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adopted, it was attempted to con-tinue the reign of international law and end war by establishing a way up to it, and finds that the vil-tribunal, which would adopt certain lage has not been completely evacuformulas — formulas taken from Papal Bulls; and the first step was to exclude from the judicial tribunal, thus established to maintain international law, that Pope who was the source of it. The consequences of joke of Christendom. To day it can-not ever be reached by the nations plunged in desperate struggle.

There is but one remedy remain-ing. That has been effective in the ing. ast and will be effective in the future. The only moral authority that is existent to day, that is the Papacy, is ready again to lead the nations of the earth back to peace and prosperity. They must come to it. There is no other source they can reach. The necessity for selfpreservation will send them to invoke his aid, even though they continue War. deny his spiritual mission.

It is merely a question of time when that authority will be recognized. How it is to be enforced I do not know. But I do know that in all the relations of man there are certain rules which are higher than the statutes. The ambulance in our streets has the right of way over every other vehicle. No law gives us that. It needs no policeman to enforce it. If any driver had the temerity to disregard it, there would be spectators ready to tear him from his cart, and probably tear him to Catechism, which, thanks to a good pieces, or at least damage him seriously

exists today, with the strongest force arranged to come again as often as he of law in the world And so, in could, so that the children might be to international affairs, how is the Pope to interfere? The machinery with on the approaching Feast of the which it is to be effected lies still within the knowledge of Almighty God. But the necessity for it is already apparent : and whatever man discovers is necessary to his exist-ence, he soon find means of provid-

You and I know that this must because God Almighty has been defied, and His purposes are made plain by the events that are coming and made conspicuous. God be defied, but He cannot be resisted. I can defy the law of gravity or attempt to do so, by walk ing out of a ten story window; but the inert mass that remains will be at once the monument of the power of that law and of my folly in attempting to defy it. So the power of Almighty God may be defied, with infinite injury to those who defy it ; but it remains there immovable ; and he who holds that authority here to day held it from the beginning and will hold it to the end. This Pope may die before the

Church is recognized, but the Papacy will last, and that authority must continue. We can pray that the day be speeded, and we can count upon the fact that this world will have a new birth of freedom and peace, and a new era of prosperity, the greatest it has éver known, because Our Who has gone before us Saviour, tells us that if we ask anything in His Name it shall be granted unto

You are invited to ask for this peace and prosperity. We are given the very words in which our peti tions are to be phrased. The Lord's prayer embraces all the wisdom prayer embraces all the wisdom which can deal with the terrible problem of preserving institutions. There we recognize the authority and the paternity of Our Father Who and the paternity of Our Father Who is in Heaven, and ask reverence for the kneeling throng of officers and the kneeling throng of officers and throng for the the challee. This bowl though very gracefully wrought in the thread for common in the

take the place of morality was German shells have wrought their keep in mind the sacredness of the work of destruction. Late as is the hour, the priest-soldier makes his together with other ecclesiastical, articles, in a subterranean chamber ated, for there are still a few women, children and old people left in it. He hurries along its single street, upon which some Arab workmen had chanced to strike while sinking a well along the Orontes, in Syria. location, according to tradition, marked the site of an ancient church enters the church, and kneels down in prayer. A few moments later, of which no vestige now remains above ground, but which is thought to when about to leave, he noticed a poor old woman telling her beads, and asked her where the curé lived. "M. le curé is mobilized," she answered; "the parish has been without a priest for two years." have been identical with the great cathedral built by Constantine in Antioch. The sacred vessel, which may then have been regarded as a

"I am a priest," he told her ; "we precious relic of Apostolic days, might readily have been presented to are encamped only two miles from here, and I will come back during the week and say Mass, so let the people the church by the first Christian Emperor, and might finally have been know." The village was told, and the church was full when, on the folhidden away in the buried chamber the church was full when, on the fol-lowing Sunday, the priest began the Holy Sacrifice in presence of these advanced by Dr. Gustavus A. Eisen, poor people, who had been deprived of Mass since the beginning of the whose learned report was originally printed in the American Journal of Archeology, and who is at present missa est" was propreparing an elaborate work upon

The "Ite nounced, but the congregation did the subject. not move. They were waiting for the priest, and when he came out of the sacristy told him of the sick to be Syrian owner of the treasure the writer made a careful study of the visited, and brought the children to him. His questions to the little chalice in the vault where it is kept at present. It had previously been ones revealed that they had been unable to make their first Com munion, and that for two years they had been longing with all their army at the outbreak of the War brought about its rapid transfer to

hearts for the great day. Straightway the priest-soldier set to work to examine them in their anywhere except in a cathedral." soul who had got them together from had been covered with a thick coattime to time and supplied the place How that was established we do of a pastor as far as possible, they not know. But we do know that it knew sufficiently well. And so he ing of oxide, which has been skilfully me of ostade, which has been skillen removed by the famous restorer, M. André of Paris, but the silver matrix, we are told, had crystallized in the course of centuries and is now so brittle that the slightest tap with a pencil would cause the relic to Assumption.

> archeologists, M. Froehner of Paris, M. Migeon of the Louvre, and Sir The great day dawned. It was 3 o'clock in the morning, and the Charles Read of the British Museum, regiment was waiting ready for their return to the trenches. The priest-soldier's first thought was for the Communion of his little ones, and had examined the chalice before the removal of the oxidation and declared it to be genuine and antique. This testimony was confirmed in America by Dr. Edward Robinson, his eyes moistened with tears as he breathed a heartfelt prayer that God would not disappoint these little souls of such goodwill by delay. of Art in New York. Together with another chalice of less value, a large Officers and men were equipped ready ceremonial cross and three book to go. The priest gazed sadly at the covers, all of silver, and now in the possession of the Kouchakji Frères of hillside, brightening to gold in the morning sun. The time fixed for the What could be done ?

> trea-ure. Suddenly what seemed like a dark line of shadow was seen on the hill-side, broken here and there with altogether delightful. It is a work white specks, which shone out bright of high artistic value, graceful in in the morning light. The soldiers form, rich in sculptural art and yet watched the line grow longer as it drew near. It was the people of the and that the priest was unable to go to them. They were therefore com-work of an artist familiar with ing to him. Young and old had set out to act as escort to the communi-whose characteristics it clearly bears cants and the little girls in white. The priest soldier also understood.

A word to the commander and to the was done. An altar was quickly im-provised, round which the people,

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the fingers of the priest closed upon them in holding the cup when partaking of the Precious Blood or administering it to the people.

There can be no reasonable doubt in the mind of any one that the seated figure at the right of the Christ, on the front of the chalice, In his company and that of the represents St. Peter. The other figures may possibly be determined in the course of time by comparison with the earliest representations of the Apostles hitherto discovered. All the Twelve are not pictured on the cup, and it is the writer's own opinion that the seated figure oppo-America. "It is too sacred," re-marked Dr. Eisen, "to be exhibited site St. Peter is none other than St. Paul. That all the figures represent Apostles, including the great Apostle of the Gentiles, would appear to be When originally found, the chalice indicated by the fact that they are set upon thrones with the Christ.

or discuss the arguments for the antiquity of the chalice, whose prob able date Dr. Eisen places, for convincing reasons, between the years fifty-seven and eighty-seven of our break into fragments. The noted era, assigning, of course, an earlier date for the interior cup. Specula tions, though perfectly licit, would lead us far afield. Attention is there would fore called in conclusion to what may be considered the most remark able characteristic of the sculptured work; the striking individuality of each of the faces represented.

them as portraits. The difference in the great silver chalice were found type and expression could not be more marked, and would seem to indicate that they were either taken directly from life, or from the descriptions given the artist by those who ceremony was now passed. He had not been able to keep his tryst, and all his heart was with the little ones. ments of silver that filled an entire sack. So much for the history of the wrought in spite of their minuteness. Others at first appear as a mere blur due in part, if not entirely, to oxida-tion, but stand out with lifelike realism of expression when carefully examined under intense light and magnification. The workmanship is not always equally perfect, but the village approaching. Away yonder they had understood what was afoot, from those of the Catacombs It is raft. The figures themselves are entirely classical in their drapery, repose of posture and skillful finish.

on the front of the chalice, is beardless, as He is likewise pictured in other early representations. The upper portion of His features seems

to have been wrought in some conventional manner, producing the desired effects of light and shade at a words as ad quately descriptive of



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the work of an artist familiar with the and from which it cannot, it would seem, be far removed.

We are not therefore surprised at men who could sing, and the thing Dr. Eisen's conclusion that the applied exterior ornaments of the chalice could not have been produced Children and soldiers gathered. Quickly the priest vested and began the Mass, while the choir commenced interior bowl itself, for which the Saviour has given us in His own the Mass, while the choir commenced a hymn to the Sacred Heart. After sculptured ornaments serve as a words as ad quately descriptive of

try the horse for a try the said "All right, but p me first, and I'll give i money if me first, and I'll give you back your money if the korse isn't alright." Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse waan "airight" and that I migh have to whistle for my mon ey if I once parted So I didn't buy the And I said to myself, lot

We cannot here enter into details,

It is no exaggeration to speak of The face of Our Lord, as He appears

His will be don 3, on earth, as it is in soldiers. Heaven.

When the laws are recognizednot the laws which find their way into the statute books, which merely attempt to compel obedience to the morality of the majority. but the spontaneous action of all the people, such as establishes the right of way for the abundance in a crowded street, when this is embodied in our laws, then indeed may we turn to them with confidence that our daily bread will be given to us in abundance. Then will the peace of the world be secure, when we learn to forgive .--- The Monitor.

A BIT OF BLUE

The following moving incident has been given in the Semaine Religiouse du Puy, from the account of a priestsoldier :

It is the time of relief for the Regiment, who, bent under the heavy load of their kit, are marching to the rear. They are brave fellows for whom the machine-gun and trench misery have no further terrors, yet the thought of repose cheers them and brightens their countenances. Young blues and old poilus feel their hearts beating in unison ; they are proud of having recaptured the reearth. doubt, and are now experiencing to the full the joy of relief after the battle. As they leave the fighting and of the old mothers whom they will see and whose anxious hearts

first century, is curiously left with At this solemn moment young out finishing touches. The highly plues and old poilus were deeply artistic workmanship therefore moved, and saw again the little the pierced silver sculpture work into which the bowl was inserted at they themselves had received God

for the first time. knapsack, and a little later, their hearts full of the scene they had witnessed, the soldiers formed up and marched off to the trenches.

THE GREAT CHALICE OF ANTIOCH

For centuries Christians have longed to look upon a lifelike portrait of Christ and His Apostles.

in the present writer when he read represents twelve grapevines growthe preliminary report on the Great ing from an encircling band at the Chalice of Antioch, which was said to base of the cup. The leafy branches, Contain "the earliest portraits of Christ and the Apostles," and to date back to the days when at least one of twelve loops, in each of which is a throne with a seated figure. Doves eyes with his hands had touched the Word of life, was still a dweller upon and a hare is feeding at the foot of

altar?

The relic is in the possession of another. Directly beneath the centhe Syrian firm of Kouchakji Férres, tral figure of the Christ at the front line, they dream on the march of their countrysides, of coming leave, for greater safety to New York. An wings perched upon a basket of bread, appointment was immediately made with the local representative of the perfect bunch of grapes.

will see and whose anxious hearts they will reassure.
Among them is a young priest-soldier from the Nivernais. His tooghts are of the altar, for it is long since he has been able to offer the horizon to discover the house of God, and at last he believes he has found it.
Dominating the plain on which the statered church, upon which the
Will the local representative of the firm, a Syrian by birth, and a son of the Kouchakji brothers. The latter, in common with sixteen partners, the writer was told, had originally purchased the treasure from the excavators, and then has the believes he has found it.
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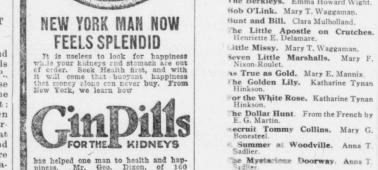
WORDS WORTHY OF A GREAT MAN

Catholics of every age will find much that is edifying in the words with which Mr. Timothy Healy, M. P., a later date evidently indicates that it was held in veneration because of Then, the children's thanksgiving over, the priest soldier slung his improbable that the hands of the Apostles themselves may have held it when, according to the Master's "I would rather that my children it when, according to the Master's command, they repeated over it the understood their religion in preparsame words which the priest repeats ation for the world to come, than that today over the sacred chalice at the they should be rich, prosperous and educated people in this world. I care

Its general outline and size can be very little for your so-called educabriefly described. It consists of an tion. I cannot spell myself. I can-egg-shap-d cup of silver, whose not parse an English sentence. I

capacity in two and a half liters, set cannot do the rule of three. I am in a gilded outer cup of pierced silver supposed to know a little law, but I which is separated from the foot of think that is a mistake. But there the chalice by a very narrow node. is one thing that I and mine have got of the Divine Saviour was still fresh in the minds of men. More than mere curiosity was therefore around The answer to their desire must be the work of a master hand, wrought evidently have been held in both Christ to come, and a belief that our ing to the teachings of their faith, they put into practice the lessons they receive in the Catholic schools. -Catholic Transcript.

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