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By REV. OWEN B. MCGUIRE, D.D.
WHAT SAVANTS OFFER AS INCONTROVERTIBLE HISTORICAL FACTS DISPROVED BY PROVED FACTS OF HISTORY, DR. MCGUIRE SHOWS

In speaking with you about Professor Conan's reference to the suppression of the monasteries in England, I said it was a fair sample of what may be called the anti-Catholic tradition in history. It is, namely, a sample of how even those learned men put forward as incontrovertible historical fact what has been proved over and over again to be contrary to the proved facts of history. They tell us—Doctor Conan himself has told us in that Amherst discourse that the purpose of historical research is to discover the truth irrespective of the consequences. That should be the purpose of historical research as well as of research in science. The purpose of historical research is to discover the truth, not to perpetuate falsehoods. In truth, the facts of history are contrary to truth. Those who willfully and deliberately perpetuate these falsehoods are, in truth, the enemies of the truth. As you know, is the father of lies.

Let us today confine our discussion to England, for in this country we are heirs to the English tradition in history and in literature generally. The state of the question is this: There was a great religious revolt there, begun in the 10th century and carried into the 12th century, which produced a profound change in the nation, not only in its religious aspect, but also in its political and economic life. In the 10th century, the change was due more than to any single cause, to the suppression of the religious houses and the confiscation of their property. The reason for this is easily explained. To understand it clearly one must know in general what Britain was and what and how England came to be.

Christianity was first introduced into Britain by the Roman legions that had conquered and occupied the territory that was then called Britania Major. The native population, the Celts, spoke a Celtic language. The Romans were more or less conquerors, but the conquest was accomplished, they knew how to lay the foundations of their own civilization, and to develop it to the benefit both of the conquered and of the Empire. They were consummate imperialists. Their policy, as such, is admirably and pitifully expressed in a line often quoted, "Let barbarians submit to the yoke, and to exterminate the haughty who will not submit." That done, the Roman legions could proceed to build up their own civilization, as they had already done in Gaul and Spain, and earlier in Italy. For you must remember that when the conquest began, Rome had to conquer the peoples of Italy who were neither Romans nor Latins. Rome was never a nation in our modern sense of the word. It was a great city, a great center, as they called themselves, with far-flung colonies that it conquered provinces, that it paid tribute to and brought wealth to the imperial center and thus enabled the great center to continue to extend the conquest, "sparing the conquered and exterminating the proud."

This policy they pursued in Britain. The conquest was accomplished, they proceeded to build roads and bridges, to erect fortifications to found cities, to teach the native population their own method of doing things and their own manner of life. The official language was Latin and Latin was, of course in a vulgar dialect, the language of the soldier. As a new conqueror, the consequence of the conquest and desired by the conquerors the native population had to mix Latin with their native tongue. If a native Briton wanted a job from the Government, if he wanted a remedy for some grievance, if he wanted to protest against some criminal activities of the soldiery if he wanted to do any one of the thousand and one things that you will see arise in any disciplined society, and approached the Roman authorities, he had to make his wishes known in the language of the conquerors, which was "vulgar Latin," lingua vulgaris. Those officials were not expected nor did they wish to learn the language of "Barbarians," and their language barbarous.

No History Available

How far this Roman civilization had proceeded towards making Britain a "Latin nation," as they had done in Spain and Gaul, it is now impossible to say; because, when the legions were withdrawn from Britain to the Continent, there succeeded a state of social and political chaos for a period of 150 years. Of that period in Britain there is no history. Hilaire Belloc writes of it, it says that in the literature of the thousand and one things of the Continent during those 150 years, there is only one reference to Britain, and even that is indirect. The "Historical records" can now do in this matter is to show, first, what was the state of the country when, at the end of the 150 years, St. Augustine arrived with his little band of missionaries from Rome, and, second, to show what remnants were left of the Roman occupation. Only the other day, they discovered some of these remnants in London, in making excavations for a new bridge across the Thames.

James Jeffrey Roche, one time editor of the Boston Pilot, wrote a poem to which he gave the title "Babylon," meaning the British Empire. It was included in an "Anthology of Contemporary Poetry," published some years ago in London and edited by an Englishman. His apology for including was, in his own words, "Any man

Control of Sale Of Munitions Seen As Vital to Peace

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of war under the private manufacture of munitions and by eliminating the profits of the international traffic in arms. The profits can be taken out of war by developing a practical and effective plan of industrial mobilization for the national defense without excessive profits to corporation or individual, while the evils of the international traffic in arms can be eliminated, so far as the action of a single producing nation is concerned, by the passage of appropriate legislation for an embargo on munitions to any and all nations, in peace as well as in war, who are not signatories of a treaty or convention which prohibits the sale of munitions to any aggressor, or by the authority granted twice by the Joint Resolution of Congress of the same date. A unilateral action of this character may serve only to the disadvantage of American munition producers, unless it is followed by other producing nations. In the present case, the agent of the Duponts, being also the representative of an English affiliate, simply turned the business over to the English affiliate when the embargo prevented him from giving the business to the Duponts. However, it would not seem difficult to secure an international convention which would prohibit the sale and export of munitions along the lines just suggested.

A step in this direction was taken by President Roosevelt on May 28, 1934, in a proclamation prohibiting the sale of munitions to Bolivia and Paraguay, under the authority granted twice by the Joint Resolution of Congress of the same date. A unilateral action of this character may serve only to the disadvantage of American munition producers, unless it is followed by other producing nations. In the present case, the agent of the Duponts, being also the representative of an English affiliate, simply turned the business over to the English affiliate when the embargo prevented him from giving the business to the Duponts. However, it would not seem difficult to secure an international convention which would prohibit the sale and export of munitions along the lines just suggested.

If all wars were fought on a cash basis, there would be no more wars, at least they would be of short duration. I would propose therefore that Congress by appropriate legislation prohibit loans to any and all nations, who are not signatories of a treaty or convention requiring the peaceful settlement of international disputes by conciliation or arbitration. Belligerent nations inevitably draw the neutral into the war in order to protect the investments. With this motive removed, or minimized, there would not be such a likelihood of a nation going to war.

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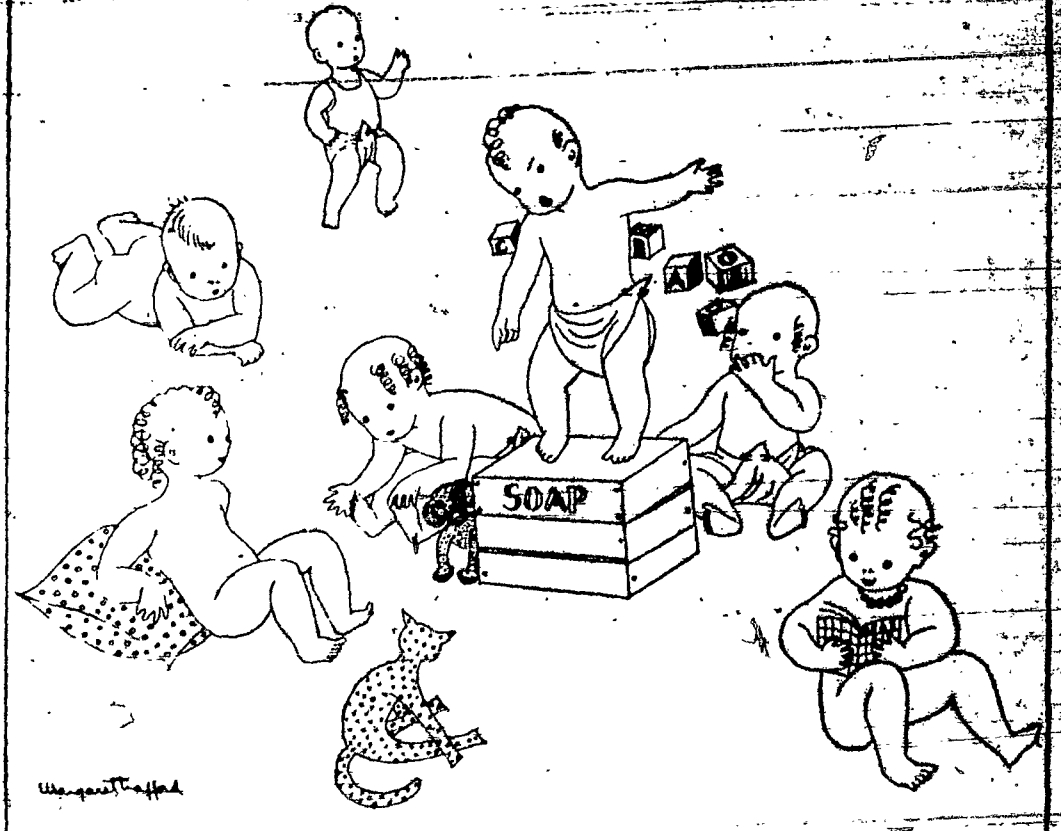
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