

Narrow Shave

ALONG THE WAY

By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

I used to have a German friend who always referred to a narrow shave as a narrow shave. Well, I had one of them recently, and...

Embarrassing Becomes True

I doubt if they'll be showing this particular motion picture in your neighborhood theater. People are going to think it "too gruesome."

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THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS



Sorsum Corda One Delightful Evening

By REV. JAMES M. GILLES, C.S.P., Editor, The Catholic World

It was the end of a long evening of music at Carnegie Hall in New York. In that historic auditorium the best music in the world is to be heard. At the Metropolitan Opera House one can scarcely tell whether it is the music, or the style, or what I believe the French call le chic, that attracts the audience.

Entranced for Hours

There were selections in French, Spanish and English. That evening, as it happened, there were none in Italian or in German, the singer's best medium, or in Russian or Finnish in which, they say, she is also at ease.

Five Years Ago--

From Dec. 20, 1934, Edition The Very Rev. Thomas F. Conlon, O.F.M., national director of Holy Name Societies sent letters to 4000 parish branches of the Society urging members to offer their Holy Communion on the second of January for success of the Crusade of Prayer in behalf of Mexico.

Libra: Signpost Birthday of Peace

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the power of making new. Its daily renewal at the dawn is a drama of which we grope for a faint meaning. It is our symbol of hope.

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WHY?

What Do You Mean by the Communion of Saints?

The Communion of Saints is one of the most consoling doctrines of the Church. It sets forth the significant fact that the individual Christian is not just an isolated soldier of the Cross, but that he is intimately linked up with the legion of all those who under the leadership of Christ have won or are striving to win the crown of eternal life.

Fest Days

- Sunday, Dec. 24.—ST. DELPHINUS, BISHOP. Monday, Dec. 25.—THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST OR CHRISTMAS. The world had subsisted about four thousand years when Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, having taken human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary and being made man, was born of her, for the redemption of mankind, at Bethlehem in Judea. Joseph and Mary had come up to Bethlehem to be enrolled and, unable to find shelter elsewhere, they took refuge in a stable and in this lowly place Jesus Christ was born. Tuesday, Dec. 26.—ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR. Wednesday, Dec. 27.—ST. JOHN, EVANGELIST. Thursday, Dec. 28.—THE HOLY INNOCENTS. Friday, Dec. 29.—ST. THOMAS, SON OF GILBERT BECKET. Saturday, Dec. 30.—ST. SABINE, BISHOP.

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITED NATIONS... THE SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS... THE CATHOLIC COURIER

To Help Christ's Cause

Christ came to teach men and to save them. His Church, His Holy Church, continues down the years the mission He began on the first Christmas Day. He came to His own and His own received Him not, according to the Gospel of St. John. Even today His own receive Him not, when they should have had living participation in His cause that He made of them.

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