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### Peter veregia

one Char or end Pouriobors.

The Doughovor community, though Isoci, also Chancellot of the exche-

Or law there have been wars beture, if anything which occurs among man. these secretive people can be carred open, reter veregin has turned his mean like Turk," says Paul Zenopin, office, half post office—works with his mean like Turk, says radi contents of a non-community man. "He was burn on the border and is more Turk than piration rolling from his brow. This can they tolerate that the people can they tolerate the people can they tolerate that the people can they tolerate the can they tolerate they can they tolerate the can they tolerate they can they tolerate they can they tolerate they can they ent he is earning his bread by the content, Peter tell me with gentleness plows, or harvests, or makes bricks;

to be humble. He has a lear of alone, and he keeps the women. Not motto from the "Psalm of Life:"

dor of a calld, but all the while his of the community has been a strong eyes with their baming expression, factor of his success. The common are fixed upon your face as though to Doukhobor has been under orders so discover how much or how little of long, has come in or gone out at this you credit. Possessing certain the word of command, that he has tacts which relate to rever, and not little self-reliance. He is afraid to possessing the discretion of the Douk- take the initiative, afraid of the coma doubter, whereupon he gives you a strangers he goes among. With his smile, which is in itself a compliment mate refusing to go with him, and ance of power then, hold it now-Peto your discernment.

The leader may be of the meek-he to give him a portion of the com. certainly is inneriting the earth-but mon fund, he is apt to put off the if so his looks belie him. Peter the hour ofhis departure as long as he Czar they call him in that part of can. hopor villages. Here is a picture of manual, the statement contradiction familiar to many: a big man maid, less still in their partings, ed or confirmed by the real Veregin sian carriage, drawn by four shining a rule. we might, for want of a better word that cases of desertion occur among term self-dependence. He has faith in you?"

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from his judgment. The native who munity. No great house and lordly say nard things about thin, but to his face they say nothing at all.

There is a quality in him which all that the there is a quality in him which all the lives in the lives There is a quality in him which and the little thatched cottage fronting one same doctrine and morals, have been surveyed. tween two. Following an open rup the Czar is the power of Peter the children; he works—this counts most

to the harvest heids, where at pressix years, and when I say I am not "I am no better than the man who red interest? Advanced sentincis, sweat of his brow among the com- to go. But he refuse me my share of no better than any who work in our attract the attention of fathers of horses, cattle, or money, and ne wills big mills grinding grain. We are all "reter does not favor pilgrimages, my woman stay in the community. one," he says, in that candid, gentle threaten their children. And although but he goes to make one small pli- 'Come,' I say to her. 'We can work voice of his; and you believe him and every French citizen has the right to grimage of his own, is Simeon kel- and get farm of our own, but she are about to call rumor a lying jade. make his voice heard and to utter his om s explanation of the leader's ap- hang back like damn broncho. 'I will when of a sudden there flashes into complaints to the supreme authorisence from the council. 'He desires come maybe—some day—I don't know his blue eyes the pride that will not ties, the truth proclaimed by the to be humple, so he works among the she tell me, but I have lived four down, the ambition which is stronger bishops becomes an object of hatred

right maybe. What you think?" Simeon Reibin speaks with the call- Peter's influence upon the women honor, you let him learn that you are munity he leaves behind, and of the the head of the community refusing

Saskatchewan surrounding the Douk- There is little real sentiment in the hopor villages. Here is a picture of mating of a Doukhobor man and

black horses, accompanied by the wo- "Having no marriage ceramony, you men of his household, and attended have no law to appeal to. Do you by six outriders. As he sits up head find that cases of desertion occur?' and shoulders above the others-Peter It was a very learned person who the Czar is six feet three and broad put this question to Peter of late. in proportion-he is strength and He answered it by asking another. pride personified. There is a lordli- "You have marriage ceremony and ness in his bearing, and a something you have law, but do you not find

himself. Those arms got their sinew No one doubts the astuteness of doing hard labor for the Russian gov- Peter the Czar. He has welded his to a Quaker a tale of deep distress, ernment in the wilds of Siberia, and people and his plans, has encouraged and concluded by saying: the hand showing brown against the and intimidated at will. The disci- "I could not but feel for him." knee of his trousers-trousers made pline he practices is a severe one. He by a Bond street tailor—is muscular learned it in his sixteen long years of er, "thou didst right in that thou by a Bond street tallor—is muscular relative in the extreme. The suppleness of his service in Siberia. Those years have didst feel for thy neighbor, but didst figure is due to the long marches left their stamp. They taught him across waste places. His dark eyes high things as well as hard, for he are speculative, unsmiling, almost had as fellow prisoner a prince of the sullen. In spite of his forty odd blood, a man of ideals. But the years of strenuous life, his face is harshness and the high thinking alike Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in tations, dearly beloved children, we not lined, and yet the youth has been keep him from coming very close to

the heart of his people. His wife called him "autocrat," and went back FRANCE AND to Russia to live, taking their son with her. His people acknowledge him "autocrat," but fear to give him the name. Watching Peter the Czar one feels a growing admiration for the woman who had the courage of her convictions. It would be no easy

matter to desert Peter the Czar. Throughout the Doukhobor community in western Canada his word has been law up till now. To be sure, in the council chamber men and women alike speak on the various matters of interest. There is free speech, but it counts for little when we rememstate in his Russian carriage; he lives of young and good looking maidens the address on the occasion. from the surrounding villages, and whether he be meek or not, his air is the air of a potentate. The dark

ambitious enough to be a menace. ong," say the non-community Douk-

which made those ten thousand acres power of Jesus Christ and of pay for themselves, and which last of who represents Christ on eart year saw to the planting of over for- "Assuredly, no one can find ty thousand fruit tress upon them. word 'persecution' excessive, sinc His schemes are big ones and he car- enemies have openly risen up

knows no discouragement. and report says he aspires to more their your from us. some face, the "trained" face of a the course of time the mantle of than this. He has been told that in man who has had to keep his leadership will fall upon his shouldthoughts covered. You get the im- ers. He has served a long apprenticepression that his heart is hard and rained as well.

He loves his people and he loves power. He represents the community, its wealth in land, in stock, in manufactories and in labor. His court is supreme, there is no appeal munity as well as one with the comquarrels with his rule goes out nak- ways, no fashionable clothes, or fored and ashamed, as it were. Rehind mal rules for Simeon. He talks man his back the discontented of his people to man with his fellows; he has their unter to man with his fellows; he has the man with his fellows; he has the man with his fellows; he has the man with his fellows and his with his fellows and his with his fellows; he has the man with his fellows and his with his fellows and his with hi say hard things about him, but to liking and as much of their confidence unty or conscience as my anectronace city and on good authority it is leartagonises, but which also subdues.

Over and beyond the power of Peter

Anna and Mary play with the other Over and beyond the power of Peter Anna and Mary play with the other outy.

of all-with them and for them in "He is Turk, greedy like Turk, that modest building, half business

poorest, eats what they eat, sleeps four year alone and she come not.

The women think Peter is like a god;

Simeon Reibin is the future leader who govern, and not only of they keeps him one with the community. they kneel to him. Pack of fools they of the Doukhobors. Thr question is, take from these bishops the right of

> 'Trust no future, howe'er pleasant; Let the dead past bury its dead; Act, act in the living present-"

The first Doukhobor council contained four men, one of whom was Peter, another Simeon and one woman. The present council boasts a hundred men and fifty women, but the same two men who held the balter the Czar and Simeon the prime minister.

"Simeon is the man," the Doukhobor, who is an outsider will tell you with conviction. "He is all-round good. He will be big man of all in year or two-you see." When you try to get this statement contradictfolk, they smile their childlike smile. and reply with their usual vagueness "Peter all right maybe. Simeon much clever man; we guess so-make leader some day; next year, ten year, I don't know. What you t'ink ?" and

is our own affair; I don't know." PRACTICAL SYMPATHY

smile on you with a warmth which.

interpreted means: "Go to -; this

A gentleman was one day relating "Verily, friend," replied the Quak-

thou feel in the right place? Didst Lord, who will not fail to hear our thou feel in thy pocket ?"

# THE CHURCH

The Pope Addresses French Bids Them Be of Good Cheer as Right Will Win.

Rome, Dec. 13.—The pope has given perhaps more noticeable is the fearaudience to 300 pilgrims from France less way in which he characterized ber that this one man holds the pros- in the hall of the Consistory. Mon- the conduct pursued by the French perity of the community in the hol-low of his hand. He rides out in low of his hand. He rides out in and several other French bishops and discourse has created an immense in state in a house renowned for its distinguished persons were present. workmanship, its hand carving—a The pilgrims belonged to the associa- gans are indulging in bitter attacks very palace in comparison to the cottion of "Notre Dame du Salut" and on the Holy See. tages about it; he has his council the protector of this association. chamber, his garden, his household Cardinal Vincento Vannutelli, read

French. He said. eyes gazing suspiciously, always sustestimonies of devotion and affection of Mr. Balfour's indisposition. The piciously, on this daily growing empire in a rich new world, sees per-firming to us the consoling news that greatest possible handicap if prolonghaps the coming of a new man. Any-comes to us so frequently from ed. The Christmas lull is thus doub way it is asserted that the reason of the recent falling out of Peter the Czar and Simeon Reibin was the diversaries of Catholicity strive to John Burns also found himself under the solution that his prime to the solution of the constituency to the constituence of t former's conviction that his prime wage war against religion and to able to speak to his constituency to minister was powerful enough and persecute the sacred ministers who night; a big fire occurred near his reteach it, as well as the faithful who sidence and with his indomitable en There will be a new le der before profess it openly, the faith in France ergy the president of the local gov-

This Simeon Reibin was a member as a word of bitterness in the ears of ing with scorched clothes and a bat of the first Doukhobor council held in some, but we appeal to the conscience tered hat and his arm in a cling. As Canada. He was a good looking lad of the whole world. It is possible several fatalities had taken place at then, he is one still. The buying and for any one to qualify otherwise the the conflagration, the meeting adselling are done by him; the business doings of those who, after having ar- journed. of the community—and it is no small bitrarily torn up the solemn agree—
one: witness the fact that the freight ment made with the church, and by a a fillip in the shape of a gift of £10,bill paid by the community to the manifest usurpation laid their hands 000 to Winston Churchill by the Dun-Canadian Northern for the last nine upon its sacred patrimony, after hav- dee jute manufacturers, for defence of months amounted to fifty thousand ing, in stiffing every sentiment of pi- face trate, which probably will be dollars-passes through his hands. He ty and gratitude, driven from their very grateful for the funds. is both secretary and treasurer of the country citizens of high merit, who The speakers tonight include Rt. Doukhobor Trading Co, which handles belong to the religious order, after Hon. Augustine Birrell and Sir E. a million dollars yearly. It was in having calumniously passed off the Grey. The former said the present his fertile brain that the scheme of ministers of the sanctuary as enem- house of lords was jerry built, the buying ten thousand acres of forest ies of the republic because they claim House in future in the second chambin British Columbia and making of it in favor of religion and the church, er must be differently composed. "We the largest fruit farm in the world, the liberty and respect to which they are in a joyous mood," he declared, originated. It was his executive abil- have an inviolable right; can anyone with his customary cheerfulness, "we ity which saw to it that an army of we ask, qualify in other terms the scent vistory.' Doukhobors was marched off on a work of those who, after all this, do Sir E. Grey at Sunderland replied pilgrimage of work, to clear the land not blush to denounce as foreign to to the severely personal attack by to put up saw mills, to start lumber France the power of the church. Duke of Northumberland, and also yards. It was his executive ability which is as much to say the ve

ries them out with a zeal which have leagues themselves toge against the Lard and against He is the power behind the throne, Chilst, Saying, 'Let us case a

> "incy seem to suppress even to sout moment against your promops, accused of being tartainly submissive way will be bought up within an-

schools, by the constratint which is city. A boom in real estate is exsnall be betrayed in their most sactamilies upon the dangers which See, he says, 1 am strong, strong, and work is good—good for me, lor they kneel to mim. Fack of looks they be; Peter is no god, just blz black how long will he be contented to instructing the faithful in their duty, wait? It would seem from recent deput they reach even to the point of contents of the point of you we are all aliae. Peter desires leave, but they are afraid to live velopments that he has taken his exciting and sustaining those who would drag them before the tribun-

> "But this disloyal and open persecution does not intimidate our venerable brothers, the bishops of France, or cause them or us to lose either constancy or courage in the struggle. For we know that the church here below is militant, and we, ministers of Jesus Christ, should represent our head no less in the preaching of His doctrine than in the reproduction of His sufferings, and the more severe the struggle is the more powerful will the assistance of heaven be felt.

> "Nevertheless, it does not belong to us, we will say to you, according to the words of Judith to the people of Israel, it does not belong to us to set a term to the patience of God towards his enemies, nor to fix the day of our deliverance. This would not be the means of attracting His mercy towards us, but rather of prolonging His rigors. Let us await with humconfidence and in the faithful fulfilment of our own duty, the hour of His consolations. He will know how to revindicate our tears against our

On your return home bring to your brethren the benediction which we accord you with our whole heart. Recommend to all that which we recommend to you, to keep united to your bishops, to aid them on their distresses, to console them in their sorrows by the Christiao dignity of your life, and by your obedience to their directions, and thus you may justly confide in the mercy of the prayers and come to our assistance.

accord to you and your families, with

heart, the Apostolic benediction.'

This discourse, pronounced with marked emphasis by the pope, noted the most profound impression on those who listened to it. Pius X., in pronouncing the more vigorous phrases on the re-vindication of the right Bishops on Their Wrongs— to liberty in the church of France, was himself deeply moved.

The discourse which Pope Pius delivered to the French pilgrims is calculated to bring the Catholics of France more together and to unite them to their bishops. But what is,

British Campaign.

The pope replied to the address in London, Dec. 20 .- There is naturally the greatest disappointment in "Your presence and your solemn Conservative circles at the renewal

ernment board gave great assistance "The word 'persecution' may sound and subsequently arrived at the meet-

eclared that the House of Lords was aly a permanent opposition to the iberal party.

Lord Beresford at Pembroke, reitgrated his determination to speak out nless things naval were put right. he public had been misled by the imiralty and the press bureau, hich has done away with the good ling and comradeship in the navy.

Prince Albert, Dec. 19 .- The G. T. P. right of way agent who was in "The vouctable bishops of France, week guaranteed the bonds of the G. the agricultural grounds and run which is done to souls by the lay parallel to the C.N.R. through the

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(Continued Stenovics greeted l smoothed away his app quainted him with the mission and with the gis which he was to car seemed more placid tor some time back, possib

had got Stafnitz quietly "Beg M. Zerkovitch to to Baroness Dobrava that to Lepage) as soon a to urge her to listen to we shall be ready to t every consideration-any son and any provision It's all in my letter, b my behalf, Lepage." "I shouldn't think sh title or money, general,

bluntly.
"You think she's dis doubt, no doubt! She'll ready to see the usel longing her present attit almost vehement as he on a large map which



here, Lepage. This will be at Kolskoi-her finger by the spot. morning he'll start ba travel well, and-yeshave his guns bere by than a week from now. day night he ought to r Friday Rapska, on Sat at Miklevni. Yes, on Sa at Miklevni! That wo here on Sunday. Yes, klevni on Saturday, I th ed up at Lepage aimd
"If she hesitates, sh
They're bound to be her

Lepage cocked his he and looked at the mini ly. It all sounded v Colonel Stafnitz would at Miklevni on Saturd course, arduous thoug would be, they could I in two or three days m ly no use resisting.

Stenovics passed a p page. "For your neces he said. Lepage took which felt well filled, "The baroness mayn't what I've been saying vics. "But Lukovitel inch of the river. He' plain if she asks him present her with my and sympathy-my sy as a private person,

page."
"I think," said Leps capable of looking at ment yourself, general making the colonel go "No, no; the barge "But he has a large "Oh, dear, no! A

dred strong, Lepage.'
about a hundred, I th "Ah, then he migh page agreed, still ver "You'll start at or asked. "Within an hour." "That's right. We necessary risks. De He held out his ha

page's warmly. "You I respect and share king's death." Which king, gene "Oh, oh! King Alex must listen to the Our new king lives voice of the nation, "Ah," said Lepag General Stenovics with a broad smile, representatives with amused if he repeat the shoulder which was a congratulatio

so very inarticulate

yet Volseni lated from pening. No nothing reached m state of affairs in did not know the quarreling about the diplomatists haknew only that ye in Slavna by rea murder and again who was dead; chosen Sophia for