

Getting On In The World

Many—and present—are the days of discouragement. You're not the only one, no don't waste your time in self-pity. Once upon a time, there was a young man—

He ran for a seat in the Illinois legislature, was badly swamped. He entered business and spent the next 17 years of his life paying

off the debts of a worthless partner. He fell in love with a beautiful woman and she died. He entered politics again, ran for Congress and was defeated. He tried to get an appointment to the United States Land Office and failed. He became a candidate for the United States Senate, and was badly defeated. He appeared later as a candidate for Vice President of the country and again met defeat. Two years later he met the same fate.

One failure after another. Yet, when most men would have quit, given up, and thought what's the use, he tried again, eventually became the man generally regarded as the country's greatest President. Lincoln's series of setbacks were above the ordinary, and you may not be wanting the job of being president. But you can get the same "kick" that he did out of looking defeat, depression, misfortune, and discouragement. The law of percentages is on your side—if you keep trying.

Holy Childhood Association

Rev. John S. Randall
DIRECTOR

Well, well, boys and girls, it sure is good to see the snow flurries this morning! I trust that now you can get out and enjoy the rest of your vacation with the real pleasure that winter sports afford. I hope that Saint Nick was very good to you, because if I'm any judge, I should say that you deserve everything you wished for.

We're experiencing quite a different Christmas vacation than our little mission friends, especially those in China and the Philippines, arent we? Did you read in Saturday's paper about the terrible destruction through bombing and fires done to the Catholic Cathedral in Manila, and to several other Catholic churches, schools and convents? We have a real job to do these days, boys and girls, and I know that you want let your little friends down. First of all, we have to pray, and pray hard. More than any other aid, prayer is the most important. And then we shall have to sacrifice even a little bit more, because so many people need our help now. You boys and girls who have real zeal for the missions, will catch the spirit of prayer and sacrifice. I know. Promise to remember this intention every single morning in your prayers, asking the Prince of Peace, the Babe of Bethlehem, to restore that peace which this war-torn world needs so badly.

NEWSWEEK

Even though our boys and girls are not in school this week, they left something behind them for our missions, and one of the biggest surprises of the year occurred last week when three little girls from St. Peter and Paula School walked into our office. Honestly, they nearly took us off our feet with the huge envelopes that they carried. They were so delighted to be the bearers of their mission sacrifice money for the first term. Get ready now... they left with us \$200.00! Included in this sum was the ransom for twenty-three babies; \$40.00 for the sale of Christmas seals; \$20.00 as part payment of their dues; and \$25.00 as a donation to the Martin de Porres House. The boys and girls also tell us that during the year they were visited by Father Mannering, a LaSalette missionary, and at that time they gave him a donation of \$20.00. I feel sure that you all agree with me that that is a report pretty hard to beat. Thanks a million, billion times for this marvelous proof of your great love for the missions. God will surely bless you abundantly!

St. Joseph School, Wayland, sent us \$5.00 for Christmas seals for which we are most grateful. We also hear that the Holy Childhood Association held a very successful Christmas party and we are anxious to tell you about their program. "Out to find Old Santa" was Second grade; The Third Graders the skit presented by the First and

presented "The Surprise"; Charles Dickens was a favorite of the Fourth and Fifth Grade as evidenced by their presentation of "Kindness is better than riches, as told in 'Scrooge'"; the story of how three tiny men brought happiness to a destitute home was told by the Seventh and Eighth Grade in their presentation of "The Elves and the Shoemaker"; the beautiful story of the Babe of Bethlehem was told in a tableau by the Sixth Grade, with six different scenes; and then there were several recitations, "Santa Claus' Castle" by Maureen Jones; "My Gift" by Martha Riley; "Bells" by Oleta Larrin; "The Real Santa Claus, Rosemary Peck; "The Christ Child" by John Tonberry, Richard Beckerman and Charles Selbig; concluded with the grand finale, Salute to the Flag and the singing of "God Bless America." That sounds like a grand program, boys and girls, and I only wish that I could have been there to see you young thespians in action.

Richard Colgan of the Fifth Grade, Nazareth Hall, placed a grand surprise on our desk with the ransom of two babies. One is to come from Africa and be named Mary, and one is to come from Selma, named Joseph. Thank you so much, boys, for this great contribution.

A Chinese baby girl named Mary Theresa is the choice of the Seventh grade pupils of St. Stephen's School, Geneva. You can be sure that we shall be glad to ransom this little one for you, and thank you so much.

The Second Grade-2 of St. Boniface School would like a Chinese baby boy named John George in baptism. And thanks, to you, boys and girls for your thoughtfulness.

SEALS

The march of Christmas seals continues on magnificently. We are proud of our boys and girls this year for all the extra effort they used to help their little mission friends. This week we have the following report to make: St. Boniface, 2.00 extra; St. John, Spencerport, \$15.00; St. Vincent, Corning, \$38.00; St. Patrick, Elmira, \$60.00; St. Hyacinth, Auburn, \$17.00; Holy Apostles, \$54.50; Holy Family, Auburn, \$27.00; St. Mary's, Auburn, \$16.00.

London Franciscan Cited For Bravery

LONDON - (NC) - A London Franciscan, Father Christopher Ulyatt, O.F.M., who is serving as a chaplain in the Royal Air Force, has been made an officer of the military division of the Order of the British Empire for "conspicuous bravery." No details of his exploit are given. His name appears in the official list as The Rev. Henry James Roland Ulyatt.

Bishop In Radio Sermon

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Child than a humble and contrite sifting gift to the crib of the Christ heart. He will give us in return the peace which He desires to impart to all men of good will. In that peace we can rest, and we can rejoice, for if He is with us, what matters it who is against us? If He hide His Face from us for a little space, we need not fear, as those of little faith.

It is difficult for most people today to realize that prayer can change the fate of nations. But it is the teaching of the Gospels and the belief of all Christians in all ages, that there is no limit to the power of prayer. It is the ultimate spiritual arm, and no earthly power can stand against it.

It may seem impossible for peoples and nations as well as individuals to turn to God by a profound act of spiritual reorientation. But the range of possibilities in this order of spiritual being is far wider than anything that our limited human minds can conceive.

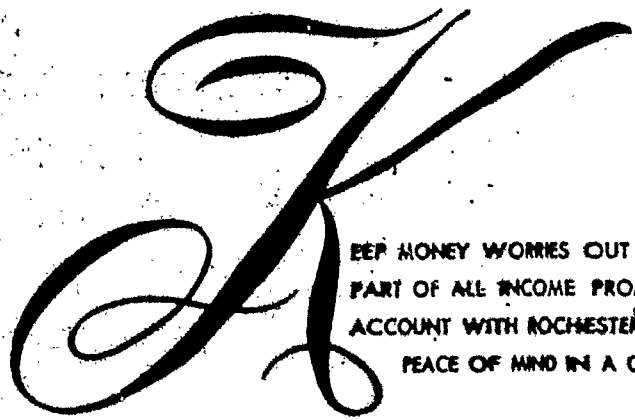
KING OF PEACE.
Christ, Our King, is still the King of Peace: "My Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you." Peace on earth is still the Will of God. And at His crib we must pray, as we have never prayed before, that God may protect us and that His mercy will once again deliver us from evil. Talk and boasts and schemes and all human endeavor are almost futile now. The time has come when prayer, direct to the throne of God, is our

hope. It is time to throng the churches and plead with God for victory and a return to peace. These are the only weapons with which all of us, young and old, can fight the powers of darkness which now threaten.

On the first Christmas night there was nothing more helpless or frail than the infant shivering in the arms of His Virgin Mother. Yet He was to conquer the world. This Christmas night, the spirit of Christ is cast out and neglected. The clank of arms and armories, the strident propaganda voice of hatred against men, the rising clamor of war's rumors and the roar of deadly planes and the tramp of marching men rise above the angel voices. But the power of Christ and the prayers of His children have stilled the passions of men before this, and the peace of Christ has reigned after the roar of battle and the clash of arms have died away.

At this Christmas season, when the whole earth is at war, we beg Him to come again to His weary and agonized people and in His Divine power and justice, restore "peace on earth among men of good will."

Blest with victory and peace May the Heav'n rescued land Praise the power that hath made And preserved us a nation. Then Conquer we must For our cause now is just And this be our motto "In God is our trust."



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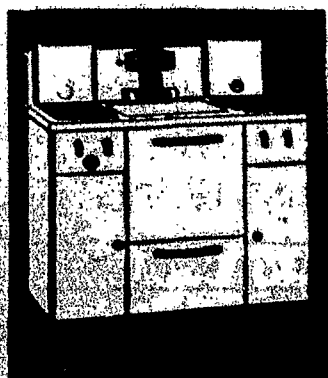
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