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Editorials

THE PRICE

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In his "Detour Around War" which appeared in HARPER'S MAGAZINE for December, Bennett Champ Clark, United States Senator from Missouri, took up the question of Ernest Angel, which previously appeared in HARPER'S. Mr. Angel had said: "The American public is not prepared to pay the price of complete abstention from trade with belligerents, and only at that price neutrality can be effectively preserved."

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS

It is widely believed that THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS at its annual convention held in New York last month, allowed itself to get over-excited about its rights. Its president, Clinton L. Bardo, declared:

hand of the internationalist. Enacted, it would afford us opportunity, with incentives and increments freely offered from abroad, TO ESCAPE FROM PEACE TO WAR.

No wonder that Representative George Tinkham of Massachusetts is demanding the abrogation of the Kellogg-Briand pact. It is his belief that this pact, "falsely and mendaciously called a 'peace pact,' a pact 'to outlaw war,' is now being used to involve the United States in European quarrels and in a European war.

"This pact was intended to destroy the neutrality of the United States and is doing so. At the time of its adoption it was openly stated by Prime Minister Briand of France its co-author, that its purpose was to enlist the aid of the United States in enforcing the covenant of the League of Nations."

We cannot say too much in warning of the danger involved in giving the President discretionary or permissive neutrality powers. This grant would serve as "a trap door," to use Frank Simon's expression, for getting us into war. The hope of those who would involve us in a European war, is thus described by Mr. Simon in THE SATURDAY EVENING POST of December 21:

"If only there is left to the President discretionary power to interpret neutrality laws in such fashion as to permit him to throw our influence on one side or the other of a European dispute, even before conflict actually begins, then the battle may yet be won. He sets that against the President's head 'in time of crisis, will be directed again, as in the present affair, all the combined resources of propaganda, foreign and domestic. And if he yields, the victories of the past, won against those who have striven to get us into the caldron of European strife, will be lost, and the United States will be caught again."

We recall what happened to President Wilson, who was determined to keep us out of war.

There are three doors through any one of which we could be dragged into a European war. The PROFITS DOOR, which, unfortunately, we left open before our participation in the World War; the BACK DOOR of the Kellogg-Briand pact; the TRAP DOOR of Presidential discretionary or permissive neutrality power.

Shall we care enough, be vigilant enough, to keep all three shut and sealed?

JOHN F. MASSETTI.

Current Comment

RELIGIOUS UNITY

Recent Address of the Most Rev. James H. Lagan, Bishop of Omaha, delivered in Washington prior to becoming Archbishop of Omaha (1-2-36)

That a great amount of confusion should have followed on the close of the World War was unexpected. That, almost twenty years later, the confusion should have become more profound is most serious matter. Looking around the world we discover unrest on every side an unrest which is increasing day by day rather than diminishing. War is the ally of confusion. It is the ally of every kind of fanaticism. It is the ally of every kind of intolerance. It is the ally of every kind of intolerance. It is the ally of every kind of intolerance.

What is the cause of all this confusion and what if any is the remedy for it? It would be all together mistaken to believe that the cause of this confusion is exclusively responsible. Many things have entered into the fashioning of this devil's confusion. But among these things, philosophy and morals all have played their part and continue to do so. All have contributed something to the general unrest. If however, it were possible to select one factor which has probably had more influence than any other, I think I would agree that it has been bad religion which is largely responsible for our ills. By bad religion I mean principally that whole complex of modern ideas about religion, mostly negative, which dominates the intellectual life of Western man.

Since the days of Immanuel Kant the academic world, and in their wake, following it, all the sciences of administration, individualism in dogma and morals, has become the order of the day. The result has been a natural religion or no religion according to its lights and its heart's desires. Inevitably and naturally, the result has been a religion worse than the generally received conclusion has been one in which the great fundamental principles of our faith have been denied and the whole of our existence has been reduced to a mere material existence. In other words, man now lives alone for himself and in his own beginning and end. He is the center of the universe, the only world, spirit, morality, and everything associated so naturally with religion in the past has been denied in fact or in dogma. man for man's sake. Only Father God, who brought us into clearly in his first epiphany. After narrating the evils which have befallen the world, he said: "I will still exist and I will still be with you."

The only remedy for our state of affairs is the peace of Christ, the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ is the peace of God. To the utter confusion in every field of human endeavor resulting from the false philosophy which modern man has created, the Church opposes the unity which can only come from the peace of Christ. We speak, therefore, offering to mankind religion, not merely, just another, among many, religious nostrums. At one time in the history of Western civilization, religion was a part of the culture such as the world has not seen since. The question is not can we believe the religious unity is should we? If we are convinced of the need of unity, the road will be open to its actual achievement.

GIFT OF FAITH

The times are such that Catholics, who are Catholics, do not restore to the world a peaceful equilibrium. The Catholicism that can lead lives that will make this faith appear before men as it really is, the only and eternally instituted means to a happy life and a blessed eternity. He can go on however, with his precious talent buried, but he must realize that the day is coming when an account must be rendered. Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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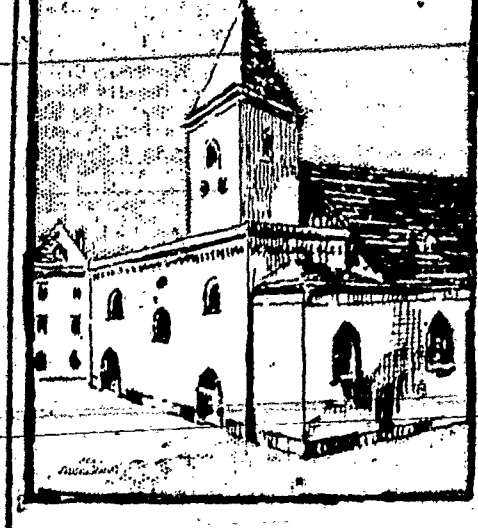
WE MUST SUFFER

We must not suffer our will to be the slave, or to be subject to any but the will of Him Who has redeemed it by His Precious Blood.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known

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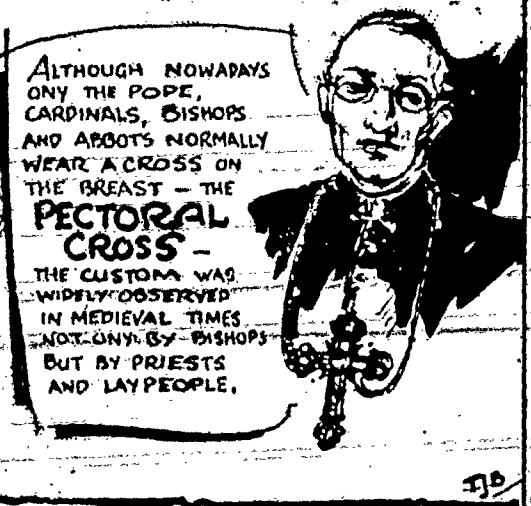


The sketch, of which this is a copy, of DIE. RUPPRECHTSKIRCHE - said to be the oldest church in Vienna - is signed A. HITLER, THE PRESIDENT LEADER AND CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY. The date is 1910.

Saint Matthias who filled the place of Judas amongst the twelve apostles WAS CHOSEN BY LOT - a method of choice which was customary in Palestine.



April 1838 the diocese of the Bishop of Mauritius included the whole continent of Australia - A TERRITORY LARGER THAN THE UNITED STATES.



ALTHOUGH NOWADAYS ONLY THE POPE, CARDINALS, BISHOPS AND ABBOTS NORMALLY WEAR A CROSS - THE PECTORAL CROSS - THE CUSTOM WAS WIDELY OBSERVED BY MEDIEVAL TIMES - NOT ONLY BY BISHOPS BUT BY PRIESTS AND LAY PEOPLE.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: The widely held opinion of commentators on the Gospels is that THE TEMPERATURE WAS VERY MILD IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD'S BIRTH, and snow was absent. THIS IS FELT TO BE PROVED BY THE FACT THAT THE SHEPHERDS WERE TENDING THEIR FLOCKS IN THE OPEN FIELDS WHEN THE ANGELS APPEARED TO THEM.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

A telephone call to the priest in charge of the Catholic Evidence Library. It will give you a most interesting and complete list of books for the library. The list is in the form of a questionnaire. It is sent to you in the form of a questionnaire. It is sent to you in the form of a questionnaire.

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Spiritual Thoughts

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Diocesan Recordings

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