

Deeds of Mother Seton's Sons In Nation's Service Told By Navy

EMMITTSBURG, Md. — With thousands of American mothers making their contribution of sons to the nation's armed forces, the Mother Seton Guild Bulletin recalls a similar offering made by another great American mother of the past century, Mother Elizabeth Seton, foundress of the Sisters of Charity in America.

The Bulletin says records of the United States Navy Department reveal that William Seton, son of Mother Seton spent over 15 years as a member of the Navy a large part of that period as a lieutenant and that the younger son of Mother Seton, Richard, was Captain's clerk on the U. S. S. "Cayuga."

The Cause of Canonization of Mother Seton is now being considered by the Sacred Congregation of Rites. Lieutenant Seton was appointed a midshipman July 4, 1817 and commissioned a lieutenant in 1820. Various assignments took him over a large part of the globe until 1827 when he was granted a leave of absence to care for his invalid sister, Catherine. Mother Seton died while Lieutenant Seton was on a voyage in the Pacific. After travelling in Europe for several years with his sister he returned to duty resigning his commission in 1834.

The records show that Richard Seton died at sea of fever while on duty in connection with efforts of the American Colonizing Society supported by the United States Government to found a free Negro colony in Liberia. An account of his death given to his sister Cath-

erine, by the Rev. Jehudi Ashmun, an Episcopal clergyman, discloses that Richard contracted the fever while nursing the minister back to health.

'We Did Lot Of Praying' Relate 6 Who Escaped Trap On Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON. — "We just prayed and kept moving. And he [Richard] did a lot of praying. Thus said Private Richard E. Hollinger, U.S.M.C., of York, Pa. spokesman for five Marines and a Navy pharmacist in answer to queries from their jubilant comrades as to how the six had gotten back to their lines on Guadalcanal after the Japanese cut off their outpost. Their story was one of five terrifying nights and four equally terrifying days in a jungle thick with enemy troops.

The Japanese were so numerous Mr. Hollinger said, that they "most tripped over us a couple of times. We hadn't gotten very far when a four-man patrol spotted us. We shot at least two of them. We wanted to get their rice rations, but there were so many Japanese around we didn't dare take a chance."

The soul cannot be without joy for it will either delight in the basest things or in the most exalted. St. Gregory the Great

CATHOLIC ARMY NURSES HONORED



Capt. Florence MacDonald, A. N. C. (left), of Brockton, Mass., and Lt. Helen L. Summers (center), of Brooklyn, are pictured receiving from Mrs. Wendell L. Wilkie, medals honoring them as "Women of the Year" for their heroic work at Bataan and Corregidor. The two women sharing the annual award of the Women's National Institute, are Catholic Army nurses. Press Association photo. (N.C.W.C.)

Children Name Ship For Archbishop Lamy

WASHINGTON. — Utilizing the privilege won in the recent school salvage campaign of naming one of the newly-built Liberty ships, school children of New Mexico have proposed the name of Arce-

bishop John B. Lamy and it has been approved, the United States Maritime Commission announced here yesterday.

Archbishop Lamy became first Bishop of the ecclesiastical territory that is now the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in 1850, and became the first Archbishop of Santa Fe 25 years later. He died February 13, 1908.

Catholic Guidance Given In Current Events By Verein

(Because of the profound deliberation given resolutions of the Catholic Central Verein and their timeliness they will be reproduced in this column from time to time.)

Return To International Law

That in the present worldwide struggle the principles of international law have been more or less completely disregarded is self-evident. Brutal attacks and invasions without, in some instances, even the formality of a declaration of war, and the employment of methods of warfare unprecedented in history amply bear out this contention. Accordingly, the recent St. Louis convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America undertook in a resolution to plead for a return to the law of nations, at the same time clarifying the meaning and application of this law.

Following the war, the statement affirms, some international agreement must be reached if we are to escape a third world cataclysm. Such an agreement must, if it is to endure, be based on a recognition of the existence of a law outside of man, on the solidarity of the human race, on the conviction that international understanding can be achieved only if predicated on mutual acceptance of rights and duties.

And underlying all of this is the need to re-establish the *ius gentium*, the law of nations. Except among savages and barbarians, rules of conduct to be observed both before and during war were customary throughout the ages. True they were at times disregarded, but in general the law of nations was recognized as valid. Such men as Victoria and Suarez four hundred years ago did much to codify extend and promote this law, while a hundred years later Hugo Grotius, during the evil days of the Thirty Years' War, again made men conscious of the need of international law.

The present war furnishes adequate proof that the law of nations has been all but discarded. And yet, if anything like lasting peace may be hoped for, it must needs be sustained by a firmly established law of nations.

It was this thought impelled Pope Pius XII to plead in his allocution addressed to the world last Christmas for the erection of "a standard that will again enjoy its vital and moral function in the juridical relations between the States." Such a principle, the Holy Father added, has undergone many, serious crises and has suffered undeniable violations in the past. But, he continued, to procure the rebirth of a mutual trust, certain institutions must be established which will merit the respect of all.

A code of international law, freely agreed upon by the nations of the world, interdependent as they are and must be is a goal to be kept in mind, especially today. Hence we recommend it to the thoughtful consideration of our members of serious minded men generally, and particularly of those who will have a voice in the shaping of the postwar world. For if the juridical institutions of which the Holy Father speaks are to become a reality there must first be an acceptance of international law as a firm basis of mutual good will and understanding.

Only One In Rickenbacker Party To Die Was Catholic

TORRINGTON, Conn. A Requiem Mass has been held here in St. Mary's Church for Sergt. Alexander T. Kaczmarczyk, only member of the Rickenbacker party to die after its plane was forced down in the Pacific. The Rev. John P. Kowalski, Pastor, was celebrant, and the sergeant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kaczmarczyk who live here attended. A native of Torrington, the enlisted man was on a raft with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, and was buried at sea after he had died of exposure a few days before the others were picked up. His brother Edward, enlisted in the Army Air Forces while the sergeant was still reported missing.

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