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### New Year Wishes

It may seem rather difficult this year to voice the greeting "Happy New Year", but the desire for happiness is as strong as ever. Therefore, let us be hearty in our wish that 1942 may prove a happy period even though its advent is darkened by the clouds of uncertainty and war.

Let us remember also that New Year's Day is the Feast of the Circumcision and commemorates the first shedding of the Redeemer's blood for the redemption of man. While we may be too busy for lengthy resolutions making it might be well also to determine to pray daily that Christ's Kingdom may come on earth - that Kingdom in which anger, intrigue and warfare have no part.

### American Missionaries in the War Zone

In Hawaii there are 133 American missionaries of whom 132 are women, members of the Maryknoll and Franciscan communities. In Japan itself there are 61 Americans of whom 14 are priests, 11 are brothers and 36 are Sisters. Invaded Thailand has 5 American Ursuline sisters, while the Philippines lists a total of 240 Americans, of whom 101 are priests, 16 are brothers and 37 schoolmasters and 83 sisters. Needless to say there are hundreds of other missionaries working on

these islands now the scene of so much warfare.

Manchukuo has a total of 66 Americans of whom 31 are priests and brothers, members of the Maryknoll community, and 34 are Sisters belonging to the Daughters of the Holy Ghost and Ursulines. In addition there is 1 Victorian priest. China has over 700 Americans, of whom 341 are priests, 41 are brothers, 16 are schoolmasters and 305 are sisters, practically every religious missionary order is represented in that total. There are 56 American members of the Maryknoll and St. Columban Foreign Mission Societies, in Chosen, or Korea as it was formerly known. In Guam there are 10 priests and 1 brother belonging to the Capuchin order with headquarters in Detroit.

### Apostles of the Alleghenies

From the grandeur of the Russian court of Catherine the Great to the humble chapel in Loretto, Pennsylvania, is the route followed by Demetrius, Prince of Gallitzin. Destined to occupy a prominent place in the Russian army, the call to the Catholic priesthood proved too strong and the great Apostle of the Alleghenies replaced the Prince of court.

To-day the name Demetrius Prince of Gallitzin, is known and

## AN AFFAIR OF SAINTS

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which she was out in the Strand, waiting for the first faint traces of light to show her a ring on the side walk in the gutter or the wide roadway of the Strand. Buses raced by boys on bicycles rushed to work. She dodged here and there sometimes hurrying just in

time to get out of the way of oncoming vehicles.

Jimmy Gregson had a worried night. He could not get the thing out of his mind. He had let his pal down. His pal would lose his job and go on the drink. The girl would live on and lead a drag estate, not thinking of the happiness that might have been. He was a fool to have left the spot in the Strand where the ring had dropped. What would a night's sleep mean to him in the scale of the happiness of those two others? He'd left it all to an old lady he'd never seen before and would never see again. Wasn't there some Saint he could pray to? Oh yes! St. Anthony. That's the Saint they all used to pray to way back when they lost things. And he usually found them. Coincidence no doubt. However he couldn't lose anything by trying. Jimmy didn't pray too often, or too hard. He was glad he'd never stopped going to Sunday Mass. Yes, he wanted some real help, now St. Anthony, for the love of God, get me this ring back! I'd give anything to get it back. . . . But wait a minute how much have I got?

Jimmy, who had been turning uncomfortably on his bed during this soliloquy, reached in the dark for his pants and counted his coins, fingering the edges to identify them. Well, he'd be safe in promising ten bob. That would leave him with a shilling for breakfast and he'd had a rain warrant to camp. He could miss the rest of his leave.

Well, that's my promise, St. Anthony," Jimmy said in his mind and with that he got a bit of sleep. **LIKE AN EVIL DREAM**

Next morning it all came back like an evil dream. He'd look for the old dame, though he hardly expected to see her.

But there she was, just as she said she'd be, outside the church in Kingsway, seated on an old chair beside a big basket splashed with the russet and white of chrysanthemums and pink and mauve of asters. He hardly dared approach her to hear the news of her failure.

But as soon as she saw him, many yards away, her old face lit up with a smile. Then he ran. "What luck, Mum?"

"You're in luck me lad; 'ere's yer ring. Found it sittin' as pretty as yer piece on the bar of a sewer gratin', a dron o' rain would 'ave washed it in."

"Thank God! . . . and St. Anthony," exclaimed Jimmy. "Look her, Mum, you don't know what you've done for me." Then fumbling awkwardly in his pocket he added "Take this in honor of St. Anthony," he found the ring for me.

Old Lane took the money with wistful eagerness. "It was the Blessed Mother of Gawd 'erself 'oo found it. Didn't I ask 'er agin' and agin' for the ten bob, and 'asnt 'he sent 'er with it?"

But apparently Billy got his new pants.



# CHRISTMAS AND FRIENDS

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### Understanding the Upheavals of War

If we are Catholics in the true sense of the word as well as in name we will understand that the upheavals of war are not alone political and economic but that they also involve the Drama of Christ's Crucifixion a tearing asunder of the Mystical Body of Christ together with its members. It is not alone Germany, Russia, Spain, France, Italy, England, Holland, Poland, Belgium that suffer. It is we Catholics of one body in Christ who suffer. Hence suffering in harmony we must unite our forces, and mobilizing for spiritual ends we must set aside prayer and alms for the missions. Rev. Aloysius Coogan.

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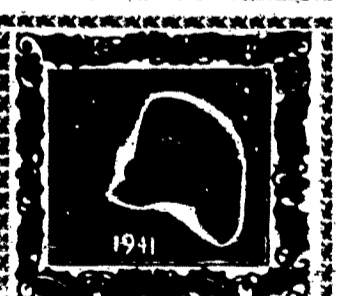
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## Joyful Yuletide

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'Tis Christmas! . . . time to count our many friends and recall the happy relationships we have had with them during the year . . . time to express our gratitude and to wish all our friends the choicest blessings the Yule season can bestow.

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