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amendment which, however wise it might be if adopted by a State to please its own local institutions, there shall be no legislation what writes irrevocably into the Constitution a declaration as to a matter of mere personal habit. For this force only when the State has not there is no analogy whatever in any otherwise provided? If it does what part of the Constitution, an instruand which unless it had guaranteed home rule, would never have been adopted. It embodies a constituadopted. It embodies a constitu-tional ruling on the personal habits ments, the Ninth and Tenth. of 110,000,000, living in a country 5,000 miles wide, and stretching from the semi-tropics of the South to the chilled regions of the North. Whatever may be the merits of Pro-hibition, and I am not now discussing them, the Federal Amendment is, blow to the essential idea of the Union, and within two years will create more discontent, more ill-feel-ing, more dissension between man class and class, than any

of us at this hour can forecast. Former President Taft, whose honesty and ability cannot be questioned, speaks even more strongly than Mr. Beck. Writing on June 8 1918 he bases his opposition to Federal Prohibition on the same principle that "it is a mixing of the National Government in a matter that is one local settlement. Sumptuary laws are matters for parochial adjustment." Further, "it will vest in the National Government, and those who administer it, so great a power as to be dangerous in political matters." Moreover, it is absolutely unnecessary. "The States now have every means of enforcing Prohibition" should they see fit to adopt it for themselves, since "there is a Federal law, sustained as constitu "there is a tional the Webb Kenyon law, and the Reed Amendment] which forbids the importation of liquor from other States." Finally, Prohibition cannot be enforced, unless the local communities themselves wish am opposed to the pres of laws on the statute books which cannot be enforced. They demoral ize the enforcement of all laws.'

THE RISE OF FEDERAL SATRAPY

The principles underlying Mr. Taft's objections to Prohibition have never been successfully assailed, for the simple reason that they are impregnable. Dr. Irving Fisher of Yale undertook a "reply" to which wide publicity was given, but it is of a kind calculated to make the judicious grieve, and Mr. Taft, who is good humored as well as judicious, laugh. In the main, it is an attack on the brewers, and a contemptible attempt to link what little anti-Prohibitionist activity has existed, with the agents of Germany in this country. The vital constitutional issue urged by Mr. Taft is not so much as meationed, and I gravely question whether Dr. Fisher has the slightest conception of its importance. In a letter dated September 2, 1918. Mr. Taft elaborated his views. He here enumerates (1) the danger to republi can institutions in giving a partisan political officer power to send "Federal detectives and policemen into every hamlet and into every ward of the large city . . . there-by wielding a sinister power, prospect of which should make of which should make the friends of free constitutional government;" (2) the serious loss to the national revenues; (3) the establishment of a great central power "to brush the doorstees of local communities, far removed geographically and politically, from Washington; (4) the demoralization thereby of State politics; (5) "the thereby of State politics; (5) "the fundamental error" of rushing through in the "fever of war time" so serious an Amendment "to our constitutional structure. We wanted to supply its own wants.

THE ROCK

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God permits, war has its compensa shall thus hang a permanent millstone around our necks;" (6) the fact that the Prohibition Amendment owes its present favor not to the majority but "to an intensely active minority." Mr. Taft concludes:

'First, because a permanent national liquor law will prove, in many communities, unenforcible for lack of public sympathy; second, because attempted enforcement will require an enormous force of Federal policemen and detectives, giving undue nower to sinister and partisan subordinates of the National Administration, and third, because it means an unwise structural change in the relations between the people of the States and the central government. and a strain to the integrity of the Union, I am opposed to a national

Prohibition Amendment."

Nor has any answer to this position been elaborated. Logic and straight-forward fighting are foreign to the typical advocate of Federal Prohibition, who fears nothing so much as an open submission of his plans to the people.

WHAT THE AMENDMENT MEANS

immeasurable power for evil. cessfully resist the attempts of 95, so many delicious fruits. But we 000,000, to take it out. Third, we know by a sad experience that the 20, the Hon. James M. Beck, taking have introduced into the American majority of the 20, the Hon. James M. Bets, taking up this idea, familiar to every constitutional lawyer, characterized describe, "concurrent jurisdiction." in the bud by an early frost; others the Federal Amendment as a blow the Federal aimed directly at "that pillar of the Constitution, the dual sovereignty of State and Federal Union."

State and Federal Union."

"The perfection of the edifice of the Union has been destroyed by an the Union has been destroyed by an energy of th ever? Or does it mean that the law enacted at Washington shall have otherwise provided? If it does what becomes of the Federal Amendment? And finally, there is good reason to believe that in adopting this new Amendment, we have turned a blind

A CATHOLIC CONTRAST

Of course, we have done a good many other things, too, in adopting the Prohibition Amendment. If we can come between a man and his flagon of ale by Federal Amendment, much heart of grace may be taken by those fanatics who see no essential difference between the light at the end of a cigarette and a brand plucked from the infernal regions. These persons do not use tobacco but prefer Peruna. Whist, pinochle, poker, old maid? I do not know anything about cards myself, but I have often heard of the sobs of the gambler's wife, and hence see no eason whatever why they should not be hushed by another Federal Amendment. And what about the "Virginia Reel"? Way should a man and his partner be suffered to reel through a series of figured movements when they are not allowed to reel, and very properly, sound at which the young lambs bound?

Ah, well, what's the use! On the first Sunday after the adoption of the Amendment, the Gospel read in Catholic churches told Blessed Lord went with His Apostles to a rustic wedding in Cana of Galilee. There was good cheer there and dancing, too, no doubt, and the simple, innocent merriment waxed fast, but the wine ran low, for the guests.appreciated the hospitality of their host. Who was it but Our pending calamity? and wasn't that her fervent clients a share in her just like a woman, the sweetest, purest, tenderest, most thoughtful woman that ever lived? And it was the Saviour of us all who at the instance of His Mother, that the rejoicing in the happiness of this young couple might not be abated, like the kindly, gracious gentleman He was, turned the water into wine. Don't you like the title, "gentle-men"? Well, He was a gentleman, eminenter, as they distinguish in the schools and I am sure, as St. Thomas says, that He was everything, and more, that we mean by perfect gentle-

VOCATIONS

ly, S. J., in America.

THE COMING GENERATION WILL NEED MANY MORE PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

BY REV. CHARLES COPPENS, S. J. (Catholic Press Assocation)

One of the most important tasks of Catholic educators is the fostering, in young souls, of vocations to priesthood and the religious life. There are some twenty thou sand priests in this country and more than sixty thousand religious. The next generation will need still many more, for the Church is steadincreasing its membership here and the foreign missions are in a dreadful state of destitution. They have so far drawn their missionaries from Europe: but now, after this de-

of higher vocations to come? Chiefly from our Catholic schools. Undoubtedly the Lord is preparing such coar; it cannot wash away the Rock. chosen souls among the young Cath clics of the United States; for it is a chief part of the work of the Hely Lord Jesus Christ. And tell me, Gaost to sanctify the Church by providing it with needed ministers. He works through human agents, and entrusts this holy task to His priests earth is the Lord's, and the fulness and religious, who are the visible thereof. Confiscation of my goods? guardian angels of the young in parg lardian angels of the young in par-

only from God: all we can do is to save for your advantage sake. Your foster the workings of the Holy interest alone induces me to speak of Spirit in those souls, over which we these things, and to ask of you, by can exercise a salutary influence.

LOVE AND PURITY

are consumed by a gnawing worm within. The worm, that eats away the inner life of virtue, is most commonly the vice of impurity.

RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS

Now what are the most efficient antidotes against this dreadful vice? fession and Holy Communion. This is the Divine provision to support our spiritual life and to restore it, when side proceeds: it is weakened or lost by sin. This precious means is needed in all lands and all ages, and it is especially needed in our land and our age, in flery turnace of Babylon to remain alism of the German philo unscathed by the flames. And yet adopted as a national creed. the help of God protected these from

FERVENT PRAYER

A second most powerful aid to pre serve purity is the use of much fervent prayer. The inspired author of the Book of Wisdom said: "As I knew that I could not otherwise be continent except God gave it, and this also was a point of wisdom to know whose gift it was. I went to

the Lord and besought him" (viii, 21).
All the great models of purity, that the Lord has given to His Church, have been remarkable for their application to prayer. Take as examples of this the Stanislaus and John Berchmans.

DEVOTION TO MARY

This prayer becomes the more efficacious, when it takes the form of de. votion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the most perfect model of purity; wherefore, holy Church loves to invoke her as "Virgin most Pure, Virgin Inviolate, Lily among Thorns,' And Mary loves to procure for angelic virture.

THE SODALITY

One of the most powerful means to acquire a lively devotion to the Ble-sed Virgin is to be a faithful of her Sodality. This, in fact, is the principal purpose of that most excellent association, and the chief reason why Holy Church has enriched it with such copious favors. namely, because it is so conspicuous a means of fostering devotion to the Blessed Mother of God. Those are much mistaken who suppose that the main advantage of the Sodality con sists in promoting frequent Communions or in brining its members together to receive the Holy Sacrament in common for the sake of mutual encouragement. These are valuable effects, no doubt, but they can be obtained by various other means. But it is known by the experience of three centuries all over the world that the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin possesses a most conspicuous efficacy to promote in the hearts of its faithful members a lively devotion to the Virgin Mother of God, and with it to implant in their souls the germ of every virtue.

It is, therefore, a matter of con stant experience . that soule, thus sanctified, are further favored by the Lord with a gracious invitation to aim higher still, and consecrate themselves to the holy service of God in the priestly or the religious life.

THE ROCK

This most important work is beset with many and great difficulties and requires much zeal and prudent managemen. Certainly a vocation to a higher life of sancity can come poly from God. all we cond of its condens to the love you bear me, to take cour-

age.
'For, no one can separate us; no One of the most effective means to human power can part what God has GREAT POPE LEG

FORESAW EFFECTS OF GERMAN KULTUR

London, Egg.-The Archhishon of Liverpool, the Most Rev. Dr. White-side, in an Advent Pastoral, dwells on the victorious end of the War. In the Allied victory the Archbishop sees the directing hand of God, and ascribes the victorious conclusion to the power of prayer,

German Kultur, the Archbishop re-calls how the German Bishops, in a joint Pastoral, issued shortly after the beginning of the War, so denounced German Kultur as hollow The foremost antidote is the frequent and worthless, unwholesome and reception of the Sacraments of Concorrupt, anti-Christian and impious. In summarizing the aims and character of this Kultur, Archbishop White-

Everything German above everything else. It aspires to rule the world, by force, if possible, if not needed in our land and our age, in the state of the state multiform, that it is almost as difficult to keep young people innocent, as it was for the three boys in the nation. In a word, it is the ration point. alism of the German philosophers

"The bombastic talk, then, of the harm; and thus, too, Divine grace late ruler of Germany; the claim protects the innecence of thousands of Catholic hearts in our midst.

that small nations had no right to exist, but should be absorbed by the superior Kultur of Germany; the claim that Germany must have its place in the sun, with opportunity of spreading Kultur abroad; the re-ferences to the God of the German nation, and to the battles fought under the gaze of the past heroes of Germany: the total disregard of international law when it suited their purpose; the ignoring of the natural and divine law; all these things are not as many thought, the figments of a diseased brain, but are still for the greater part of the German nation outside the Catholic Church a part youthful Saints, Aloysius, of their intimate convictions. it be wondered that the Catholic Bishops of Germany have denounced German Kultur as anti Christian and impious? No wonder that Kultur has found the Catholic Church its chief antagonist. The persecution of the Church in the seventies of last century was the attempt to secure the submission of the Church to the dictates of Kultur.

It failed, as so many similar attempts have failed in past centuries and Kultur in the person of Bismarck had to go to Canossa. And by the recent collapse of German Kultur the lesson is shown to the that build it.'

velopments of Kultur were years ago described by Pope Leo XIII. He traced it back to the rejection of the control of the contr the principle of authority in religion at the time of the Reformation. One of the Reformation. One of the leading writers of Germany at the present day admits this when he tells his fellow countrymen that no German statesmen must ever forget that the German State is rooted exclusively on Protestantism, and that it was the German nation above all, which developed the root unpreju idea of the Reformation. dice inquiry, and that it also holds the leadership in the domain of free spiritual development.

THE LEADERSHIP OF GERMANY

"The question our fellow-countrynen have to face, then, is whether they are going to be content to follow leadership of Germany in the social and moral reconstruction that may be before us in this land. This needs an answer in these days, when it is proposed to teach the future citizens of this country a religion formulated, on the principles of the Reformation by Moral Instruction Leagues and by promoters of interdenominational Syllabuses.

many of them have witnessed on the field of battle, or in Catholic countries, there is a spirit of inquiry into the doctrines of the Church. It is for us to be in a position to satisfy this craving. This we can do by obtaining a fuller knowledge of the truths of the Church, and by offering explanations to others as opportun-ties present themselves. "— New World.

> . A SIGNIFICANT LETTER

Out of all the fiery horrors of the war, just concluded, the world has come forth with a chastened soul. What effect this spiritual awakening will have on the religious life of our one of the most elective means to human power can part what God has accomplish this is to instill in youthful hearts a tender love of purity and an intense hatred of the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the to his wife; and they shall be two in battle ought to act as a spiritual contrary when the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. A young person, that is in the contrary vice. nation, time alone will tell. The revice. A young person, that is in the habit of yielding to this vice, unfis himself for the higher life of holiness. Such a life requires much put asunder. Toou canst not O abandoned their original moorings for the higher life of holiness. What have we done in adopting the Federal Prohibition amendment? Well, at least four things. First, into an instrument that is primarily a declaration of general principles, we have put legislation, and sumptuary, parochial legislation, and sumptuary, parochial legislation, at that. For the first time in our history, we are going to direct, by a Federal Amendment, the citizen's personal habits. Next, we have so firmly imbedded that sumptuary legislation in the Federal Constitution that at present 5,000,000 citizens could suc-



In referring to the much vaunted unused strength which served him

so well in war.

That the non-Catholic soldiers, too, have, by the imminent presence of death, been forced to reflect upon the things worth while is abundantly evident. The record of conversions to the faith is not yet available, but reports indicate that they have been numerous. But apart from these conversions, there has been a general awakening, among the non Catholic soldiers, to the call ef religion. Many of their letters home reveal fact. The following this from a letter written by a first seroutside geant to his father, a professional man of New York City, illustrates the

> " Moreover, it has made many men more religious, though that is not just the word I want to use there. What I mean is that this life has given many opportunities for little acts of kindness and self-sacrifice that is the word I should have used, self-sacrifice.) It has been interesting to see how at first many m were rather ashamed to be caught doing something kind, or giving up something in return for the happi ness of generosity. Later, however, the principle of sharing everything with the other fellow became as hab itual and binding as the custom of saluting officers really became instinctive. As for religion in itself, all I can say is that no man can go through one battle, with its everoccurring miracles of courage and self abnegation, where one juggles with death at every step, coming back with an iron-bound faith in Divine guidance. "Lastly, every man Jack of us has

given more time to serious thought than we ever did before in our lives. For a little instance, let me tell you that last night I listened to two men in bunks near mine, one of them an uneducated Russian from the Ukraine and the other an illiterate coalwagon driver from Philadelphia, discussing the underlying principles of this war, and trying to was necessary for so called civilized nations to take up arms against one whole word that unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it has build it. mar, I was ashamed to admit that One further point needs emphas. they were going desper into many

> to focus our mental lens, newly clari fied by our experiences over here on our lives 'befo' the war.' and have been rendered capable of seeing that some of our ideas and ideals were wrong, and I feel safe in saying that good resolutions' have been more formed by Americans in France since war started than were made on all the New Year's days of the past ten years. Toere is one salient difference, though, and that is the proportion of these resolutions which er than the proverb al New Year's

one. Therefore, taking it all in all I feel safe in saying that I expect you will find me greatly changed when you next see me. Not physically you next see me. Not physically for outside of a couple of scars and a pair of frosted ears I bear no physical signs of my trip, but mentally, for I believe I will have shed a little of the queerness with most of my thinking and feeling, and have become just a normal, ordinary creature, giving a little more thought We, too, as Catholics, have our to things worth while, and pitching

of view it affords many consolations
—Catholic Union and Times.

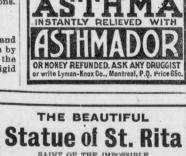
As a pilot sharpens his vision and the musician improves his touch by continuous practice, so too, does the mind become more acute by rigid training.-Kremer J. Hoke.

NUNS IN THE MOUNTAINS

the influenza epidemic struck the straggling villages in the mountains of Kentucky and Tennessee with a malice that was spared us, the health authorities found themselves without nursing forces to meet the situation. The failure of the mountaineers to understand even the first principles of hygiene and sanitation aggravated the situa-tion. Southern prejudice was overcome sufficiently by the alarming situation to call upon the Catholic Sisterhoods for aid. Many of the nuns had been nursing epidemic victims in the military cantonments, but as soon as the disease had loos ened its grip there, they hurried up into the mountains to extend their ministrations. For many a mountain town it was the first their ministrations. For glimpse of a Catholic Sister. They had heard of her before, from the pens of her vilifiers. What, then, must have been the thought of the mountaineers on seeing the Sister come to them in the hour of sickness and death, to find that she was indeed all the Church's enemies denied her? The Sisters left the mountains when the mic had bren checked, and returned to their convents. It would be interesting, though, could their work be gauged, not only in its aspects of physical mercy but in the vanquishing of the other disease that was eating at the hearts of the mountaineers, bigotry. No more potent agent could have been introduced into the narrow mountain life than the presence of the Sisters. afforded the opportunity for using the most powerful counteraction against bigotry, personal contact Wherever bigotry is not rooted in selffade after an extended contact with Catholics. Personal experience far outweighs the word, written or spoken of another.-Chicago New World.

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