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stances, "great accumulations of wealth" and "very great individual net incomes." According to his friends, he had in mind the Mellons, Rockefellers, Fords and other multi-millionaires.

In the President's plan, still tentative, all legacies under \$300,000 are to be exempted. And so in connection with threatened destruction of enterprise and what enterprise has built up, the President holds that the vast majority of transmitted industry will not be further affected by the proposals.

The Administration tax bill has not appeared. But it will appear. It may appear and be acted on at this session. Reports from Washington infer that the President has been put on the spot, that he has been jockeyed into a position where he will have to act now.

Mr. Roosevelt insists, we hear, that his proposals be acted on before Congress adjourns. He wants to convince the country that he has been making no empty gestures.

Haste, of course, is to be feared. But there is some merit in the statement of Senator Robinson—"Now that the subject has been raised, we should put it behind us as soon as possible."

Nothing worse than suspense and worry. Still, it means hasty legislation and what usually follows that, a cause for worry. But whatever happens, sooner or later the idea back of these tax proposals should prevail, because it is sound.

For if you do not want inflation, you must have taxation to take care of heavy governmental expenditures. And who can deny that taxes should be levied in proportion to the ability to pay and in proportion to the benefits received.

Discussing the matter, "The New York Times" says: "Mr. Roosevelt's proposals will doubtless be called radical or revolutionary. But it may be replied that he is simply continuing and extending a movement which began in this country, as in others, long ago."

And in a matter of fact way, is nothing out of the ordinary, such taxes are now accepted. No longer are they considered radical or revolutionary.

Avoiding anything that looks like confiscation, saving enterprise and the urge thereto, may we not expect that these further changes in taxation will come to be accepted in like manner?

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FROM AQUINAS

Having quoted Pope Pius XI as saying: "Anything you do for the Good Press, I will consider as having been done for me personally."

Mr. Kennedy is to be commended for having done a good job. His contribution to "Arctic" reveals more than a little thought and observation.

You cannot have the support desired in a matter without interest. Mr. Kennedy will find a surprising lack of interest among Catholics in Catholic literature.

When Mr. Kennedy says: "Our secular press seems to incline toward the spectacular," he is setting forth the handicap of the Catholic Press.

Support of the Catholic press is needed because of the "mis-representations of the Church and Catholic news" that has been known to creep into secular papers.

Feast Days Calendar

Sunday, June 30. St. Paul was born at Tarsus of Jewish parents and studied at Lystra and Hierapolis before being converted to the Faith.

Monday, July 1. St. Gal, Bishop, was born at Clermont in Auvergne about the year 400. He entered the monastery of Courson where his virtues recommended him to Gurgunna, Bishop of Auxerre, who promoted him to the archbishopric.

Tuesday, July 2. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin. The feast recalls how the Blessed Virgin, through motives of Christian charity went to visit her cousin St. Elizabeth, who recognizing Mary as the Mother of God, burst into raptures at the mystery of the incarnation and pronounced Mary Blessed above all other women.

Wednesday, July 3. St. Heliodorus, Bishop, was born in Dalmatia. He sought out St. Jerome in order not only to follow the latter's advice in matters relating to Christian perfection but also to profit by his deep learning. He went to Italy where he was made Bishop of Alimo. He died the year 390.

Thursday, July 4. St. Bertha, Widow, Abbess, had five daughters, two of whom are numbered among the Saints. After the death of her husband she entered the monastery which she had built at Blancy in Artois. After she had established a regular observance in the community, she shut herself up in a cell to pass the remainder of her life in prayer.

Friday, July 5. St. Peter of Luxembourg was born in Lorraine in 1209. At the age of twelve he went to London as a hostage for his brother, the Count of St. Pol. The English were so impressed by his holiness that the end of a year he was appointed Bishop of Metz. Later he became Cardinal. He died at the age of eighty-two in the year 1287.

Saturday, July 6. St. Guar, priest, was born of an illustrious family in Aquitaine. Nothing is known of him until he appears in the world. He went over into Germany and settling in the neighborhood of Trier he shut himself up in a cell and lived at such an eminent degree of sanctity as to be esteemed the oracle and miracle of the whole country. He died in 625.

Spiritual Thoughts

Why refuse to work during the short space of time, when we should be doing it for the glory of God and for the good of our neighbor?

There is no more evident mark of a man being a Saint and of the number of the elect, than the fact that he has a devoted life and at the same time exercised with desolation, sufferings and tribulations.

In all thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God and account all lost in which we think not of Him.

We must take the Sacred Heart of Jesus for our guide and model. He will teach us his will and we will give us strength to accomplish it faithfully.

It is most important to always seek to preserve the presence of God, for it excites in us a tender love of His Divine Majesty and gives us a great purity of conscience.

God inspires with the beginning of a holy Will and with both power and opportunity, and what we have begun will He assist us to accomplish.

Out of the Fountain of Christ's Sacred Heart, flows all the sweetness of God's Mercy and all the tenderness of His Love.

Do not allow yourself to yield in any way to sadness, which is the enemy to devotion. What then should sadden a soul which serves Him Who should be our joy forever.

When the passions rebel do thou rebel against them, when they fight do thou fight against them, when they attack thee do thou attack them, only beware lest they conquer thee.

Be assured the mortification of the senses in seeing, hearing and speaking is far more profitable than wearing hair-shirts or sharp chains.

God desires our first fruits. Offer Him those of the year by endeavoring to accomplish every action of the day in the most perfect manner.

Love must be the root out of which all virtues spring. Without love, service, demanding care and self-sacrifice will never endure.

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

THE HISTORIC FACT OF THE DELUGE. IS NOT ONLY CONFIRMED BY THE TRADITION OF ITS OCCURRENCE WHICH HAS EXISTED AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL PLACES BUT THERE IS A BABYLONIAN RECORD OF IT ON TABLETS WHICH ARE NOW PRESERVED IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM. THIS CHINESE MADONNA AND CHILD is one of many religious subjects painted by M. LAURE CHENG, a Chinese artist, whose commission followed the reading of the Gospels for the purpose of illustrating a life of Our Lord.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

All the books recommended from week to week at the foot of this column are on the shelves of the Catholic Evidence Library. The New York Times Book Review of June 9 has this to say about Bishop Kelly's new book on Mexico, called Flood-Drenched Altars.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

- THE BLESSD SACRAMENT. By Rev. Frederick William Faber. The holy season of Corpus Christi and of the Sacred Heart is opportune for an introduction to this spiritual classic, so rich in devotional suggestion.
JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND GERMANY. By Cardinal Faulhaber. A collection of the Advent sermons given a year ago by His Eminence of Munich to meet the Nazi frenzy against Christianity.
VIPERS' TANGLE. By Francois Mauriac. The family of a disagreeable and atheistic old miser neglects its Christian opportunity in this disturbing novel by a Catholic member of the great French Academy.
SAINTS BY FIRELIGHT. By Vera Barclay. Brief and engaging accounts of eight Saints, as told to girl scouts at campfire.
CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY HOURS—Afternoon—3:30 through to 9:00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. PLACE—Lobby of Columbus Civic Centre Building, 50 Chestnut Street, Rochester, N. Y. DAILY RENTAL—One cent for each book.

Diocesan Recordings

As the Movie Cycle comes through each week we watch it for Class C picture showings. There have not been a great many such pictures but occasionally one pops up and we wonder how in many members of the Legion of Decency are waiting for such pictures and are staying away from the picture houses.

No more teachers no more books may be all right for the kiddies to whom in the first reaction of a movie for the annual occasion, but those who seriously follow out the idea that studying censes when school is over find in later years that it would have been better to have attended school as long as possible.

Indication of a return to sane thinking in Russia, Pravda, the Communist Party organ and editorially according to a recent Associated Press dispatch, that "it is the duty of all Bolshevik parents to give their children a home education and not merely consent to their ward's of the state."

God is the living source of all great actions. Pasture. We can forgive friends who belittle our achievements and children, but not those who belittle our ailments.—Milwaukee Journal.

The companionship of which one never tires, which the longer it continues the more pleasant and helpful it grows, is the work one loves.

CATHOLIC EVIDENCE

THE CHURCH THAT IS NEVER EMPTY. If you had seen the face of a certain man, who was walking dejectedly down the street, you probably would have said "Poor fellow, he is in some grave trouble." If you had seen that same face a few minutes later at the altar rail of a Catholic church a face whose eyes were glued on the tabernacle door in the center of the altar whose lips were moving slowly and silently, you might have said "He seems to be not just praying but talking to someone." And if, while later, you had seen that same young man leaving the church with vigorous step and with soft, grateful eyes, you might have actually witnessed the fulfillment of Christ's promise "Come to Me, all ye who labor and are heavy laden and I will refresh you."