Prince of Asturias, the heir to the throne as first-born, and now Count of Covadonga since he ceded his right to a younger brother "was reported to have suffered from it, but to have hardened himself by outdoor exercise so that he no longer feared its effects." Now of all the children of Don Alfonso the eldest has been and still is the greatest sufferer from the infirmity. For this reason it was already decided, before the Revolution of 1931, that the succession should pass to a younger brother. On the night of the Revolution, when the King had to get out immediately, the Crown Prince was in bed from an attack of bleeding; and the next night, when the rest of the family left for France, he had to be carried carefully in an arm-chair down to the specially prepared auto that was waiting at the palace door. And the attack, from which he was then suffering was not due to "wounds" or bruise or fracture. He had been out shooting and the recoil of his rifle against his shoulder brought on the bleeding. This shows the pseudo-science of the writer, who tells us that "the disease is characterized by a tendency to bleed excessively from small wounds." No wounds are necessary to start the bleeding. The bleeding is from the pores. A hop, step, and jump would in cases be sufficient to start it.

Again we are told that "Don Jaime, the second son, was also reported last year to have renounced his claim to succession, because he has been in ill health since childhood." Don Jaime as never been in ill health. He is the strongest child of the whole family, and also the tallest. But he was born a deaf-mute. By careful instruction, under a competent German governess for seventeen years, he has been made able to converse imperfectly in what might be called the lip and eye language. He is not affected by hemophilia. The eldest son on the other hand has had to wear a rubber jacket next to the flesh for years. A characteristic of the strange malady is that its effects do not appear, at least not pronouncedly, until the victim has reached the age of seventeen or eighteen years. That was one reason why the heir to the crown could not be designated earlier. The two younger sons, Juan and Gouzaló, were growing up as apparently healthy boys; but no one could tell how they might develop later. It all makes a sad chapter in the history of Spain. But it is instructive and symptomatic how the Bourbons and not the Battenbergs now become responsible for the saddest of it all. Don't believe it.

Window Display Recalls Missionaries Who Came To This Vicinity Before 1700

By A. M. STEWART

The Paine Drug Company of 324 Main St. East, Rochester, has contributed a unique window display as its part in the celebration of the Centennial of Rochester.

Here in this window may be seen the names of some of the earliest pioneers to whose living relatives has been granted certificates. These certificates denote relatives of persons who were in this vicinity before 1700. This small group represents residence in what is now Monroe County or near vicinity a century before any other Pioneers who are registered.

The earliest collateral ancestor to be recognized is Father Etienne De Carheil, who from November 6, 1668 to 1684 was resident missionary beside Cayuga Lake at Great Gully Rock, near Levanna, N. Y. This time was broken by one year absence in 1671. Father De Carheil is listed by the Wisconsin Historical Society as a possible chaplain of Ottawa Indians, in Denonvilles Army, from Mackinac, Mich., who crossed Rochester going from Mendon Ponds to Sea Breeze on July 24, 1687.

His collateral heir is his several times great-grand nephew the Viscount Alain DeCarheil who lives in the family Chateau at Carentoir, Morbihan, France. The chateau is very new, built in 1838, but the land-estate has been the residence of the De Carheil family since 1440. An older brother of Father De Carheil is the ancestor of Viscount De Carheil. A certificate which now may be seen in the window of Paine Drug Co., was

Twelve Vincentians Affected by Faculty Changes at Niagara

Niagara, N. Y. — Nine members of the Vincentian Order, hitherto stationed at Niagara University, have been ordered to new posts, while three members will remain at the University, but in different capacities. Prominent among the departures is the name of the Rev. Michael J. Flannery, C.M., student advisor and head of the religion department, who has been transferred to the Seminary Mission Band, Germantown, Pa.

Other departing members of the faculty include: The Rev. Michael J. Dougherty, C.M., to St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Pa.; the Rev. Joseph V. O'Connor, C.M., to the St. Vincent's Mission Band, Germantown, Pa.; the Rev. John A. Dougherty, C.M., to St. Joseph's College, Princeton, N.J.; the Rev. Leon Cahill, C.M., to the Queen of Miraculous Medal Parish, Jackson, Mich.; the Rev. Henry A. Deegan, C.M., to St. Vincent's Seminary, Germantown, Pa.; the Rev. Owen McConville, C.M., to St. Mary's Mission House, Toronto, Canada; the Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald, C.M., and the Rev. Michael J. Flannery, C.M., to the Seminary Mission Band, Germantown, Pa.; and the Rev. Francis J. McDonnell, C.M., to St. John's University, Brooklyn.

The Rev. Thomas D. O'Connor, C.M., for the past four years prefect of discipline, has been named to fill the vacancy created by Father Flannery's departure. The Rev. John Liney, C.M., will transfer from the Niagara Mission Band to the seminary department as professor of Plain Chant. The Rev. Vincent Lawler, C.M., has been changed from the college faculty to the Niagara Mission Band.

O innocence, beautiful and comely to all pure eyes, and of satisfaction unsating.—St. Augustine.

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Montcalm Descendant Visits Tomb of Hero In Convent at Quebec

Quebec — (NOWC) — The Ursuline Convent of Quebec was visited August 28 by Comte Jean de Montcalm, descendant of the glorious hero of Quebec.

The Count paid his respects to Mother Marie de la Presentation, Superior of the convent, and her community, and expressed the emotion he felt at visiting a land bathed with the blood of his ancestor, and especially upon visiting the convent which preserves as a precious relic the ashes of the hero. The Superior thanked the distinguished visitor and expressed the pride of the Ursulines for having been designated by Providence as custodians of the tomb of Montcalm.

The Count then visited the convent chapel where he knelt beside the tomb which bears the famous inscription: Gallia imperat, agerum et generosum, bellum sibi commendavit. (The French emperor and his noble land committed him to the emperor's generosity).

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