went into the next room. Through She could not help watching; she had been deprived of all her girlhood.

Dorothy, a dimpled, laughing girl, with great brown eyes and masses of curls which were always rumpled. threw her hat into a chair and was soon seated between the two boys, showing them the posters she had made for Floyd, The sister saw Floyd move very close to the girl and their odor. lay his hand on her shoulder with a caressing movement; she caught the

had finally gone she came back to seat. She saw a new terous tone.

When are you going to kiss me good bye, Dot?" he asked.
"Right at the station,"

answered laughingly.
"Honor bright?" he asked. 'Honor bright," she promised.
'You are all right," he exclaimed. Rose is too bashful for that." Then he binted, "but you see I am to take

her home tonight." Rose colored as he gave her a significant look. She pushed his hand from her arm and walked to the piano. But there was a wavering, and uncertainty in her face. He had been her comrade so long and she really liked bim.

The watching sister made a quick decision. When the girls rose to go, she stood up, faying, "Floyd, I want you and John to watch the house. I have to see Rose's mother tonight; tomorrow you can see the

There came a flush of annovance on the boyish face, followed by one of anger. He knew his sister had listening. But he was still too loyal to criticize her to John, who, when they were alone, openly de nounced her for meddling.

When she returned Floyd was busied berself with the household beside him. She put her arm around him and kissed his forehead. Let's don't be angry on our last night,"

Why did you do it?" he seked. Res., but what is she to you?"

A great deal," she responded, the promise of that bud?" "but not so much as the boy I love so dearly - the boy I have been a mother to, and yet I have 't been true mother, for I never have talked lips. to you of these things because they were hard. You see I have failed in my duty.'

Instantly he was all tenderness. He drew her down into his boyish long arms and laid his head against You have not failed in any. thing, you darling!" he cried, "but it wouldn't hurt me. I'm a man. All the fellows do that way."

They tell about it. We don't talk about it in a crowd, but just when we are all together, like John and me."
"Does John treat Rose that way?"

"You were rather free toward Dor-

Dorothy is different; she's ashe's a jolly good fellow, but Rose—well. I like Rose, and every fellow better keep his hands off her. I don't want a girl all the fellows can love; but I'm different. These things don't hurt a fellow; he's coarser and-Well, it's expected of

But they do hurt you," she said. to tell you this story.

He looked away into the distance beginning." and she began.

closed. No other person could see into its heart. While he was waiting for it to unfold he walked around to enjoy the other flowers. He studied their coloring and he breathed their perfume. For a long time he enjoyed they seemed to enjoy themselves more than he did. So he touched one rather timidly; others he was not so careful with. At last he grew tired and wandered back to his own rosebud and lo! is had opened. In stood the whitest and most fragran in the garden, and its heart was the think she would allow others. dewiest and most tender. But he remembered the crimeon roses and Rose. it seemed too white. Then he could not detect its fragrance, for he had killed his sense of smell by its abuse

and now she wanted to enjoy theirs. aware of no sense of joy over it, with her." except from pride, for many travelers case him envious glances. But he that,' could not see its unusual beauty; he "O been dulled by the brilliancy of other flowers and his sense of smell by

"Nor did he think of the little glance that he gave—a glance full of touched and then left. They would oth admiration and meaning. Rose perhaps open, but the petals he had does not think. But I realized in stood near the table, watching the touched would always be brown and time to save myself from only a few other girl. In her eyes was a look of torn. The passerby might not see brown ones, and I want to save every longing, and yet it was mingled with fear. The three on the sofa zoon and revealed their hearts but the thought we knew our hearts. My drew her into their office. John was men who had plucked them would— bow they changed! But we couldn't open in his admiration of both girls; not at once, but when they had change those bruised petals! he tried to distribute his caresses become less entranced and were she gave a hurt cry, but he saw with an impartial hand, but the little Rose drew away with that expression of dread in her eyes. Fleyd was not But the man who had the perfect so bold; he lightly laid his hand on rose—the one which was perfect her hand, and when she did not because it had been well protectedresent it clasped it more firmly. Her did not know of the havor he had face flushed, but she suffered the wrought. He was too much interhand to remain.

Elizabeth was called from the commonplace and really tiresome. He did not know that it was he who had become unable to appreciate it, brother, a different one from the one though his own indulgence began in she lifted hi che knew. He was talking in a bois. an idle moment, while he had waited his clear eyes. for his flower to blossom."

> She paused to look into his face. He was listening. Then she went

only thought of one side; you have only wanted the perfect rose. You may get one, but if you do it will be You are not intending to break or bruise the other roses; you are just to be happy, because you wanted to going to handle them because the do as "the fellows" did. You were other beys do. You will enjoy their fragrance, but you will leave wounded petals. Then after a time, if you travel far enough into the garden, you will grow indifferent to the havor you are doing and will carefully crush the flowers. You may grow so cruel that you will snjoy it. There are men who do, and they have started out as free from intention to harm as you were tonight. You caressed Dorothy; John caressed her. The next boy that comes along will find it easier to be free with her, and unless there is some one who cares enough to guard her she will be torn from the stem before she has blossomed. It

you had kissed Rose tonight it would have been easy for you to kiss her When she returned Floyd was alone. He sate ulky and silent. She have been showned because with the boundary of the shock his head. 'I am so glad, she continued. "It will be so much cares for a few minutes. Soon she better for her. If she permits you went over to the lounge and sat down these familiarities she will permit others the same ones. She may become as rackless as Dorothy then we dare not think of the future. You can see now what a wonderful flower she promises to make. She is "I know you heard what I said to a perfect little bud. Would you not hate to think that you were spoiling

> "Forgive me for being so cross," he begged.

"Yss, dear," and she kissed his lips. "But we are going to look at your side now. God made you so that you have certain cravings, that you are to control. Many men will say that they are only to be satisfied, but we know better. The first kiss you give to a girl thrills you—really it is one of the greatest minutes of holiness has long since been done away with. Stronger desires than kissing arise and soon you are not the man God intended you to be. "Does John treat Ross that way.

The boy grew warm in a minute.
"He'd batter not; he went too far to
est, purest in the world will not
seem so to you. Marriage will not commonplace event."

His arms tightened around her, but he was silent.

"And," she continued, "your future career as a man will be touched. happen? Many things happened, of quickly when any of the senses of kills ambition, ability and power. I do not mean that every boy that Leading his regiment into the thick starts that way has the same fatal "The little book of memories that Rose gave you this afternoon told a men stop; yet you will find that they red bayonets. But his men were many with red bullets and pierced with men stop; yet you will find that they victorious, and from that crucial ending, but a great many do. There threatened, this priest fell, riddled are not real men. It will be much

into a gardan. All around him were beausiful roses of all colors But he touch"—and a tender smile played chose a little white bud for his. He around his lips—"any roses but one. mome chose it because it was pure and But I cannot see why I can't let her save. around his lips-"any roses but one. moment when only a miracle can white; but most of all because it was know that I care for her; I will be

She drew a sharp breath. "You mean you will crush the petals of your own rose, and then enjoy tha heart when it is opened. When you changed hands four or five times. this; then he wanted to get nearer to come back you may not even want to One Polish regiment, giving up withthese roses, to handle them. Other see that hears; you are just a boy. travelers were handling them and It you do, there will be times when ses that hears; you are just a boy. you will see those crushed petals and be sorry. You may blame yourself, but you will probab'y blams Rose. You may grow so discontented that you will blame another man. If you know she allowed you these careses, hese little familiarities, you will He spoke with pride. "I know

> We will look at it from her side. After, she realizes those patals have

but others were left bruised and into the garden and come back to broken by his ruthless desire to her a worn out traveler. She may He laughed. "I am not afraid of

Other girls just as constant in

petals and I know how they feel. You see, I was just like you are. buds in the garden that he had There was no one to guard me and I did just what any girl will do who

only love for him.

"Floyd, I want to give the world a noble man. That is the dearest wish of every woman. I want to give some woman a pure husband: and. my darling boy, I put the first little garment on your little body; I changed you from a little angel to a human being, and I must care for that human being."

You angel," he murmured. She lifted his chin and looked into

'I premise," he said in a low voice.

'It will not be easy, dear. You will have to refuse to listen to other boys, you will have to read only good books, and you will have to think pure thoughts. Rose's little book will help you. You can see the baby that I am trying to keep pure and may get one, but if you do it will be one which has been carefully guarded.

You are not intending to brook and commended and remember how you suffered on the night you wanted anxious to know what was in the heart of the rose book. I do not know, but she did tell me this. On the second petal—and you must look at it every day-is the little picture of Sir Galahad which your first teacher gave you. Do you remember

The boy smiled dreamily as he quoted My strength is as the strength of

Because my heart is pure." -Mabel A. McGee, in the Continent.

WARSAW MENACED BY THE RED TIDE

FATHER SKORUPKA HOLDING CRUCIFIX ALOFT LED CHARGE THAT ROUTED BOLSHEVIKI

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) By Captain Charles Phillips, A. R. C.

The miracle, so hard to believe in. o humanly impossible, has happened, and it happened on the feast of the Assumption. Warsaw is saved.

It is difficult to write the story of the turning of the red tide which just one week ago was poised at its crest to crush and inundate Poland. many of the elements of a wonder. tale are in it, the air is still so charged with its supernatural vibrations, that one is at a loss where to begin. The ending, of course, is plain enough. (That will be old your life. The next girl you kies seems less of a picture. Then after a while it becomes a mere habit; it loses all sense of enjoyment—the mur—while tens of thousands of with an expansive brow and a bergh "of the fall of Warsaw. So mouth that has much sweet. The herd attack a while it becomes a mere habit; it loses all sense of enjoyment—the mur—while tens of thousands of was far from the ordinary; the mouth that has much sweet. The brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So mouth that has much sweet. The brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. So well programmed was the red attack brow tells the story of a man that the full of Warsaw. captured by the Polish forces. The Soviet armies are irretrievably cut in his regiment. up and surrounded. From every point along the entire front, which extends hundreds of miles from the German boundary to the northwest of Wareaw to the Dniester river in the south, news comes of continuous Polish successes and the complete routing of the enemy.

What happened? And how did it You cannot think clearly or act course, but it was the heroic action of a young priest, a chaplain in the our body have been impaired. Lust army, that turned the tide at the last minute and wrought the miracle. of the fight when sure disaster victorious, and from that crucial holier and better to stay at the moment of the sacrifice of his life, the dis was cast for the red defeat Sie sar sheur, watering to speak. At last he did. "Of course, her capital. It was one of those speak. At last he did. "Of course, her capital. It was one of those speak. At last he did. "Of course, her capital. It was one of those fateful history-making acts which just tip the balance and send events way, now; I wouldn't even want to She sat silent, waiting for him to and Poland's vistorious defense of peak. At lest he did. "Of course, her capital. It was one of those all sliding in the right direction at a

> Last Sunday, the 15th of August. constant. I want to like her and I the red armies had penetrated as far want her to like me." approach to the capital. Radzymin (as I think I have already written you) within twenty-four hours had out sufficient struggle, was disci plined, dispersed in disgrace and its officers executed, while a second (she 236th Warsaw Volunteers) was sent to replace it and take back the

> Father Ignatius Skorupka, a volum teerchaplain with that volunteer regiment, went into the fight with his They were decidedly men, for scores of the young fellows in the Warsaw 236th were his pupile been crushed by you she may be ment. He was a teacher of Christian

stood as high and beautiful as before, afraid that you have wandered far schools in this city, and when the ing remark of the Poles now, when please, yes, to indulge himself. As be afraid that you will not appreciate he plucked his own rose, he was her and that you will not deal rightly popular, being their leader in sports fight with them, as a matter of could not see its unscual scause, he could not get the fragrance from its bears, because his sense of sight had been duiled by the brilliancy of other "What do you mean?" he asked.

Course. But it was so terrible and course, but it was so terrible and their friendship as Rose have felt ordeal that they faced, so withering a fire from the red guns, that even in spite of the awful fate of disgrace a fire from the red gune, that even in spits of the awful fate of disgrace ly and seriously argument and demonstrating that it is a miracle. "My dear boy, I have a few wilted and death meted out to their defeated predecessors in the attack, they began to waver. Human fissh and man spirit, even so ardent as that of those untried but during young volunteers, could not endure the blaze of flame and steel that fronted them. An American officer here who witnessed the attack, which began about 1 o'clock Sunday morning, told ms that never on the western front, when the Garmans were relying almost wholly on machine gun warfare, had he seen so formidable and bitter a fire as the Bolsheviks put up at Radzymin.

> PRIEST FALLS IN VICTORIOUS CHARGE The Poles wavered. Father Skorapka saw the wavering. Not alone Poland and Warsaw, but the honor of his regiment, "his boys," was at stake. With his surplice and stole over his uniform, and suddenly holding his crucifix high in the air. he leaped ahead of the front line, shouting to them to come on.

> One of the officers of the regiment. seasoned veteran of the last six years, says: "I have seen many courageous officers in battle, but never have I seen a man lead troops ahaad as Father Skorupka did then !"

> Under the shock of his magnetic voice and action the troops advanced. But the Bolehevik fire again drove them back. Again the chaplain led. Again they advanced—and again fell back. Still again. And once more. Four times, with his crucifix high above his head, where all might see it, and with his voice shouting in the names of Jesus and Mary to come on and save their homes and their people, the young priest led his regiment. Four times -and the fourth time there was no wavering. They went on There was no falling back. Radzymin was retaken. But it was taken over the bullet pierced and bayoneted body of

Ignat Skorupka. When the field was clear, General Huller, notified of the beroic action of the young priest, hastened to the spot where the body lay, a guard of honor—a heartshaken and sorrowful guard of honor-standing about it. The action of the general was characteristic. He knelt first, blessing himself and offering a silent prayer; then he rose, and conferred Father Skorupka, to the glory of his and Poland's name forever, the highest military honor in the gift of the republic-the "Virtute Militaire," which has been won by less than a score of men in all its history.

The story of Father Skorupka spread quickly to Warsaw, being mentioned in the official communique of the day following. Today his picture is exhibited everywhere, while plans are already proposed for the erection of a monument to him in Palace Square, the centre of the city. This monument is to be cast from metal captured from the Bol-sheviks on the field of Radzymin. All the pictures of the young priestplain enough. (That will be old news to readers of this by the time it is printed). The Bolsheviks are on with an expansive brow and a every day Father Benson's "Felsonprisoners and innumerable cannon and other spoils have already been fellowship and love which made him worshipped by all in his school and

SKETCH OF FATHER SKORUPKA

Born in Warsaw in 1893, the son schooling was received in Russia, where the duties of his father took the family. But that family, like many others forced by circumstances into the service of the Tzar's government, never lost its Polish ardor. Taking a special interest in Polish literature, particularly Polish poetry, the young student Skorupka organ. ized at the academy which he attended at Petrograd, a Polish literary circle, called "Polonie," which did much to keep alive in the hearts of his fellow Polish schoolmates the secret fires of their patriotism. When his mother died in Moscow, the young man made a solemn promiss over her grave to Poland for burial in her native

Father Zelszowski, a fellow seminarian of Father Skorupka's and his best friend, speaks of him as a man possessing a remarkable mind. "He was, on the one hand, absolutely orderly, precise and clear-seeing, and at the same time he had all the fire and delicacy of a highly sensitized soul. It was an unusual com bination.'

Warsaw's bewilderment at the stupendous and unbelievable chapge in her fortunes within the course of Polish state of mind during the first two or three days following the sudden turn of the tide. No one knew what had happened. We only knew that the Bolsheviks, whose guns have been in hearing for days, they will together with them to sell at four for ten favorable hearing more certainly us the money and we will send you the Mouth alone. Let us do what in us lies to organ, all charges premain. in school. He personally knew practically every man in the regiment. He was a teacher of Christian faced about and on the run. "It's a may be carried up to heaven in the

volunteer army was organized, he insisted on going with "his boys," one else does anything else, day or wish whom he was enormously night, but discuss it. I have heard one else does anything else, day or night, but discuss it. I have heard even young Poles of the blase modernist type (there are plenty of and athletics as well as their modernist type (there are plenty of spiritual mentor. He went into the them here, the sort that Sienkiewicz warned the country against in his novel "Whirlpools")—I have heard even these, all their up-to-date foolishness evidently forgotten, quiet

A MIRACLE OF FAITH The whole affair is, of course,

vast miracle of Christian faith and ommon sense. In the first place, Poland, shaken to her inner founds tions, never has let go the hand of God in this terrible crisis. Perhaps some Poles (it is not undaniable) have been inclined to slip away fro shat sure guidance, a little bit lured by the siren voices of socialism, naturalism, materialism, who can say? There are heavy undercurrents running in the world these days from the nether universe, pulling nations as well as individuals towards the deeps. But Poland-Poland as people-has stuck, and when the blackest hour came, hope and faith, not despair, were her first rewards That hundred thousand, marching, singing, and praying through the streets of Warsaw three weeks agothat crowd had a supremely confident faith. On that day there doubtless were offerings made to heaven of which only heaven will ever know. But it is not difficult to imagine the offer Father Skorupka made. It is not difficult to see him, swept with the twin fires of religion and patriotism, leaving his studies. dropping his books and his plans for the next term's school work, going out to join "bis boys," and saying to God in the secret of his heart: " Take me, use me, but save my country!" Well, as the Poles will tell you

quite frankly now, the prayers of the hundred thousand (and the prayer of Father Skorupka) were heard. The good God who stood back of Ferdinand Foch, fighter and man of prayer, when France was being cracified, sent another Foch to Poland in the person of Weygand, Fach's close friend and chief of staff. The same good God likewise had one General Joseph Haller, Polish patriot, on hand for the oceasionanother fighter and man of prayer, whose daily presence at the altar all during the red days in the fleid around Warsaw was a constant inspiration to his men. Poland's own man of the hour. His part of the miracle was to raise and equip in three weeks a volunteer army of over 100,000, which, taken to the front with scarcely training enough to mold it is into a unified whole, nevertheless gave the reds their first taste of the resurrected Polish spirit-though how those green boys were slaughtered only figures, yet to be revealed, can tell! And so through all its details, the miracle was worked out, piece by piece, and can be so scrutinized now, with always the one man ready and into the breach when the crisis

The crisis came on the 15th of August, the feast of the Assumption, 1920—a date which, I think, will go down in the history of the world marking a milestone in the War of Two Worlds. That was one week ago today, the day announced long ahead by Trotsky (who in his on that day was inevitable. What was to stop them?

There was nothing to stop them, so far as their reckoning went. they reckoned without God-the God of the hundred thousand, the God of Foch, Weygand, Haller, the G d of of a Government official, much of his young Ignatius Skorupka—the God of infinite power, grace and miracles.

> THE RELICS OF ST. JULIEN RESTORED TO BRIOUDE

By N. C. W. C. News Service

Paris, Oct. 10 .- At the time of the Terror, in 1798, some revolutionaries had carried away from the Brionde Basilica a very rich gold carved and gemethoded reliquary, which contained the remains of St. Julien. They took it to Paris, where the reliquary was melted away at the "Monnaie." Fortunately the relics solemn promiss over her grave to of St. Julien were saved and hidden some day bring her body back to in a safe place by some Christians. They were afterwards entrusted to the care of the Augustine nuns.

The Catholics of the Brioude country have lately made a demand that there relics of Sr. Julien be given back to them. The Paris diocese, of course, has agreed to their wishes and after one hundred and twenty. seven years' exile, they are about to return to the Brioude Basilica.

WHEN AT MASS

When the priest at the altar offers a few hours has steaded a little, I the sublime Sacrifice the angels think, since the story of Father stand beside him, and all around the Skorupka has become known.
"What has happened?"—with a blank for answer, best describes the Polish state of mind during the first Wherefore if they dost unite thy altar are arranged choirs of heavenly able. with the other roses, some of which afraid of the future. She may be Doctrine in one of the largest public miracle," is invariably the conclud- angels pure hands.—St. Chrysostom. DEPT. 78

On Head, Cross and Fretful, Hair Fell Out.

"When my baby was three months old her head broke out in little red pimples and then in a week it broke out in ringworms. The ringworms were very large and there were several on her head, and her scalp would bleed. She was very cross and fretful at times, and her hair was falling out. vas falling out.

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