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THRIR TRUE SELVES

A correspondent tells us that the Germans who in the war of 1890 obeyed the dictates of decency cannot be guilty of the crimes charged against them. Our friend gives no reason to substantiate his statement. The high cost of living affeights The diabolical facts cannot be expunged by sentimentalism. In 1870 they waged rigorous war without becoming robbers and assassins. Then they had had their own way from the beginning. The forged telegram of Ems had enabled them to choose the moment for their campaign and their plans had not been interrupted. They had no reasan to exhibit the national cynicism which astounds us. Had it been otherwise they would doubtless have revealed themselves, as we know them now, as the legitimate heirs of Frederick the Great, who invaded Silesia without warning, and spat contempt on his signature to the Pragmatic Sanction. But Frederick, wa think, never indulged in the sing hypocrisy which prompted the Kaiser te say that his heart " bled for Louvain."

PRAY

The Holy Father exhorts us to pray for the needs of Ged's Kingdom en earth. "Thy Kingdom Come, that Christ may triumph and reign : that His Law and His Church may rule man and transmute into the gold that shall pass the text of the Judgment. By this prayer of intercession we come to understand that religion is not a mere personal security but a wide inheritance which we divide with our brethren, a great realm with its splendor, its pomp, its order and its historic memories, that we share with all the multitude

Prayer has been and is the mighty weapon against our enemies. It has broken the persecutor, and put to naught the machinations of the world. At Lepanto it saved Europe from the Turk. Time and again when the Papacy was in danger, prayer pierced the lowering clouds of man's anger and showed him in the radiance of the sky the sign of his defeat. Prayer is needed now as a barrier against the tide of devastation and blood.

HEED IT

The Holy Father has recommended. the members of the Apostleship of July for the victims of the war. We cannot realize in any adequate man-Europe. The cities that a few months ago sheltered thousands of peaceful and industrious people are now but heaps of ashes. The young who had their loved ones to cherish are but carrion somewhere along the line of battle. Into thousands of homes came war, beckoning to the field the best of manhood to burrow in trenches, to slay and to be slainto mock at civilization and to gloat over wrecked and ravished womanhood.

Red as to beak and claw it mutil ates the hearts of the thousands who long for the return of sons and husbands. It laughs at the tear-stained faces of the children and exhibits as some of its proudest trophies the men who are maimed for life. And the diplomats smile at it, mumbling the while platitudes and blasphemies They talk boastfully as if a verbal poultice could heal the hearts that are broken. But they will not see the ever-mounting tide of democracy that will sweep out of their gilded homes the despots who for the sake of ambition, of their divine right, of more territory in which to display their gaudy kingly finery, scruple not to sentence a whole world to death Millions of men thrown into a devil's maelstrom to make holiday for War Lords—history in tears and iron and blood-this doubtless pleases those who prate of the pomp of war, and take care that it shall not scathe

But we can pray that God's blessing may give light to misery blinded eyes; that it may ease the sufferings of the prisoners, and of the wounded and uplift them into the serene atmosphere of faith and love. Their sufferings should urge us to redouble our prayers for peace.

THE SPONGERS

There must be many Napoleons of finance among our youths, save the querulous old man who visits us now and then. Consider their raimentgorgeous and eve compelling-their luxuries, the many associations to which they contribute their monies and talents and try to solve how it is all compassed by small incomes, them not at all. In a word, while others are advocating thrift and trying to live up to it, these wizards of finance are affeat on the waters of extravegance with never a fear of financial shipwreck. Our old friend has a suspicion that some of them contribute little to the support of the home. They "sponge "on the family. The debt which they owe to their parents is ignored. They cannot even by the greatest unselfishness repay that debt. It is written down on life's ledger in characters of love, of toil and sorrow, and it will remain there for ave, though the children be models of filial devotion. But for these young people the debt does not exist. They take their parents for granted. Tact and love would give peace and comfort to the dear ones who are going down into the valley, and themselves many blessed memories, but selfishness blinds them and sends them hurtling into the hell of ingratitude. Duty and justice are sacrificed to their luxuries. And the light in many eyes is dimmed because the hearts which beat against her own emits no heat which can ward off the chill of the years-no comfort which can serve her as a staff to the eternal gates. The spongers" may live many years to regret it. _

AN EVIL DAY

It was an evil day when materialistic Germany challenged her great northern neighbor, Russia, to a trial of strength. All through the ages the surreme quality of endurance bas been the secret of Russia's power. Awful risks and sacrifices are the fare upon which such peoples thrive. Their patience wears down oppression and conquers open foes. Their state is tragic, yet they are light hearted. Face to face with terrors of climate and despotic rule, they are like big children. In truth this people has never grown up-Intellectually it is awaiting its second birth. When it shall have put on the new wan in the full seuse its contribution to human progress is likely to be a momentous one. In Prayer to pray during the month of that day the forgetful world will perhaps recall the profound saying of the Divine Teacher Who set a child The priest, the Yanktons, and the remember that the childlike charac ter was essential to citizenship in the ideal kingdom which was to absorb or overrule all the kingdoms that the ambition or necessity of striving mankind had set up. Tsar and moulik, priest and soldier, are but pawns in the mighty game which is held on the same days, and he set being played through the centuries by powers whose commission it is to shape the perfect humanity, though

NO ROOM FOR MARY!

it be through blood and tears.

The war spirit seems finally to have invaded England! In the first months of the war it was next to impossible to gather recruits in Eng. land, so few were the patriots who were willing to make a sacrifice for the common good. Later on, Lord Kitchener was forced to resort to pectacular recruiting methods fill up the gaps in the army. And now it would seem that the Lord Chamberlain has gone clear war-mad. of course his responsible positio keeps him at home. He cannot be at the front with the Tommies, fighting the Germans. But he can re in in his office to fight the Church At least that is what he seems to have done by forbidding the produc-tion of the late Monsignor Benson's eautifully tender miracle play, "The Upper Room.'

It will be remembered that one of the latest productions of the late Monaignor was a play setting forth "the story beautiful"—the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. Feeling hat so august a personage should not be brought upon the stage, he carefully eliminated the character of Our Lord. In the treatment of the haracter of Our Lady, he wrote the part in a manner which could not but oring out every feeling of reverence

But it seems that in England, at the present time, there is a large Many of the Yanktons were bap-contingent of bigots who think that tized by Father De Smet, but the

have nothing in common with be-nighted nations who adore religious idols. Therefore, a loud protest was raised against this religious drama. letter to the Laucashire Catholic Player Society says: "While appreciating the reverence with which the play would be treated when pro-duced under your auspices, the Lord Chamberlain is unable to give per-mission for the character of the Blessed Virgin to be portrayed upon

the stage.'

In view of the recent discovery of the plight of hundreds of unmarried en and their war babies, it lain to held up to the popular mind and imagination the image of the purest daughter of Israel. If in Catholic countries at all times the vision of the Immaculate Virgin has drawn countless men and women to the high mountain peaks of purity and chastity; if the convents and steries of the world are filled with men and women who love the Immaculate Mother and try to follow her example, then, surely, she can work no harm to the morals of the English. On the contrary, she who boast" might serve them admirably

as a model and an inspiration.

It is to be kept in mind that the character of the Blessed Virgin to appear in "The Miracle." But, then, "The Miracle" is not a Catholic play, being tinged throughout with the pantheistic mysticism of Maeter-linck. It is safe to say that "The Upper Room" would not have been proscribed were it not so thoroughly Catholic. This bigotry is a blow at the Church and a blow at the memory of Monsignor Benson, than whom none has deserved better of his fellow countrymen.—The Rosary Magazine.

CATHOLIC SIOUX CONGRESS

WILL BE ONE OF NOTED MEET-INGS OF 1915-75TH ANNIVER-SARY OF FATHER DE SMET, WORLD'S GREATEST INDIAN MISSIONARY

One of the most interesting features of Catholic missionary work among the Sioux Indians, writes Stanton Lawton in the Catholic Columbian, is the annual congress or convention. As the Sioux are widely scattered, in different bands and sub-tribes, over the two States of North and South Dakota, as well as parts of Nebraska, Minnesota and Montana, it affords them all a chance to get together. missionaries, find out the good things that other missions are doing, compare notes as to which band is making the most rapid progress, and so on. The date and place for the congress is fixed one year before, and the Indians who intend to go await

the Yanktons, and the ted the last days of July M., of Clayton, Mo. and the first of August, as the time to hold the Catholic Sioux Congress at Greenwood, the agency of the Yankton Sioux Reservation, but Hon. Cato Sells. Commissioner of Indian Affairs, decided that all the Sioux Congresses and Convocations (both Protestant and Catholic)—both of North and South Dakota should be the 7th, 8th and 9th of August as the time. Hence the Yankton plans have been changed, and it is hoped

that no mistake will be made relative hundreds of people who come from ALL TRIBES WILL BE REPRESENTED

There will be many Congresses onvened this year, but the most important of all, is that to be held or the Yankton Reservation, South Dakota, is to be held as a memorial in honor of the 75th anniversary of Father De Smet's coming among Indians, especially the Sioux. A new church will be dedicated and a memorial tablet will be unveiled at Greenwood on August 8th, when all the tribes evangelized by Father De Smet (the greatest Indian missionary the world has ever known), will be present, and also a number of high church dignitaries, among whom will be Right Rev. Thomas O'Gorman, Bishop of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Right Rev. James O'Reilly, Bishop of Fargo; Right Rev. Joseph F. Busch, Bishop of Lead, and Rev. William H. Ket-cham, director of the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions.

Greenwood is not on a railroad

but some of the nearest railroad points are Wagner, Ravina, and Lake Andes, South Dakota, on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad, varying from ten to fourteen mile in distance from the Agency, which can be reached quickly, easily and inexpensively by automobiles. Visi-tors could spends the nights in these towns and attend the sessions and celebrations at Greenwood with little inconvenience.

A WORTHY SUCCESSOR

devotion to the Blessed Virgin is Reservation has never had a resident idolatry. Now, England, they say, is missionary until last year, when one an enlightened country and should of our most noteworthy Indian missionaries of the younger generation, a son of St. Ignatius, and a worthy successor of Father De Smet, Rev. H. raised against this religious drama. I. Westropp, S. J., was sent to live on And the Lord Chamberlain in his the Reservation. He has reclaimed many who have fallen away, made many converts, built churches, and wishes to complete the work of con-verting the whole Yankton tribs by this grand gathering, which will, it is thought, crown his efforts and put them on a solid basis.

These Congresses stir up much enthusiasm, and Indians are much impressed when white Catholics manifest an interest in their spiritual welfare and attend their religious gatherings.

These meetings also show in a striking manner what the Catholic missionary priests and Sisters have done for the Indians, elevating them from a state of savagery to a high degree of civilization and Christian ity. Many of these missionaries have worked among the Indians for from twenty to thirty years; they have toiled and endured many hardships in the camps and in the schools: but they have not worked in vain. Ten of the war-like Sioux nation, and ousands who now "rest with their fathers," have joined the true fold of Christ.

CATHOLIC CONVENTION GATHERED AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Minn., July 1.-For the first time in the history of the Cath-olic Educational Association the annual convention was held in the metropolitan see of Archbishop Ireland, who took personal charge of the arrangements there. Catholic educators from all over the country were in attendance, and matters of import to Catholic education received careful discussion.

The delegates arrived in St. Paul as early as June 26, and the work of the convention was taken up Monday afternoon, with the meeting of the Executive Board at the Hotel St. Paul. In the evening at 8 o'clock of all Departments and Sectilons in the hotel parlors, after which executive committees took the opportunity of meeting and concluding arrange.

ments for the convention.

Right Rev. James McGolrick,
Bishop of Duluth, Minn., was cele-brant of the Pontifical High Mass Tuesday morning, and Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland preached a forceful and inspiring sermon. Following the Mass the first regular session of the convention was held in the assembly hall of the Cathedral school with an address by Right Rev. Bishop Shahan, the President General, the reading of reports and other regular business. The paper at this session was given by Rev. Francis T. Moran, D. D. of Cleveland, on "The Pastor and Education," with discussions by Rev. T. J. Larkin, S. M., of Algiers, and Brother John Waldron, S.

CARLEGRAM TO THE HOLY FATHER At the first session a cablegram was sent to the Holy Father, Benedict XV., and before the close of the convention a reply was received conveying the Holy Father's thanks for the carnest expressions of loyalty and sending his blessing to the edu cators there assembled and to all who take part in the noble work of Catho-

CARDINAL MERCIER

Cardinal Mercier. Archbishop o has been one of the world figures in the great struggle, has issued another Pastoral. It is republished in the Corrière d'Italia of June 17. Towards

the close His Eminence says:
"Our act of spiritual birth wa dated and authentically signed with blood and tears on Calvary. Let us not forget our origins. Let us cultivate reverence for our native land. The present hour recalls to Catholic Belgium the law of sacrifice Let us show no weekness, my breth ren, but with brave heart and head erect, press with all the saints around our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross. When the funeral knell rings the resurrection is near. Let us has ten to fill the measure of satisfac tion which Divine Justice demands

War is a terrible thing, my breth ren; there is not a single Belgian who does not know that now. But let us confess that it is also, if not the cause, at least the occasion of magnificent deeds. You do not grow weary of admiring our King, our Gov part, do not cease to praise your ab negation, your self-restraint going to say, your good humor in

suffering."
The Cardinal then pays an elo quent tribute to Holland, England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Switzerland for kindness shown to the Belgian refugees, and he asks his people not to forget to be grateful.

"Love to think that others are more deserving than yourselves. Above all, beware of calumnies. Since the beginning of the war crafty wicked, perfidious people have eager ly accredited the rumor that the de-ceased Pope Pius X., and our Holy Father Benedict XV., the reigning Pope, favored our enemies financial ly or morally and through weakness paid no regard to the rights of the Belgian people. These are calum-nies, my brethren, infamous calumnies. The simple, loving, magnani mous heart of Pius X. was incapable appearance of sympathy with injustice, even were it triumphant. The truth is that the noble old man died through grief when he saw the European nations afflicted by murderous strife, and Providence did not give him time to express in public the horror he felt of these excesses.

"As for our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV., what more could he do for us Belgians than he has done?"— Boston Republic.

ANOTHERDISCREDITED "INTERVIEW" WITH THE POPE

When we read the interview obtained by Louis Lapatie of the Paris La Liberte, with Pope Benedict XV., and widely published on both sides of the Atlantic, it seemed to us that many sentiments and expressions attributed to His Holiness had not the true ring. It bore little kinship with the Pope's Encyclical Letters, except, indeed, the word: "A Pope

can want and preach only peace!"

Hardly had the interview appeared than the Vatican declared it to condays later June 28. Cardinal Gaspari the Pope's Secretary of State, specifi cally pointed out some of these. All of them are significant, especially perhaps the account of the letter re-ceived from General von Bissing, the German war governor of Belgium. The Pope has never had any communication, direct or indirect, from von Bissing.

Again, the curt answer attributed

to His Holiness, when asked about the violated neutrality of Belgium "That was under Pius X." The Pop never said this. Nor did His Holiness discuss Russia's conduct of the war; nor touch on the Lusitania tragedy in the manner described. There is much confusion in the report of M. Latapie in his rendition of the Pope's remarks about the relations of the Hely See and Italy. In short, the interview so badly ex-presses the Pope's mind, to say nothing of its occasional dependence for its interest on M. Latapie's imagina-tion, that His Holiness has announced he will not again receive an inter-

The Holy See had, some months Wiegand, representing an important journal in New York. The temptation of the interviewer to twist any thing emanating from the Vatican to fit a preconceived notion as to what side the Pope favors, appears to be irresistible. The Pope, in the nature of things cannot appear as a partisan in a war in which his spiritual children are represented under every flag of the eleven nations involved in the war. President Wilson heads a neutral nation in which are native or descendants of every ancestral line among the European belliger-ents. Pope and President alike have proclaimed their neutrality, and their will and desire to serve in the moment comes. Their official utter ances are the sufficient expression of their minds in this world-crisis .-

THE POPE'S PLAN

FOR DISABLED PRISONERS

"We have seen reproduced in tore Romano, "news of another char ity project of the Hely Father, Benedict XV., in favor of prisoners of war, wounded or sick.

"The news, which we did not think we ought to be the first to publish, is now well known, and is substantially true. The Holy Father in his pastor al solicitude has been much preoccu ers of war, wounded or sick, living in France, and of the French, Belgian and English in Germany, who, because of their number, could not have all those cares and attention which their condition required.

"On account of this His Holiness applied to the Swiss Government, which had already conceived a similar idea, and whose sentiments of hospitality and noble engagement to diminish the horrors of the present conflict by interesting itself in receiving them on the territory of the Confederation until their restoration to health, are well known.

For the sick or wounded prisoners of other nationalities, that is for the Russians in Germany and in Austria, for the Germans and Austrians in Russia and for the Serbian prisoners in Austria, there are other negotiations in progress with a similar end in view.

" Meanwhile to render the negotiations more expeditious the Holy See sent to Switzerland Count Carlo Santucci, advocate, who had from the president of the Helvetian Confeder ation the most favorable reception for the noble proposal of His Holi-ness, which, on being submitted to the Federal Council, was forthwith approved of.

In view then of the arrangements that have been made, the Federal Government has declared itself ready to give hospitality at one part of its territory to a considerable number of wounded or sick French, Belgian and English prisoners, and at another part to an equally considerable number of Austrian and German prisoners, who may be found in the same conditions, a number which, as a be ginning, can without difficulty be extended to ten thousand for each of the two parties.

"Each government will reimburse Switzeriand the expenses sustained in the maintenance of the prisoners, its respective subjects and Switzerland will assume the charge of the prisoners confided to her, while on their side the several government will guarantee, in case of their escape, to restore as soon as possible to the Federal Government their subjects who might get away.

"Those who are cared will be restored to the nation which held them as prisoners, and the healed as well as the dead will be successively

replaced by others.
"Some of the Powers interested have already responded and consented to the project; from others a reply is still awaited.

"Thus the Pope demonstrates once more that, being unable as he would wish to spare the people the terrible scourge of war, he does all that is possible on his side to diminish its consequences and to alleviate its

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS THE BEST

"Out of Yale now comes the witness to the work and worth of our Catholic schools," remarks the editor of the Maine Catholic Historical Review. "Time was when schools were considered unnecessary, schools were considered unnecessary, schools were considered unnecessary, men who do some observing and thinking for themselves are reversing that judgment, and are declaring that the religious school is the only one that may be regarded as truly necessary, efficient and patriotic."

Professor George Wharton Pepper in one of his lectures in the Lyman Beecher course of lectures at Yale.

"In the Roman Catholic Church. where much of the educational work is done by the clergy, or by the Sisters, in a struggle for the religious education of the young, they are undertaking that work against fearful odds. It is a terrible sacrifice on the part of our Roman Catholic brethren, and the wonder is how they can endure the sacrifice."

That the sacrifice is rewarded and justified by results, and that religious estate to the Church of Our Lady of teachers are skilled instructors, Mr.

Angels, better known as the old Pepper fully believes, for he says

positively:
"There is no doubt in my mind that the Catholics have the finest system of teaching possible, and I am positive that the time is coming when a move will be promoted to have each religion care for the educa-tion of the children of their creed just as the Catholics are doing at the present time. . . The time is not far off when to know God will be considered the greatest of all uses of the human mind."

Our friend in Maine, quoting Mr. Panner's words, save truly : if we said—and we do say—that 'Catholics have the finest system of eaching possible' some people would call that insane boasting. . wonder will they now admit it, since it comes out of Yale."-Sacred Heart

K. OF C. SCHOLARSHIPS AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The Knights of Columbus says the New World of Chicago are having no trouble getting young Catholic college graduates to apply for their scholarships in the Catholic University, according to an official report presented by the University authorities to the Board of Directors of the Order. There are 40 candidates for the 19 vacancies in the scholar-ships which will occur next term. One hundred and twenty-one persons applied, but all except 40 eliminated. The following States are represented: Arkansas 2, California 1, Connecticut 1, Illinois 3, Indiana 1, Iowa 1, Kentucky 1, Maine 1, Msssachusetts 4, Missouri 2, Montana 1, New Hampshire 1, New York 5, Ohio 3, Oklahoma 1, Pennsylvania 4, Rhode Island 2, South Dakota 1, Vermont 1, Washington 1, Canada 8.

There are at present 34 holders of these scholarships. Of these 29 expect to return next year; two are yet undecided; three will not return. Consequently there are 19 or 21 scholarships to be awarded, for which there are 40 qualified as above.

CATHOLIC NOTES

The Osservatore Romano states that the Pope daily contributes to the relief of 500 families of Roman soldiers fighting at the front.

Pope Benedict XV. is said to be a worker. He begins his daily task after his Mass, which is said at 5.80 every morning.

In Bengal the Jesuits from Belgium have converted at least 100,000 natives in the last twenty five years. In China and Africa there are fully 1,100,000 persons under instruction for Catholic baptism.

Porfirio Diaz is dead. For many years he was Dictator of Mexico un der the title of President. As such he was a party to much persecution of the Church. But when he drew near his end, he asked for the last

The Very Rev. Joseph S. Glass, C. M., D. D., rector of St. Vincent's Church, Los Angeles, and formerly president of St. Vincent's College in that city, has been appointed to succeed the late Bishop Scanlan as Bishop of Salt Lake.

Father Browne, Provincial of the English Jesuits, finding the strain of his work too much for his present state of health, has resigned, and is succeeded by Father John Wright, S. J., of St. Wilfrid's, Preston.

Five thousand dollars was bequeathed to the House of the Good hepherd, Cincinnati, by James M. Wilson, a non-Catholic, whose will was probated last week. He has helped the institution during his life time, also.

English exchanges chronicle the death of a well known Catholic jour-nalist, Miss Felica Curtis. The leceased, who was a convert, was the author of two historical novels, "Under the Rose" and "In the Lean Years." written in the desire to arouse in others a love for the faith to which she had come so happily.

Advices from Rome convey the sad intelligence that Cardinal Martinelli is no better, and will never be any better in health. He is in a Benetine monastery outside of Rome, suffering from hardening of the cerebral arteries. He attends to no

Another Anglican clergyman in England has come into the fold in the person of Rev. Mr. Lopes, a well known Birmingham minister re-nowned for his work among the poor, who was received at the Birmingham Oratory and will at once commence his studies for the priesthood.

John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, speaking at Dublin recently, said that up to June 16, 120,741 Irishmen from Ireland had joined the army, according to the Freeman's Journal. Mr. Red-Catholics and about 24.000 are envolunteers.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Campbell-Johnstone of Pasadena, Cal., who perished with the ill-fated steamer Lusitania, left the bulk of a \$700,000 Plaza Church, Los Angeles. The will was made only two weeks before they sailed.

The acute political crisis over the proposed appointment of J. H. Campbell, the Unionist, to the Lord Chancellorship of Ireland, has been safely passed. Campbell will not be ap-pointed. An official announcement tates that the Right Hon. Ignatius O'Brien has been reappointed to the John Gordon has been appointed attorney general for Ireland and James O'Conor solicitor general.

The death of Jeremiah O'Donovan, otherwise known as O Donovan Rossa, recently in New York, says the Sacred Heart Review removed one of the most strenuous of Irish patriots. For many years his name was on everybody's tongue because of his methods of warfare against the British Empire. As a Fenian he had dared much for Ireland, and as a convict he had been subjected to the most brutal treatment in English prisons.

St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, won thonors in the pharmacy class of Toledo University, graduated, June 16. Sister St. Simon, pharmacist at St. Vincent's, had an average of 98.05 in examinations, and a valuable book on pharmacy was awarded to her. Another Sister, also from St. Vincent's, stood second in the examination. nuns received the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy at commencement exer

The Catholic Universe, London announces the reception into the Church of the Rev. Arthur Ryland, who resides at the Camp, near Stroud Glos. The reverend gentleman made his submission to the Very Rev. Father Stephen Fitzgerald, O. P., who is in charge of the mission at Stroud. The Rev. Mr. Ryland was ordained at Oxford some years ago by the Right Rev. Vernon Herford, Bishop of the Syro Chaldean Church. Bishop Herford exercised jurisdiction over cer-tain Syro-Chaldean churches in India, acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Patriarch of Babylon, but not that of the Holy Father.