safeguarded with the same jealousy and care as the integrity of the nation itself. So once again the perennial attempt to impose this social curse upon the Italian people has been defeated.—The Antidote.

#### RT. REV. MGR. FRENCH

The following letter from Rome creating the Rev. F. L. French Protonotary Apostolic recites the reasons for conferring this great honor on the well-known War Chap-

Beloved Son, speaking of you in terms of the highest praise, the Bishop of Pembroke, Our Venerable Brother, Patrick Thomas Ryan, Brother, Patrick Thomas Ryan, tells Us that in the year 1916, while the terrible European War was still raging, you, moved by the spirit of Christian charity, and forgetful of your own comfort, volunteered for service in the corps of military chaplains, and discharged your duties so well therein, that you were, with the advice and approval of several Canadian Bishops, placed at the head of the chaplain service of the Canadian Army in France. The same Bishop goes on to say that during that time your life was one of toilsome and exhausting work for the spiritual interest of the soldiers, and that, though your health suffered severely in consequence, you carried on your pious under-taking until the end of the War. We are also informed that coming back to your native land, you have had your meritorious work recognized by the civil government through the titles and decorations of honor that have been conferred upon you, that you have taken up once more the accustomed duties of your sacred ministry and that you with results most fruitful, govyou all the faculties, rights, privinity, particularly in virtue of the Constitution concerning the College entered upon the records of the the Ford Peace Expedition, College of Protonotaries Apostolic, We decree that before enjoying the mark. It was through his efforts benefit of the present grant, you should make a Profession of Faith, according to the Articles proposed by the Holy See, before your Bishop, who, in this matter, will be the representative of the Dean of the It is as though we were mourning oresaid College; and an oath of fidelity in the terms of the printed did much for the Church in his sheet which We have also directed public life in Denmark, where the to be given you; and in short, that you observe all the formalities of which the above-mentioned Constitution prescribes the observance. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding. Given at Rome, from our system of appointing men to Saint Peter's, under the Fisherman's consular and diplomatic service and Ring, the 17th day of the month of September, in the year 1923, the second of Our Pontificate.

P. GASPARRI. Secretary of State. To Our Beloved Son

Parish-Priest. JUSTIFIED IN HAILING DAWN OF PEACE

FRANCIS LAURENCE FRENCH,

"The world seems, justified in hailing the dawn of reconciliation and final peace," said President Millerand on New Year's Day in replying to Mgr. Ceretti, Papal Nuncio, spokesman for the Diplomatic Corps at the New Year's re-

ception in the Presidential Palace.
The optimistic character of the President's words was in strong contrast with the material conditions under which the new year opened in Paris. The ceremonies took place in weather of the most forbidding sort. And yet, despite the depressing outlook and the dis-appointment and difficulties of the year just ended, the outstanding note in the speeches exchanged was one of hope and confidence in the year to come

Mgr. Ceretti and the French President both referred to the safe. The jewelry which formerly adorned them has been removed and vicissitudes of 1923, the representative of the Pontiff pointing out, however, that these might have been much worse

'Human solidarity," he said, "has shown itself stronger than selfish actions. To ward off the dangers that were foreseen and to repair the evils that had surprised them, men of good will have rewelded the

That, he added, was what gave the best reason for hope in the new

outer painting. Vladimir is the only city in Russia President Millerand, as usual, received all the leading public officials, beginning with the Presidents of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies. All the Marshals of France called to shake hands with of the Senate and the Chamber of Landing Presidents of the Senate and the Chamber of Landing Presidents of the suppression of the suppression of the suppression of the deducate the minds and hearts of their disciples for the highest and where any remains of Twelfth Century architecture exist. In one of the cathedrals Dr. Grabar has found for the suppression of the educate the minds and hearts of the deucate the minds and hearts of thus everyone knows by the life deucate the minds and hearts of the rewerone knows by the life deucate the minds and hearts of the rewerone knows by the life deucate the minds and hearts of the rewerone knows by the life of the cathedrals Dr. Grabar has found a freeco dating from the Tweifth Century which will open a new chung wows."

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the Chief Executive as did all the photographs shown of it bespeak leading army officers in Paris.

Members of the Government, with

Premier Poincare at their head, called at the palace and remained to luncheon, after which the functionaries of the City of Paris and the Department of the Seine and the members of the Diplomatic Corps were received.—The Antidote.

# THE PASSING OF SOME

LEARNED WRITERS In the message to the Kolnische Volkszeitung Chancellor Marx reviews the year 1923 as one of the saddest in German history. The severance from Germany of the Ruhr industries, followed by the financial collapse, led to a degree of misery among the people such as is unrecorded in the spinals of recent Death has been busy with those who wielded their pen in the field of Catholic letters—Father Talbot Smith, whose voice was as eloquent as his pen, Maurice Francis Egan, and the other day, Monsignor Tobin, whose pen graced the pages of the Catholic Guardian of Little Rock, unrecorded in the annals of recent world history. He gratefully recognizes the help that has been extended from abroad to lessen this suffering and speaks of the heroic efforts that will be made to rescue Ark. Some years ago I had occasion to write a little note to Father son to write a little note to Father Smith, and in answer he replied, "Never be afraid to say a little word of commendation for the Catholic writer, for it comes like dew to his parched soul, that has to bear many an affront." Not so German finance by governmental savings, the dismissal of public dew to his parched soul, that has to bear many an affront." Not so long ago, after he left New York, we endorsed the brief note written years before and pleasantly asked years before and pleasantly asked struggle for existence, since "atmosphere of hatred and distrust" his more mature convictions. He took it in good cheer and replied still presses heavily upon it and leads to conditions that render a humorously that like the schooboy boasting of the mumps, he had it that like the schooboy true peace impossible, a peace such "worser" than his companion, because he had it on both sides of his face, while his companion was afflicted on only one side. One afflicted on only one side. One the side of dreads to allow at least a few words and ' about Maurice Francis Egan to be such as in the history of the world penned, knowing so many true and were never before imposed upon a conquered nation." But they may worthy ones have been spread on the pages of secular as well as church papers—but one can not allow his memory to be forgotten, even in this space, for he was really worthy of the honor of every Cath. church papers—but one can not allow his memory to be forgotten, even in this space, for he was really worthy of the honor of every Cathunity asunder and to allow the German people to suffer and starve Xavier in the town of Renfrew.
Acquiescing therefore in the deRishon, it is Our pleasmet him, he was then very enthusimet him, he was then very enthusiin economic misery." They hope that the nations of the earth will heed their cry for a true peace that the blessing of the Almighty may met him, he was then very enthusiure to give to your distinguished
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one of our own greatest sons."

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rich men who contribute the cam-paign fund, or rich men who want a

four-year holiday abroad, or of men

who are given a diplomatic plum to

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Times says:
"Maurice Egan saw a great deal

and seemed to read everything. He

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FAMOUS RUSSIAN "MADONNA"

SAFE IN MOSCOW

depicted in the Twelfth Century.

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the Child, evidently beneath the

Tretyaltoff Gallery at Moscow,

to lovers of sacred art.

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ment, for the active intervention of your Delegate, Mgr. Testa, who succeeded in procuring the pardon or earlier liberation of about three hundred exiles and political prisoners. The work of charity carried on in the occupied German territory, through intervention or direct aid extended to the needy and afflicted by the Roman Church, under the guidance of your Holiness, is a mighty consolation for the German people in the heavy visitation that has befallen them is consequence of the War.

activity of the Holy See continuing today, as in the days of the War. For the Vicar of Christ, as for Christ Himself, there is not French that after years of negotiations, the Danish West India Islands were transferred to our country. One of the Denmark papers says: "His death is a personal loss to all of us. or German, but all are children of the same Heavenly Father and wherever suffering is the greatest his heart goes out most tenderly for its relief."

GERMANY

MESSAGE AND LETTER OF

CHANCELLOR MARX

'must therefore bear burdens

These are golden words to be set in the history of the Church's char-itable activities in the days of war faith is commencing to be restored and of its aftermath.-America

### CROSS GIVEN FRENCH NUN

PRISON ATTENDANT FOR 52 YEARS HONORED BY GOVERNMENT

(Raymond De Nys in Le Petit Parisien) Crosses of justice are of two kinds. There are those which are planted, on gray mornings, over the graves of the executed, and there

teeth of those who came under his category, but as the New York are those awarded as decorations for services rendered the law. Sister Leonide receives the cross of the Legion of Honor because, for more than half a century, she has couldn't help having a host of friends. He was a brilliant and useful man and citizen, constituserved as attendant upon women prisoners at St. Lazare; also because to this woman in particular was assigned the duty of guarding tionally incapable of being, even for

women spies during the War. FOUR WOMEN EXECUTED

Peace to his memory and may his rest be in Holy Sion.—R. C. Gleaner in Catholic Columbian. Of these spies seven were con-demned to death. Four were executed: Marguerite Francillard, the Tichelly and Aubert women, and, notorious of all, Mati Hari. notorious of all, Mati Hari. In many books of which the dancer was the heroine—"The Spies of Paris," by Emile Massard; "The De Defeatists," by Louis Dumar; "The Goat With the Feet of Gold," by Charles Henry Hirsch; "Mare Nostrum," by Blasco Ibanez, and "The Mystery of the Life and Death of Mata Hari," by Gomez Carillo—the figure of Moscow.—Dr. Igor Grabar, artist, historian of art and director of the issued a statement most interesting This statement regards the Vladimir Madonna, whose safety has been a much, mooted point during the by Gomez Carillo - the figure of recent disturbances in Russia. Dr. Grabar says that the great icons are Sister Leonide was introduced; she was most often referred to as

petite sœur Marie." Sister Leonide has borne her long the Madonna as she now stands has the face of the Madonna as she was service well. Her age would be difficult to guess, such is the lightness of her step, the clearness of her complexion, her good humor, The greater part of the picture is of the Fourteenth Century, dress and energy, and a voice that is still steady and clear even at painful hands especially. Dr. Grabar is moments.
"So you have been here fifty of an original hand near the neck of

years?" I asked.
"Fifty-two years and six months, she answered, laughing. "I came here when I took my vows."

room where some attempt at cheer-fulness has been made—the atmos-phere of sadness weighed upon the line this comfort he died, surrounded wonderful composition, great naturalism and portraiture which can visitor. The stairway and corridor and assisted by those who loved him are dark and the courtyard is damp as their best friend and benefactor only be compared to the most famed portraits of the National Gallery. Dr. Grabar plans to publish a mon ograph on his discovery. with rain. Sister Leonide smiled

THE PRISONERS IN DEATH HOUSE "Perhaps you can imagine the

Up until the war period, except for one Spaniard executed for espionage in 1900, there was perhaps little of a—sensational nature. But

after 1915-"Four times," said Sister Leonide,
"I went to the death house at Vincenne. Every evening, when the condemned were awaiting a com-mutation—for they hoped until the last—they asked me: 'Do you think I may sleep without fear tonight?' And naturally, though I knew the contrary, I answered: 'Yes-sleep.'

"The day before her death-it mas Sunday afternoon—I asked Mata Hari to dance—just a few steps. She did it gladly. When they led her from her cell here to take her to Vincennes I was with her She took my arm and I held her and. You can never tell what they hay do-at the last minute.

The newspapers related how, after the execution, "petite sour Marie"—Sister Leonide—removed a ring from the dead dancer's finger o send it to one of her friends.
"That was not true," she said.

"Imagine my doing a thing like that! In the first place, Mata Hari wore no rings. And then she would never have dared to ask me to do

A few friends came forward to congratulate Sister Leonide. She had taken the red ribbon from her breast and put it away. "I do not

## **UMBRIA**

PASSIONIST RETREAT ONCE NOBLE CASTLE

Dublin, Ireland.-Father Cagney, C. P., writes of a visit which he paid recently to beautiful Umbria. picturesquely and peacefully on the tops of hills or sides of mountains and giving the impression of gray historic antiquity. The view as one ascends some bold eminence is enchanting. A veritable patchwork of vineyards and oliveyards are dotted here and there with hoary hamlets or humble peasant cottages. It is truly a dreamland to the spell of which no one is insensible

There is a Passionist Monastery nestled here among these quaint landmarks and pleasant declivities. The exact location of the retreat is known as Montescosso. A Pre-paratory College governed by the Fathers of the Congregation here trains boys from their early years. The boys are dressed in uniform and welcome all tourists and strangers

after the death of his good wife, listened to the inspiration that he could do nothing more pleasing to God or more useful to his fellowmen than donate his valuable house to munities would be closed. pious nobleman delayed not to priest's carry into effect the magnanimous project with which God had in-Passionist Fathers as his beneficiaries and turned over to their free disposal his beautiful villa and its extensive and picturesque grounds.

MONASTIC SIMPLICITY

Much of the ancient glory of the villa has disappeared, it is true, because with the march of time monastic simplicity of taste as well as utilitarian considerations sarily obscured the artistic beauty of guarding in which the villa and its grounds were kept, so that the neat walks lined with well-trimmed spruce were neglected and the beds of flowers were replaced by beds of herbs or vegetables.

Within the house is a suite of rooms elegantly frescoed. On the wall the visitor sees an inscription in pure Latinity recounting the fact that Pope Leo XIII., when Cardinal Archbishop of Perugia, was here entertained by Count Ricci.

DEATH OF COUNT

For many years the Count continued to live in his new monastic house in company with his grateful beneficiaries. He had the special happiness of seeing his beloved abode chosen as the Novitiate of the Province of the Pieta. During the day, and at midnight, he heard the never failing signals for the Regular Observance and then the sound of fervent voices issuing from the Choir—voices that chanted in plain but sweet melody the inspired praises of the Almighty. He saw the life of penance which the religious joined to a life of prayer, and at times he could have heard the sound of work in classroom or chapter, as skilled masters strove to

who would keep his memory ever in benediction. things I have seen here," she began THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

share in a great missionary work. In this comfort he died, surrounded

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WHAT OF OUR ZEAL?

The zeal of the missionary has its rigin and continued strength in the ve of God. Have we ever asked ourselves whether there is anything in our Catholicity which has any of the qualities of the faith and devotion inspiring him? Some are so lacking in these great virtues that they hear of the missionary's work only to give him cold pity or still more cold indifference. Their real trouble is lack of confidence. Hav-ing no idea of what Our Divine Lord meant when He said "fear not, I have overcome the world," they wonder why anyone should really believe that the missionary work of the Church can be effective. Hap-pily, not all, however, are so easily discouraged or value so little the great divine virtue of charity. A missionary tells his story of the

Western plains where there are but thirty-five families in half a county. Some are actually forty miles from a church. The missionary drives every Sunday, when weather at all permits, twenty miles between his little mission churches, to say Mass for the people of his parish. he writes us wondering how he will be able to pay his own expenses, not indeed because the people are breast and put it away. "I do not not indeed because the people are not generous, but simply because right to wear it." His people have a district that in some years has given phenominal crops, but at present, because of lack of rain, is almost barren. Naturally the number of his parishioners is dwindling. They are compelled to leave, but of course the missionary cannot go. While any remain he too must stay at his post. "And so, kind reader," he writes,

during the winter months when ou enjoy all the luxuries of life, let your thoughts wander west to one who on that very day may be facing the cold blasts of winter in an effort to care for the spiritual need of souls. And when you relish the best of meals, think of one who perhaps at that moment is prepar ing food in order to keep life in the body. When you walk a few blocks or ride a few miles to church, think of the one that has to travel twenty miles in the shivering cold for five or six hours to offer up the Holy Sacrifice for fifteen or twent

from here where I say Mass once a month for three people. Not only think of all these things but act. I remember after a certain simple invention had been placed on the market several years ago, one man remarked that the invention was so simple that he should have thought to the spot.

This villa, of surpassing beauty, of it himself. So with you. Not only think of what others have done, only the whole which but act; help the Extension Society,

priest's time is spent getting relies were exposed to public vener acquainted with people regardless ation. h which God had in-He at once chose the Fathers as his bene-it turned over to their ant one day a travelling man down beside me. No sooner had he done so when a conversation was

Fine day for traveling," said I. "Very nice," was the reply.
"Who are you traveling for?" He told me and then added. Who are you with?" Almost dazed by the question, I

nswered, "I am a Catholic priest, traveling for the Catholic Church. Thus an acquaintance was formed and now every time he comes to town he calls to have a chat if I am

And the influence required by the Catholic Church depends to a great extent upon just such incidents as this in the life of this missionary. The "smoker," as everyone knows, is the clearing house of every sort of gossip, good and bad. No question is more to the fore than the position of religion, and above all, the work and aims of the Catholic It is not an incalculable loss to her when bigotry succeeds in arousing sentiment through the spread of absolute falsehood or distorted half truths which stir up hatred that there is no one at hand to defend. Catholics who gain the confidence of those generally opposed can attribute their success to the proper explanation of their faith and the real objective of the Catholic Church.

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So the missionary goes on in the name of God, animated with a zeal inspired by love of Our Divine Lord, Who sustains him. What excuse have we who will not at least take enough interest in his great work to give a helping hand? If we cannot be missionaries as he is, why not at least share in his holy work by doing something for Extension, to which he turns in the hour of diffi-culty and trial for help that is a vital necessity.

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REVIVES DEVOTION TO BOY-MARTYR

ST. JULIO'S BODY REPOSES IN ANCIENT CHURCH OF VIENNA

In the first years of the Eighteenth Century the Imperial Court of Vienna received as a gift from the Holy See the relics of the Child Martyr, St. Julio, who was a victim of the first persecutions of the Christians at Rome

The body of the little Saint, as also a lamp and a glass vessel containing his blood, found in his tomb in the Roman Catacombs, were pre-served for some time in the Imperial an Order of missionary religious.

Unlike other good people who wish to do something for God or their neighbor, but who put off the execution of their design to the indefinite that the indefinite that the indefinite that the indefinite that the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the casket, as they had come from Rome, the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the casket, as they had come from Rome, the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the casket, as they had come from Rome, the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the casket, as they had come from Rome, the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the casket as the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the presence of the priest means to a community, and how he is respected by Protestant as well as Catholic after the presence of the pre future or until after their death, this down, if it exists. Some of the In the Italian Church of Vienna the Previously acknowledged \$488 05

At Christmas of that year the relics, which had been placed in precious relinquaries were exposed for the first time in the church of the Jesuits, "Am Hof." On the following day, the Feast of St. Stephen, Protomartyr, with great pomp, amid a vast throng of people, the relics were translated in pro-cession back to the Italian church. Following the translation a solemn triduum was held, closing Decemer 28, the Feast of St. Julio and the Holy Innocents.

For many years the devotion remained alive among the Viennese. e children, who especially among the were devoted to St. Julio, the Boy Martyr. Numerous cures of children were obtained through the intercession of the Saint and were registered by the custodians of the church. Many Masses were cele-brated at the desire of the faithful at St. Julio's altar. A second altar

was erected in 1749. Bishops and Archbishops and many cities testified their special devotion to St. Julio. In 1751 the Archduke Joseph, afterward Joseph II., paid his homage at the altar of St. Julio edifying all his followers. In those days also many parents gave the name of Julio to their boys and had pictures of the Martyr in the nurseries. Pietro Metastasio, a famous poet of the time, while living in Vienna, composed a hymn glorifying the Saint. This hymn was widely disseminated among the people and even translated many tongues. The body of the poet reposes near the Church of St. hood. The faithful Catholics who benefit by his ministry edify their body of St. Julio since the year 1774.

For a time the devotion to St. Julio languished, particularly after the suppression of the Society of Jesus. But by the providence of God a tremendous impetus has been given to it in recent days.

The recent transfer of the Church of St. Michael from the Barnabite Fathers to the Salvatorian Fathers has caused a revival of the cult to the Boy Saint, Julio. Among the faithful an increasing interest in his life and martyrdom has sprung up. In this glorification of Julio there is every evidence to indi-cate that he will take his place in these troubled days as one of the special Patrons and Protectors of

childhood and of youth. On the feast of St. Julio cele-brated recently in Rome and Vienna with special ceremonial, many knelt to pray at the shrines consecrated by the heroic sacrifice of the Boy-Saint.-The Pilot.

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