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of Columbus and our editorial were chiefly concerned, there is nothing in it about sending "an army down there to shoot it out."

With many secular papers, as with our correspondent, the objection has weighed heavily that the Borah inquiry would mean prying into the domestic policy of Mexico...

An America put it some months ago. "The honor of our own country is deeply involved when a semi-protectorate of ours engages itself in an atheistic drive against all dwellers in the land."

The Honorable Clare G. Fenerty, in his address, "Red Mexico," delivered before the United States House of Representatives on April 25 of this year, said, as did our correspondent, that our government has no business interfering in Mexico...

There is something else that touches American responsibility in this affair. It was brought out in the statement of the Bishops of the United States on Mexico, May 1, 1935...

The present revolutionary government of Mexico was recognized by the United States on October 19, 1915—on condition, and on Mexico's own given word, that freedom of religious worship would be guaranteed to Mexico to her own citizens.

Has not this condition been grossly violated? Has not the United States government flouted?

When the essential terms of an agreement fail, does not the agreement itself fail? This and other things—not so agreeable to some—would all be brought out if the Borah inquiry were allowed to proceed.

All we get is silence. And—again—why? That is what the Bishops asked in their aforementioned letter. "We ask that our Government be consistent and live up to its own set policy. We ask our Government to defend before its own people the principles upon which our Government is founded..."

The Bishops could have gone further. They could have recalled Theodore Roosevelt's last words to the American people on the Mexican situation—"Mexico is our Balkan Peninsula, and during the last five years, thanks largely to Mr. Wilson's able assistance, it has been reduced to a condition as hideous as that of the Balkan Peninsula under Turkish rule."

But it has not been remedied—it has been made worse. A dark page in American history will be revealed if ever the Borah resolution gets out of committee. We can well understand how interested parties would want it kept there.

In the statement of the American Bishops of May 1, we find the following declaration—"We, the administrative committee, National Catholic Welfare Conference, will further spread the knowledge of the facts with regard to Mexico at the present time. We will continue to urge our people to express individually and corporately their petition to our Government that, in the role of the good neighbor, it uses its good offices with the Mexican Government to restore religious liberty to its 15,000,000 citizens."

Following the lead of the Bishops of the United States, the CATHOLIC COURIER will continue to spread the knowledge of the facts with regard to Mexico. It will continue to do its part in keeping this question alive—hewing away and letting the chips fall where they may—until the United States Government has shown a sincere, earnest intention and effort to undo insofar as it is possible the harm for which it has been responsible in Mexico.

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Bible Anniversary

THE FIRST ENGLISH PRINTED PROTESTANT BIBLE AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

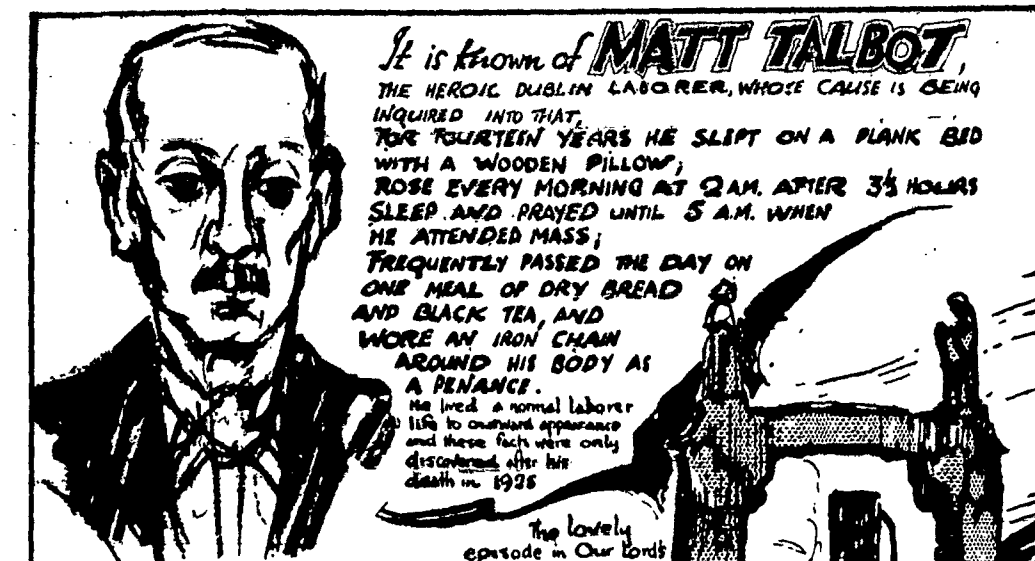
(Continued from Last Week) William Tyndale had gone to Germany in 1524 to have his English translation of the Bible printed there. In 1525 he had his English translation of the New Testament printed at Cologne by Peter Quentel, the foremost Catholic printer of that city.

In the Church of Santa Sabina, Rome, there is preserved a carved floor MADE OF WOOD which dates from the 5th century.

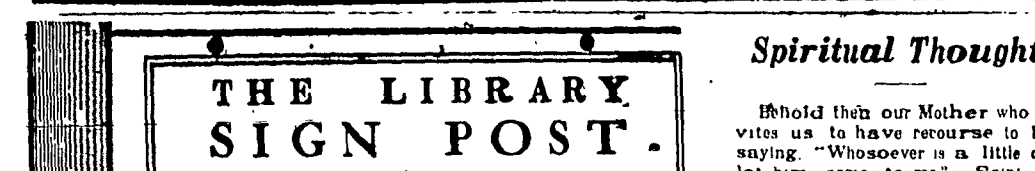
Why do so many churches have WEATHER-COCKS? Answer: Next week!

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY



It is known of MATT TALBOT, THE HEROIC DUBLIN LABORER, WHOSE CAUSE IS BEING INQUIRED INTO THAT, FOR FOURTEEN YEARS HE SLEPT ON A PLANK BED WITH A WOODEN PILLOW, ROSE EVERY MORNING AT 2 A.M. AFTER 3 1/2 HOURS SLEEP AND PRAYED UNTIL 5 A.M. WHEN HE ATTENDED MASS; FREQUENTLY PASSED THE DAY ON ONE MEAL OF DRY BREAD AND BLACK TEA, AND WORE AN IRON CHAIN AROUND HIS BODY AS A PENANCE.



THE LIBRARY SIGN POST.

DEAR STUDENTS OF THE CATHOLIC ACTION SCHOOL: Hundreds of right-minded Catholics in our diocese are congratulating you on the splendid work you gave to the Evening School of Catholic Action last week. There must be a Catholic Mind before there can be Catholic Action.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

- RELIGION AND LEADERSHIP By Rev. Daniel Lord, S.J. A handbook of outline chapters on Catholic faith and life of incalculable service to intelligent Catholic youth... THE SHIRT WORLD ABOUT US, By Rev. Joseph Husslein, S.J. Answers to the materialist's assumption that angels do not exist... THE WAY OF SIMPLICITY, By Rev. H. E. Orchard, D.D. A constructive and reassuring book for people who are puzzled or concerned about their inner life with God... THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN ACTION, By Michael Williams. A detailed and authoritative description of the actual working plan of the Roman See and of the Church throughout the world...

Diocesan Recordings

The loser (and the other losers—the boys who risked the hard-earned cash of the St. Louis Imbraglio will soon get over it. The losers in the possible Poly-Ethiopia fight will be a long time recovering and even the winners won't do so well.

There is one slogan the United States has that should not be overlooked. It is printed right on the coins used every day and if repeated with sincerity, forces destructive to the nation will find themselves repulsed—it is "In God We Trust."

It can be done. Catholics, Protestants and Jews can work together harmoniously in a joint community project with success in Rochester to raise \$200,000 to open the JYMA building for character training among Jewish boys and girls in going over the top assured not only the objective sought but emphasized that once again when the general welfare of the community needs attention, all American citizens can join hands.

They are having a campaign in Elmira to raise funds to bring a big industrial plant to the city. We off-hand do not know if those engaged in the drive are Catholics, Protestants or Jews, but we do know that the spirit of cooperation is strong in Elmira and that the drive should be equally successful.

A lesson in appreciation of our Catholic faith may often be learned from the convert or from the fallen-away Catholic who has been fortunate enough to return before it is too late. We know of one of the latter who, having more than half a life time ago, with her rejection of the Catholic Church came the bitter feeling of animosity that so frequently follows the voluntary giving up of one's Catholic Faith. Someone must have been praying in this instance, however, for one day the fallen-away one on passing a Catholic Church had an impulse to step in and pray. The priest and was received again into the Church. The biterness has given way to desire to serve and make amends. Her every effort is directed towards making fellow-Catholics realize the priceless heritage that is theirs and the great suffering endured if it is allowed to be lost.

How many think of the dying when they hear of an accident in which people are injured fatally? This question was asked by a subscriber. This subscriber distributes leaflets issued by the Rev. L. W. Farland, Sprague, Wash. upon which is the following prayer for the dying. "Most merciful Jesus, lover of souls! I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart, and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, wash in Thy blood the sinners of the whole world, who are now in their agony. Amen. Heart of Jesus, once in agony, have mercy on the dying! Our subscriber believes and rightfully so, that it is better to assist the soul before it goes into eternity."

In France, one family should draw down many blessings upon it. A young priest, the Rev. Marc Dulizet, recently celebrated his first Mass in the Church of St. Gray at Cambrai, where his brother, Jean Marie Andre and Paul, offered Mass at other altars in the choir of the church. At the main altar the new priest was assisted by his cousins, the Reverends Francois and Michel Delaporte and Michel Bard. As if beer in cans were anything new.

Spiritual Thoughts

Behold then our Mother who invites us to have recourse to her saying, "Whosoever is a little one let him come to me" Saint Alphonsus.

When God has made choice of a soul and predestined it to some thing great, He makes with His own seal and that seal is the Cross. Abbie Monn. library (no matter how small) is serving the parishioners. ACTION like this ought surely to come out of your Evening School. I look upon it as a definite vocation, not absorbing all one's time or energy, of course, but for all that demanding a greater sacrifice of both than was ever asked of any generation within perhaps the last three centuries. It is yours to do as you equal to it? I think you are. Whatever work you do must be not apart from, but under, authority. You must surely know that Catholic Action is essentially a sharing of the apostolic in the work of the hierarchy. Therefore the "nihil obstat" of your Bishop is necessary on any venture of Catholic Action in the diocese. Now a word to the wise: do not present any plan to your pastor or Bishop which is not quite clearly worked out as to methods and details. But once that is done, offer it to your pastor. If he is unsympathetic and you and your associates still think it a workable plan to meet an urgent problem, bring it to the Chancery Office. If there you do not get what you want, drop it in obedience and humility. Nothing but harm can ever come of action over the Bishop's head.

CATHOLIC EVIDENCE

TO RATHER BELIEVE IN SANTA CLAUS! "There is no personal or creative God. Worship and prayer are useless. Men's final end is here and now. The universe was not created. It is self-existing. These are some of the "philosophies" of Humanism, approved by the signature of 34 well-known "educators," editors, "scientists" and "ministers" some of whom are teachers in the universities of Harvard, Cornell, Chicago, Michigan, Pittsburgh, Columbia and the colleges of Tufts and Smith. If I were a little boy and someone told me that those gifts in my Christmas stocking which so perfectly filled my childish wants had been made by no one, but were self-existing — well, I'd rather believe in Santa Claus. It would be more intelligent. If a college professor, a "scientist" or a "clergyman" tells me now that the universe and all other things that so perfectly fill humanity's needs were never created, but had always been self-existing — well, even if I had never heard of Almighty God, I would have to arrive at Him. It would be more intelligent. The most ignorant teaching is that there is no God. The most unscientific statement is that