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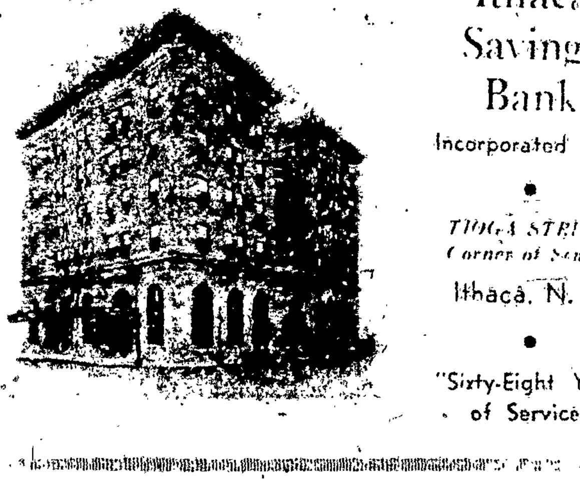
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The Great Stone

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By JOHN LEAHY
[illegible] (NCWC Easter [illegible])

[illegible] quickly closed [illegible] of the Children's [illegible] Matthew's [illegible] down the white [illegible]. When he heard someone be[illegible] then bowed [illegible] the superintend[illegible] asked [illegible] [illegible] noting the [illegible] and the furrow [illegible]

[illegible] he asked gently.

[illegible] more than I've [illegible] many years." His face bright[illegible] [illegible] right in a few days. You see I've [illegible] to take a vacation."

[illegible] slowly descended [illegible] first floor. From [illegible] at the turn Sister Ver[illegible] soft and final glance [illegible] upper corridor with prac[illegible]. She smiled.

[illegible] all these years, doctor, you [illegible] with a straight face. We won't take a statement [illegible] that seriously until we actually see you boarding a train. [illegible] I don't think you'd know what to do with a vacation if you [illegible]."

Reservations Made

"[illegible] at this time, Sister," [illegible] firmly. "We leave [illegible] morning. Our bags are [illegible] and our reservations made [illegible] in the Catskills. [illegible] ago. If it hadn't been for Tommy Renfrew we would have [illegible]." He entered Sister Veronica's small office behind [illegible]. "But now that Tommy's out of the woods [illegible]."

Sister Veronica [illegible].

"[illegible] a hard fight, wasn't it? I'm [illegible] you found him so [illegible] improved."

Dr. McCort placed a stethoscope [illegible] black bag and [illegible] zipper.

"[illegible] Tommy, isn't he?" He stared through the window. "Why [illegible] have to suffer like he did? I've seen all kinds of agonies [illegible]. But I've never quite been able to look indifferently at children suffering. Only Tommy's [illegible] could have held me [illegible] from this vacation. But I'm [illegible] now."

Sister Veronica's pen scratched [illegible] across the card under her [illegible]. The doctor picked up his [illegible] from the chair.

"[illegible] tomorrow night I'll be able to forget all that up in the hills. [illegible] to pick myself some high [illegible] commanding miles of coun[illegible] and look for five days [illegible]"

[illegible]

How they roll around these [illegible]," the doctor mused. "Yes[illegible] there'll be another Good [illegible] after that an[illegible] Easter. They come and go [illegible] and go. And you, Sister, [illegible] year in and year out, do the [illegible] over and over again [illegible] of the Cross in the [illegible] decorate the altar in the [illegible] afternoon, and [illegible] Mass on Easter morning [illegible] the routine. Don't you [illegible] tired of it and want to [illegible]

[illegible] something like I'm [illegible] from stuffy [illegible] into the sun[illegible]. There the odor of [illegible]

[illegible] was serene. [illegible] ever we [illegible] being unhappy."

The One That's Blind

[illegible]

[illegible] You haven't [illegible] like I did [illegible] ago. You can't adore [illegible] did not feel [illegible] a farce [illegible] I don't say it's [illegible] the one that's [illegible] lost the feeling of truth [illegible] what that means [illegible] something [illegible]

[illegible] Sister Veronica [illegible] magazine [illegible] Easter [illegible] of the Messenger. A repro[illegible] the eyes [illegible] mouth of a sar[illegible] [illegible]. The doctor studied the cap[illegible] For the Stone Was Very [illegible]."

He nodded.

"Yes, that's it," he said after a [illegible]. "You've never had your [illegible] suddenly obscured by some[illegible] like that great rock. It [illegible] to imprison me at first. But I've become accustomed to it [illegible] now."

Sister Veronica laid the magazine back on the desk and walked [illegible] to the door with the doctor.

Nothing human could roll that [illegible] back the first Easter [illegible]. She extended her hand. "Doctor, have a good rest. You [illegible] deserve it if anyone [illegible]. And a Happy Easter to you."

[illegible] stood in the doorway long after the doctor's tall stooped frame disappeared. Finally she shook her head and returned to her desk.

* * *

With an instinct made respon[illegible] by the emergencies of years, Dr. McCort leaped from his bed [illegible] the phone [illegible] from the hook [illegible] heard a calm but tense voice.

"Doctor [illegible] Sister [illegible] night superintendent. [illegible] Tommy's [illegible] the world."

"Yes, Sister. I'll be there [illegible] minutes."

He dropped the receiver with one hand and reached for his clothes with the other. Adele stirred [illegible].

Another Call

"Felix!" She sat upright. "I hope [illegible] a call. You know we must [illegible] the eight o'clock train to[illegible]morrow morning. You'll be dead [illegible]."

In the darkness he dressed [illegible].

"So will Tommy if [illegible] there in a hurry [illegible] I'll have to [illegible] again. It's [illegible] probably didn't [illegible] thought it would."

In five minutes he was gone.

At eight o'clock the next morning Dr. McCort [illegible] living room and without removing his coat slumped [illegible] looked up heavily at Adele.

"The trip's off. [illegible] for the present anyway," he said [illegible]. "I've worked all night on Tommy and I still don't know whether [illegible] going to pull him through. He [illegible] something. But his life is on a thread."

Tears filled Adele's [illegible] but she [illegible] room.

"Just just as you say, dear," she managed to say. "I'll have your coffee ready in a moment."

Dr. McCort sat on the bed in the dim room and through the opening in the curtain he could see the worshippers filing solemnly into St. Matthew's Church across the street for Good Friday Mass.

Tommy, his little head swathed in bandages, lay white and still. For twenty-four hours only an occasional convulsive heaving of his breast told them he was yet alive. Sister Veronica, erect and steady, stood at the foot of the bed.

The doctor's lips moved.

Nothing More To Do

"God, Sister," he broke out, "I can't sit here holding my [illegible] my lip, knowing there's nothing more they can do [illegible]." He rose sharply. "He's holding his own. That's all."

Sister opened the window [illegible]

"No one can do anything [illegible] God, don't ever forget that, Doctor." She passed [illegible] into the corridor.

[illegible] her finger [illegible] the rosary at her belt. He lifted his head and [illegible] above Tommy's head. For a moment he thought the carved blood on the feet of the Figure [illegible] dripped slowly down upon the bandages [illegible] forehead, staining them with an ugly crimson splotch. He turned away abruptly and [illegible].

On Saturday shortly before mid[illegible] night Dr. McCort [illegible] bed and lay [illegible] darkness. The [illegible] softened earth floated through the open window and he thought of the ridge in the Catskills [illegible] wide spreading [illegible].

Soon he dozed fitfully. Often instead of the [illegible] he saw a stony [illegible] many [illegible] couldn't tell [illegible] [illegible] shadow [illegible] expected that [illegible] [illegible]

When Dawn Arrived

[illegible] of the young [illegible] below.

Through the night he [illegible] and dreamed. [illegible] wanted to [illegible] against the [illegible]. When finally the gray [illegible] of dawn filtered through the darkness he sprang [illegible] and dressed. Something drove him [illegible] and he stepped [illegible] into the silent street.

Feverishly he walked [illegible] the echoes of his own footsteps. They rebounded [illegible] trembling from the [illegible] of the houses he passed.

Sister Veronica [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] conscious of his own [illegible] as he looked [illegible] and steady eyes [illegible] surprise.

"Good morning, doctor," she tried to be crisp. "Isn't [illegible] early even for you?"

"I thought daybreak would never come," he breathed.

"There were some [illegible] who also thought Easter morning would never come." Sister's voice was low. She motioned him toward the stairway. "You [illegible] Tommy, I suppose."

Heavily he followed [illegible]. She [illegible] walked slowly along the long corridor on the second floor.

His pace [illegible] as they neared [illegible]. Inside he stepped quickly to the bedside. The [illegible] morning light had flung itself like a coverlet across the little figure below him. Tommy's eyes opened. The doctor laid his long fingers on the boy's fragile wrist and stared at his watch. A moment later he read the chart that Sister Veronica held before him. Suddenly he [illegible] by the [illegible] professional [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]

"A [illegible] Adele [illegible]" [illegible]

"Doctor," the physician [illegible]

He'll Do Anything

"Doctor Tommy [illegible] [illegible] Sister [illegible] [illegible] of your [illegible] [illegible]"

Dr. McCort straightened.

"Yes, Tommy. [illegible]"

He raised his head when clear and pulsating the chimes of St. Matthew's [illegible] joyously on the morning air. Tommy's [illegible] and [illegible]

"Sister [illegible]"

"You spoke of [illegible] doctor," [illegible] she whispered. "Can't you see that there are so many ways [illegible] [illegible] I like to think that every child could have rolled back the stone."

Dr. McCort clutched Tommy's hand.

"A child has rolled back the stone, Sister."

He [illegible] and went to the door. He looked off as if [illegible]

"I'm very sorry that your Easter [illegible] had to be spoiled like this, doctor," she said walking to[illegible] him.

"Spoiled?" he half-smiled. "Easter means Resurrection, doesn't [illegible]?"

The nun nodded.

"Well, it's been a perfect Easter [illegible]." He stepped out of view.

When Sister Veronica emerged into the hall she marvelled at the [illegible] the doctor's [illegible] as he sped away from her. Once he stopped before a door near the end of the corridor. Then he opened it and disappeared. Sister uttered an exclamation.

The door led to the chapel.

Zeal for Missions Wins Papal Honor For Benefactress

Amarillo, Tex. (NC)—Announcement [illegible] His Holiness [illegible] XI had conferred the title of Papal Countess upon Mrs. [illegible] Price of Greenwich, Conn., for her benefactions to the [illegible] of this diocese [illegible] [illegible] of Catholic charity in that the donation [illegible] more than 2,000 miles from here was inspired entirely by [illegible] for the home missions.

In the fall of 1928 the Most Rev. Rudolph A. Gerken, now Archbishop of Santa Fe and then Ordinary of this Diocese, made an appeal for voluntary missionary workers to serve as lay missionary women in the Diocese of Amarillo. His message was carried in a story sent by the NCWC News Service to Catholic papers throughout the world. More than 200 applications were received and among those to whom information of the mission field was brought was Mrs. Price, widow of the founder of the I. B. Price Mercantile Company.

Mrs. Price sent $5,000 for the support of this mission work among the Mexican immigrants and advised the Diocesan authorities that she would be interested in establishing a memorial to her husband in the form of an educational institution. She gave $150,000 for the establishment of Price Memorial College and continuing her benefactions erected the Bishop's House at Amarillo.

Mrs. Price has continued her support of the college in the regime of the present Ordinary, the Most Rev. Robert E. Lucey, Bishop of Amarillo, and made a large donation for the construction of a church at Lubbock, Tex.

The request that she be made the recipient of the Papal honors received the hearty indorsement of the Most Rev. Maurice F. McAuliffe, Bishop of Hartford, in which diocese Mrs. Price resides.

NOTED SCHOLAR HONORED

Paris (NC)—By a large majority the Academie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres has elected to membership Pierre de Labriolle, professor at the Sorbonne.

A former professor of Latin literature at the University of Fribourg, M. de Labriolle has made an extensive study of early Christian literature.

The fool esteems all other men fools.

Communist Bandits Hold German Priest in China

Peiping (NC)—Although the Rev. Henry Kellner, German Catholic priest of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, was captured by Communists when Shihtsien, Kweichow, fell into their hands on January [illegible], news of the event has just [illegible] reached here.

[illegible] report [illegible] has been received by the Apostolic Delegate to China, the Most Rev. Mario Zanin, from Father Kellner himself. Penned in Italian with red ink, the letter was written [illegible] [illegible] of the Red leader demanding $25,000 for his release.

No word is more misunderstood in the whole world than Catholic.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

He dropped a nickle in the plate
Then meekly raised his eyes,
Glad that the weekly rent was paid
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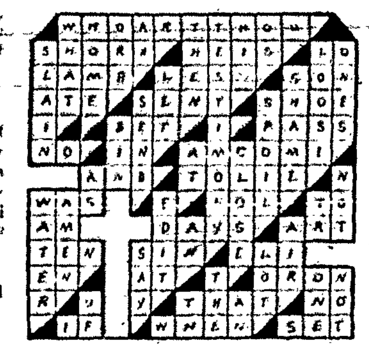
(Hartford Transcript)

MISSION UNIT MISSION SET

Vatican City—(NC)—The International Congress of the Missionary Union of the clergy will be held in Rome from November 4 to 6, it has been announced.

(Solution to No. 26 Biblegrams)



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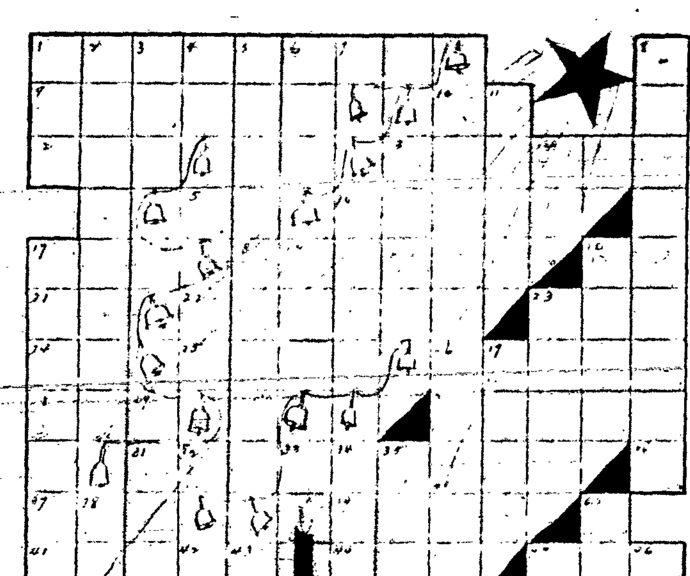

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ACROSS

1 [illegible] Luke 2:14
9 [illegible] 2 Kings 14:12
10 [illegible] Luke 15:19
12 [illegible] with a [illegible] 1 Cor. 4:14-21
13 Steads [illegible]
15 An expression of [illegible]
16 [illegible] word [illegible]
17 [illegible] the —— was [illegible] Luke 4:38-44
19 [illegible] Romans 11
21 [illegible] Luke 2
23 [illegible]
24 [illegible]
26 [illegible]
36 [illegible] hand

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