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A Day With the Pope

INTIMATE DETAILS OF LIFE AT THE VATICAN.

Very few of the thousands of pilgrims who have seen Pope Pius XI. this Jubilee Year, who have kissed his hand, received his apostolic blessing, and a commemorative medal from his hands, know how he lives, how he spends those busy days, which begin at six in the morning and do not end until after midnight. (writes a special reporter, who has been in the Vatican).

They see him dressed in his long white robes, surrounded by members of the Pontifical Court, Cardinals in scarlet, and chamberlains of the Pontifical Court, dressed in the high red and black knee breeches, relics of the past, but by prelates in purple and black, who wear the enormous puffed sleeves, the long and narrow pointed, pointed by the artistic genius of the Renaissance—rooms were enough in the Vatican to make more than one West End flat.

They admire His Holiness's Swiss Guards, in their uniform of red and yellow, with their halberds and helmets; or the Noble Guards, in their cuirass and surcoat. And they think of the Pontiff as ever surrounded by these outward forms of state.

But when Pope Pius XI. retires to his private apartments, high up in that same palace of the Vatican, he becomes a recluse, through a very hard-worked recluse in life.

Clockwork Precision.

He rises at six in the morning, but his first mass of the day he says in the chapel of his private apartment after midnight. All the same, His Holiness says mass there again on rising. Prelates of his household, and some privileged persons, especially invited, attend this mass. After mass he passes into the dining-room and partakes of a simple breakfast, consisting of a small cup of coffee with a dry biscuit, which he dips into the coffee. The work of the day then begins. And his day is regulated with clockwork precision.

He goes to his private library—not the smaller one in his private apartment, but one on the lower floor—and receives his Cardinal Secretary of State, and the important matters connected with the diplomatic and political activities of the Holy See are gone into.

These things take up the Pontiff's time until eleven o'clock, at which hour he begins his daily series of private audiences. First to be received are those Cardinals resident in Rome who may have to report on the business peculiar to their respective offices and congregations; then Italian and foreign persons of distinction in the church, and sometimes diplomats accredited by foreign countries to the Holy See.

But for ordinary business such diplomats are received by the Cardinal Secretary of State. With all, Pope Pius is calm, courteous, and brief.

At one o'clock His Holiness takes a small glass of cognac and begins the most tiring part of his arduous day's work. Accompanied by his Court, he crosses the Throne Hall, the Ducal Hall, and the Royal Hall, where the pilgrims await him. To every four or five he extends his hand for the kissing of the ring.

Almost always the pilgrim throng, often running to a thousand, sometimes even to two thousand souls, is then gathered in the Hall of the Benediction, where the Pope pronounces a speech of welcome, admonition, and comfort. This is translated into whatever language the pilgrims may require: for the pilgrims are almost invariably grouped according to their respective countries, and Italians according to their cities or provinces. But with French, German, and Spanish pilgrims, the Pope speaks to them in their own tongues.

This done, he bestows the apostolic blessing. Each pilgrim is then given a jubilee medal—which very often the Pope distributes with his own hands. He then returns to his own apartments and dinner is served in his private dining-room. The Pope always partakes of their meals alone. The principal meal of the day consists of soup, a little fish or meat with vegetables, and either cheese or fruit, followed by a small cup of coffee. Pius XI. drinks a small glass of white wine occasionally.

When there is a solemn function of sanctification, the Pope goes surrounded by his Court to St. Peter's basilica in the morning. When a beatification, he goes in the late afternoon, after the ceremonial has taken place, and venerates the newly beatified.

Occasionally His Holiness himself celebrates mass in St. Peter's, in the presence of thousands of pilgrims, and distributes communion to a certain number thereof. In very hot weather, he receives pilgrims in one of the spacious courts of the Vatican.

Dinner over, His Holiness again goes into his personal library, looks at a newspaper or a review, writes some strictly personal letter, exchanges a few words with his two secret chamberlains on duty for the week, who act as private secretaries, and sits in an arm-chair for half an hour. But he hardly ever sleeps during the day.

Listening To 21.0.

At half-past four to the minute the Pope takes his daily walk or drive in the Vatican gardens. The gardens are the Pope's only recreation grounds.

After exactly an hour in the gardens, the Pope returns to the palace and begins his audience again. They last until seven. As soon as they are over, he proceeds to his private chapel and recites the rosary with his two secret chamberlains and two personal servants.

At night, after a supper yet more frugal than the dinner—for the meat or fish course is left out—His Holiness again engages in prayer. Then he studies for an hour or so, and says mass after midnight.

At last the long day is over and he retires.

Without change of air, through the most oppressively hot weeks of summer when Rome is swept by the damp, hot sirocco wind from African deserts, it is a marvel that Pope Pius, performing the superhuman work entailed by the Holy Year, robust as he is, keeps well.

Later in the evening, part of the time allotted for studying is given to "listening." A British firm installed a radio apparatus for the Pope, and he delights in the concerts which he hears from Rome and Milan, from London, Paris, Berlin, and other European capitals.—TH-Bits.

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Whether Nature compensates the left-handed by endowing them with special talents is a matter of speculation. The fact, however, remains that the left-handed are, in brain power, far superior to the right-handed. A schoolmaster, through whose hands thousands of boys have passed, is emphatic on that point. No left-handed boy is, or could be, a fool in his dictum.

The explanation advanced by scientists is this: The left side of the body is controlled by the right half of the brain, and vice versa. And as the left-handed use their right hands considerably more than right-handed folk use their left hands, the result is that the left-handed call into play, use, and develop their whole brain, and not one-half and a fraction.

National Prejudices

Claude C. Washburn, in the London Nineteenth Century, in all countries national prejudices are strongest among the uneducated and the half-educated; whereas the more truly cultivated men become, the less marked in them will be their national differences. There are no barriers between an intelligent educated American and an intelligent educated Englishman or Italian—merely subtle distinctions in point of view that add to the richness of their mutual relationship. Their nationality is behind them, not with them. Men of genuine cultivation grow impatient at all the fault-finding of nationalism. They find themselves too similar to men of other countries to believe any longer in the grosser national generalizations. Indeed, they distrust generalizations of any sort, and grow more and more inclined to take everything, fact by fact, as they find it. Thus, as the mature man whose development has not halted, feels an increasing desire to get away from himself, so, too, does he feel an increasing desire to get away from his nationality—not, like the petty Anglophile or Francophile, into some other, but into a broader human fellowship.

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Then I said to him: "Fair copper, I'm aware that it is proper when you see a bus to stop her if she's hitting fifty miles; for the law must not be bested, of its sacred force divested; and I'm glad to be arrested when you pull the

trick with smiles. Roughneck coppers here and yonder often pinch me as I wander, and a lot of wrath they squander, roasting me to beat the band, while they spring their words unpriestly, there's within me, rising yeastily, feeling that the law is beastly, when such people for it stand. If we'd see the law respected let some peelers be selected who refuse to be

deflected from a courtesy that's fine; let them pinch the erring fellow, using language mild and mellow, showing naught of conduct yellow, wearing smiles akin to mine. If they all, like you, were tender, when they pinch some brass offender, they would not so much engender flaming hatred of the law; we would face the beak at morning to receive a fine and warning, and a smile would be adorning every sane defendant's jaw.

SETBACK TO CAROL SINGING.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Eng., Dec. 4—Carol singing by children in the streets from three to four weeks prior to Christmas, which has been the custom in England for hundreds of years, has suffered a setback. The local magistrates have decreed prosecution for any persons caught caroling within a fortnight of Christmas Day.

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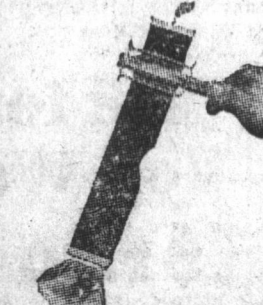
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