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• • • • • A good effect which we hope from the Presidential Meeting at Yacuiba is the relief of Bolivian grievances regarding communication with the great ocean highways. When the map of South America was re-drafted after the wars of Independence, Bolivia was given an opening to the Pacific, which Chile occupied after the Chili-Peruvian war. A solution to this old quarrel would be a Bolivian corridor to the sea.

Another solution could be found by a convention with this country regarding the navigation of the Bermejo river. It would be a humanitarian gesture on our part to relieve the Bolivian land-siege, and should help powerfully to dispell the accusation that Argentina wants to form an Empire at the expense of her neighbours.

• • • • • THE five republics of Central America live costly, uncertain lives. Revolutions are frequent, finances are low, frontiers are long and the coast-line, which they are individually quite unable to guard, is potentially the most important in the world.

In times past, the republics have been under a common rule, but the jealousies of local chieftains were better executed in isolation. That is why the republics are five.

But many Central Americans believe that a common destiny should logically issue in common rule. A Salvadorian newspaper has launched a very feasible scheme for a Union, under which each existing state would elect three members to a five-nation Diet. The Presidency of the Diet would be discharged by the local Presidents, according to some system of rotation. The scheme is proposed as provisional for ten years, and if successful, would then become permanent. We hope the plan will be realized. Only in union is there real strength.

• • • • • THE only remedy which the Government seems able to devise for our tottering financial system is the imposition of new taxes. The question is whether the country will be able to bear the burden, and the answer is doubtful if one con-

siders that since 1920 to the present year, the value of production has fallen by 10%, and the value of exports by 60%.

On the other hand, fiscal expenditure has risen by 70%. For every peso the Government spent in 1920, it is spending \$1.70 today. Here, then, is the real remedy: cut down on our bureaucracy which is growing at a rate out of all proportion to the rates of population and production.

• • • • • LA PRENSA is led into strange positions by its rigid dogmatism. Commenting upon the events in Catamarca, our colleague drags in the "Patronato" and observes that since Bishops are state officials, the services held under their auspices are public services. From this it would follow that citizens are entitled to regard the churches in the same light as post-offices, railways and other public utilities. But the whole point is that, strictly speaking, there is no such organism as the Argentine Church. There is the Catholic Church in Argentina. If we were to accept the strict implications of our colleague's thesis, we would become schismatics and no longer Catholics. Of course, when used in its current acceptation, i.e., as signifying that portion of the Catholic allegiance which is subject politically to the Argentine state, the term Argentine Church is a convenient, unobjectionable term.

• • • • • DURING the current year the nation is spending twenty-eight million pesos on university education in the six universities which exist in this country.

The reason why a university training is so costly is because it is a state monopoly. Break that monopoly and the cost will fall.

For many years it has been the aspiration of the Catholic Church to have its own university in this country, and at one time a Catholic university was actually in being. But a university, in order to attract students, must have the faculty of granting degrees valid for civil purposes and it was found impossible to secure the necessary authorization from the State.

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Where the River Shannon Flows

(By ANNA G. CLANCEY)

There are things about Ireland that everyone knows,
But have you ever heard how the old Shannon flows?
Away up in Cavan it starts from a well,
Then down to Loch Allen it rushes pell mell.

To Carrig-on-Shannon it goes on its way,
Like ribbons of silver it flows to Loch Ree,
Through the whole length of Connaught its beauty is known,
Then winds itself into the heart of Athlone.

Then over to Galway it dances along,
And enters Loch Derg with a bit of a song.
The banks of Tipperary are kissed by it, too,
And onward it ripples to old Killaloe.

To Limerick City it then lends its charm,
Embraces dear Kerry with strong loving arms,
Twixt Kerry and Clare to the ocean it flows,
And from there it goes to—well, God only knows.

Irish News

SAD
WEEK-END.—

We take the following from an Irish exchange:—

The people of Roscommon found themselves unable to get a smoke during the week-end and porter was also scarce. Some houses closed down and put a notice on the door saying, "no cigarettes and no porter." On Monday evening a small consignment reached one merchant and the place was immediately besieged. The rush for cigarettes was so great that the Gardaí had to take a hand in regulating queues. By Wednesday the position was somewhat eased but there are still a number of houses without cigarettes. Some merchants have refused to supply the ladies with cigarettes during the scarcity and are giving bog workers preference.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
SIGNS BILL.—

On August 7th, President Roosevelt signed the bill providing for the sale of two cargo ships to Eire. These ships were previously loaned to Ireland but under the bill signed recently they can be sold outright to Ireland.

As previously stated in these columns, this bill was signed by the United States House of Representatives on December 1, 1941, and by the Senate of the United States on Monday, July 27, 1942, and it was then sent to the President for his signature and on Friday, August 7, 1942, he signed it.

Therefore these two ships which are already chartered to the Irish Government can now be sold outright.

The ships have a displacement of over eight thousand tons each.

A MIRACULOUS
ESCAPE.—

Wm. Shields, Lismonaghan, Co. Donegal, had a narrow escape from death when he came in contact with a loose wire which had been thrown over the high-tension line conveying electric current from Strabane to Letterkenny. The line carries a current of 11,000 volts and young Shields received the full force of it. How he escaped being burned alive, is something of a miracle. His clothes, boots and part of his arm and left leg were burned and singed, but beyond this, and severe shock, he escaped lightly. He was de-

tained for a few days for treatment in Letterkenny Hospital, but has since been discharged.

CLARE NUN KILLED
IN ROAD ACCIDENT.—

Sister Mary Clare O'Donovan, aged 29, a member of the Mercy Order, was killed in a road accident near Six-milebridge, Co. Clare.

She had come from England to be present at the ordination of her brother, Rev. Matthew O'Donovan, at Thurles, and had since been spending a holiday at her home in Mourne, Co. Limerick.

Accompanied by her father, John O'Donovan, she was driving to the residence of her uncle, John Gleeson, at Belvoir, when the pony suddenly shied and swerved to the side of the road. A wheel of the car mounted the fence and the trap turned over, pitching out both occupants.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was returned at the inquest.

THERE IS MONEY
IN EIRE.—

The following are some recent wills and probates in Eire:—

£65,535—Thomas B. Case, Donnybrook, Dublin, managing director of Arthur Guinness, Son and Co., Ltd., Dublin. He was a son of the late Thomas Case, and a son-in-law of the late Sir Walter Armstrong, Director of the National Gallery, Dublin.

£49,055—John Toovey, Ross's Hotel, Dun Laoghaire.

£23,542—Brigadier-Gen. Gardiner Humphreys, son-in-law of 10th Earl of Westmeath.

£13,515—Dr. Richard R. Leeper, St. Patrick's Hospital, James's St., Dublin.

£10,085—Robert C. Young, Culdaff House, Co. Donegal. £4,848—Mrs. Mary I. Forde, Baggot St., Dublin. £4,600—Miss Jane E. Scott, Rathgar, Dublin. £4,273—John J. Healy, Cromwell Rd., Belfast. £4,301—John Maxwell, Drumcreegan Rd., Derry. £3,607—Miss Margaret A. Maxwell, Belfast. £2,988—Christian Crawford, St. Alban's Rd., Dublin. £2,537—Rev. John W. Carrothers, Carrickshinnagh, Foxrock. £2,418—Mrs. Mary A. Dillon, Iona Rd., Glasnevin. £1,901—Mrs. Mary Carroll, Dawson Street, Monaghan.

£14,917 (in Eire)—Alfred E. Darley, late of Grafton St., Dublin, £13,176

(in Eire)—William G. Wakely, Temple Gardens, Dublin, late Secretary of the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland. £9,887 (in Northern Ireland)—William Duncan, Irvinestown, Co. Fermanagh. £8,657 (in Eire)—Mrs. Mary J. Cooney, Carbury Co. Kildare. She left £350 for Masses, and, after other bequests, the residue of the property for charitable purposes in Ireland at the discretion of her executors. £7,290—Mrs. Ethel Duff-Gillespie, late of Malahide, Co. Dublin. £6,454—Aubrey Faryon Legget, New Quay Burren Co. Clare. £6,449 (in Eire)—Alexander J. Ferguson, Rathmines, Dublin. £6,382—Mrs. Kathleen O'Sullivan Beare, Ballincollig, Co. Cork.

MEATH'S GOOD EXAMPLE.—

Major General Aodh McNeill wrote to Mr. Sean McGurl, Chairman of the Meath Co. Council, last month, in connection with the recent order of the Co. Council to pay members of the Local Defence Force, who were employees of the Council during their absence on military training. The letter states: "I note with considerable satisfaction that the Co. Council decided on the above. This is a fine headline to other public and private employers. I am particularly glad that it comes from Meath, the county in which I attended my first Defence Service review this year and made my first appeal to employers to help in this way. May I express my personal appreciation of the strong and patriotic line you adopted at the Council meeting which I am sure had a considerable influence on the Council's decision."

THIS HAPPENED IN THE CO. DOWN.—

We take the following from "The Advocate", a recent number of "The Advocate", New York: "The news from Ireland, cabled here last week, of a sham battle arranged between the American forces, encamped in the area of Derry and the English army of occupation centered around Belfast in Antrim, was very realistic. The "battle" was supposed to be for the conquest of County Down, which the Americans regarded as friendly territory and which they desired to annex. All the implements of modern warfare were brought into play—tanks, airplanes, parachutes and cannon. Although no decision was rendered, we believe the Americans had the best of the encounter. In the far-off days, the O'Neills and McCahans

fought the McDonnells and the Hamiltons for this territory and they invariably won. Today the only place in Ireland that the Scots are masters is in Antrim, North Down, North Armagh, part of Derry and North Tyrone; all together the portion of North-East Ireland now dominated by the Anglo-Irish is not equal to the former Principality of the O'Neills and the former Gaelic ideas and ideals are fast penetrating into the remotest corners of this small territory. We hope to see in the not far-distant future, this small, but important part of Ireland united with the main body of Eire."

BISHOP OF DERRY NOMINATED.—

The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York and Military Vicar has announced that he has named the Most Rev. Neil Farren, Bishop of Derry, as Vicar Delegate of the Military Ordinate for American Catholic chaplains and troops in Northern Ireland.

GARTH HEALY APPOINTED IRISH CONSUL FOR CHICAGO.—

Matthew Garth Healy, who has for the past few years been Irish Consul in New York has been appointed Irish Consul in Chicago in place of the late Irish Consul Mr. McGrath. He left New York on August 22nd for the "Windy City" to take up his new post. We wish him lots of good luck.

COAL FROM THE ARIGNA MINES.—

The Great Southern Railway Co. has arranged to purchase large quantities of coal from the Arigna coalfields. It will be used with imported slack.

Among proposals under consideration is one to have lighter trains on the main lines to Cork and the West. An additional train to Sligo would enable the Galway train to run nonstop to Mullingar. This proposal, it is stated, would mean lighter trains, which would use less coal and at the same time give better service.

DUBLIN CITY.—

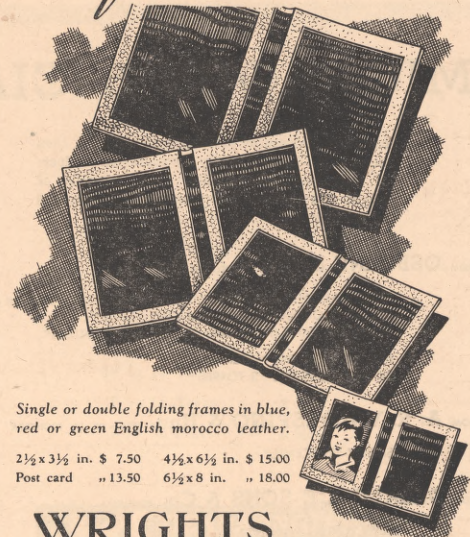
Dublin was once a Norse city. The green Irish Sea, the white breakers that score the sandy beaches like a white clef of music by Swords, Skerries, Malahide and Clontarf are some- how reminders of the fact as the train roars beside them, in a last desperate effort to be on time.

I make my way back from the buffet-car, and even if Lambay Island and the gleam of breakers beyond the sand dunes remained invisible, I should still know we were approaching Dublin by the number of greyhounds that have suddenly appeared standing or squatting on the cushions of the compartment seats. Nowhere else that I know of do greyhounds occupy train seats with quite so much authority as they do approaching the Irish capital.

IRISH INVESTMENTS IN ENGLAND.—

It is said that thrifty Irish farmers and shopkeepers have investments of over £200,000,000 in English enterprises and industry. This has always been a dividend-paying investment. At Cork University last month, the question was discussed of the security of these investments. It was urged that the Government of Eire should recall these investments and compel the investors to apply them to enterprise in Eire.

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General News From Home and Abroad.

THE PRESIDENT IN THE NORTH.—

The reception, accorded to the pre-

sident of the Republic and his official party on their visit to various parts of the North has been remarkably cordial and it has been a triumphal pro-

cession. The people of the northern provinces are very hospitable folk and no matter the differences of political opinions, they always decide to bury same, when it comes to welcoming the constituted authorities of the Nation.

Dr. Castillo and his attendant ministers have been afforded an excellent opportunity to observe firsthand the problems that face the people of the far North and it is to be hoped that ways and means will be found to obtain a solution of same. In the past there has been too much attention paid to the Federal Capital and too little to the provinces.

often very religious, and Sir Henry is known to be an extremely devout Catholic.

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FIRE ON THE "BARONESA".—

The British steamer "Baronesa", arrived last week in this port and on Sunday morning a mysterious fire broke out on board. The fire brigade were quickly on the premises but despite their continuous efforts the fire demanded a lot of fighting. As yet it has not been established whether the fire was the result of sabotage or not.

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THE "COLECTIVO" STRIKE.—

Unsettled questions have no pity for the repose of nations or individuals. The question of the "colectivos" remains unsolved and their absence from the streets has caused considerable annoyance and discomfort to the travelling public, particularly those living in the outlying districts. In the meantime the matter has been raised in the Chamber of Deputies and seemingly the feeling prevalent in that assembly is to allow the "colectiveros" to proceed as heretofore. This would naturally lead to a conflict with the Transport Corporation and resignations would be numerous. Meantime the inhabitants miss the excellent service that has been built up during the past fifteen years.

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MISTLETOE—HOLLY AND

The holly, synonymous of Christmas, was a sacred plant, and the mistletoe a mysterious plant, supposed by the ancient Druids to have some mystic power of healing and preventing misfortune. It was dedicated to the Goddess of Love, which explains the custom of kissing under the mistletoe.

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HOUDINI, THE WIZARD.—

Houdini became a legend even in his own lifetime, he exploits a household word, and his name was given a problematical immortality in the verb "to houdinize" in an American dictionary, signifying "to release or extricate oneself (from confinement, bonds, and the like), as by wriggling out." In the life of such a master of elusiveness and india-rubber agility there is matter for perpetual wonder. Harold Kellock's "Houdini—an Unsolved Mystery" does not tell how he did his tricks, but it is, nevertheless, an entertaining book, crowded with marvels and intensely readable.

Here and there we are given a glimpse of the great conjuror and lock-opener's methods, and something of his mental attitude:—

"My chief task has been to conquer fear," he said. "When I am stripped and manacled, nailed securely within a weighted packing-case, and thrown into the sea, or when I am buried alive under six feet of earth, it is necessary to preserve absolute serenity of spirit. I have to work with great delicacy and lightning speed. If I grow panicky I am lost. And if something goes wrong, if there is some little accident or mishap, some slight miscalculation, I am lost unless all my faculties are working on high, free from mental

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PILGRIMAGE TO LUJAN.—

On Sunday last the annual pilgrimage to Lujan, organized by the "Circulo de Obreros", took place and proved an outstanding success. The day dawned cold and threatening, but none the less the special trains were filled from early morn. On arrival at the Basilica station processions were formed and accompanied by bands of music, they continued to the Basilica, where the Cardinal Primate awaited them in the atrium. In the afternoon a very eloquent discourse was delivered by Father Rodolfo Carboni, who paid a feeling tribute of homage to Our Lady of Lujan.

THE CANNY SCOT.—

The word "Canny" is a Scots word combining caution and shrewdness, but not altogether explained by those terms. It is, in fact, like many Scots words, untranslatable into English speech, "Taste and try before you buy" is an English proverb which embodies caution in dealing, but has not that canny quality which we find embodied in the story of the Scot who asked a baldheaded chemist if he could guarantee a Hair Restorer he was advertising to be capable of producing a growth of hair. "Oh, certainly," replied the chemist, "it is guaranteed to grow hair in twenty-four hours." "Ah, weel, then," replied the Scot, "just put a little on yer ain head and I'll look back the morn to see if it works." That is the typical Scot. You see at once where he shines. He does not even spend a penny in samples before he makes a purchase. The canny Scot leaves nothing to chance. There he differs from his Southern neighbour.

Which reminds us of the question a Scots boy asked his father. "Father," he said, "what's the difference between Scotsmen and Englishmen?" "Weel, laddie," replied he, "I canna juist say, but they hav'na been the same since Bannockburn!"

HOW EXPENSES INCREASE.—

In the past thirty years, according to a contemporary, the population of the country has increased about sixty per cent. In the mean time public expenses have increased 400 per cent. This is a sorry state of affairs and seemingly the country is going from bad to worse. When it comes to a question of milking the country and the legislators seem to be quite willing to vote any and every measure that the Government puts forward, as long as they are personally favoured, or their relatives granted pensions or jobs. It is high time that some effort should be made to remedy this state of affairs and endeavour to force the public authorities to bring revenue and expenses into line.

SAILORS.—

The occupation that is most prolific of superstitions is the sailor's. Here are a few:—

Sailors dread a whistling woman because whistling was supposed to draw a breeze and therefore danger.

If you beat your wife you will be lucky in fishing.

It is unlucky to ask a fisherman if he has had a good catch.

All naval salutes are given in odd numbers for luck.—The mizzen gun is the only even-numbered salute.

Never point with your finger at a ship at sea, use the whole hand, otherwise it means ill-luck for those on board.

White stones are rejected as ballast by sailors—presumably because white is a sacred colour.

THE LOTTERY SCANDAL.—

The public still continue to take an immense interest in all that transpires in the investigation of the committee formed in the Chamber of Deputies and the proceedings in the Courts. It would now appear that there has been some nasty procedure in the past and claimants have come forward, demanding \$600,000 m/n. for the "grande" of 1940, alleging that the number had been changed on the occasion of the drawing. The case is now in the law courts and the judicial decision is awaited with interest.

THE MERCHANT MARINE.—

Admiral Francisco Stewart arrived in Washington on Tuesday last and he is expected to get into immediate touch with Mr. Sumner Welles, Secretary of State. Hopes are high that arrangements will be reached to settle the vexed question of inter-American shipping.

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Secrets of Propaganda

(By AODH DE BLACAM in "The Irish Digest.")

AN ENGLISH newspaper once held a competition for the best definition of propaganda. Most of the entries seem to have played more or less wittily on this idea: "Propaganda is a statement which is true when we make it, but an infamous lie when it is made by the other side." This sums up the contemptuous regard in which propaganda is held. It is common in present-day controversies to have an argument dismissed as "mere propaganda."

We owe the popular notion that propaganda is falsehood, and the slang term "dope" which is used as a synonym, to the Great War. While the guns were beating down cities and slaughtering the youth of Europe both sides had their arm of propaganda working to discredit their enemies and to keep up the morale of their civil populations. After the war there were cynical disclosures of the deliberate organisation of falsehood—a squalid story that we need not recall. One result of this prostitution of the power of the pen was the growth of insincerity in politics.

I remember, during our own troubles, how the imprisonment of a writer was justified by the statement that he was a propagandist. It was one of the most highly distinguished men of letters, himself remembered gratefully in Ireland for his defence of her credit with his pen, who used this remarkable argument. So-and-so argues for a certain side; therefore his opponents are entitled to silence him by imprisonment.

Surely this is not just or moral. The sword may be answered by the sword, but surely argument must be met by argument, if humanity is not to sink to the rule of brute, irrational violence. However, that principle has come from the war-time control of propaganda—propaganda is a weapon, like a gun, which you may tear from your opponent's hands, a weapon which you fear as men never ought to fear reason.

In the revolutionary politics of the decades since the war, propaganda is used as a weapon, not as an exercise of argument. Accordingly, we have the Communist movement working with a propaganda system as well-organised, as ruthless in its methods, as the propaganda of the belligerent Powers. We find many who hold that the Left propaganda should be answered like enemy propaganda in war-time; that is, not by argument but by suppression.

The Right has its organised propaganda, probably more scrupulous than that of the Left, but still a different thing from open discussion. In certain countries the propaganda of the Left is suppressed altogether, and a regimentation of opinion is used in peace-time as strict as in war-time. This also is an abuse of propaganda.

The common man grows bewildered. He is aware that foreign news is controlled, and he lacks the means to pierce beyond what is told him. If anyone will go to the pains to collate the foreign news which appears in all the Irish and English daily newspapers, he will discover that there is hardly any substantial difference in what is printed in journals of remotely different principles—Irish Nationalist, Orange Irish, English Liberal, English Tory, Scottish Socialist.

All tell the same tale, with some small variations in the bias given by the sub-editing. All depend on the same stream of information supplied by a-

gencies. Seldom in history has a more difficult, more vital issue come upon the world than the conflict in Spain; but the newspapers of the English-speaking world have published almost identical reports, with only rare attempts to penetrate beyond the agencies which supply them.

Suppose the printing-press, radio and the cinematograph had come into the world in the Middle Ages. What would St. Thomas Aquinas have taught concerning their use and control? I think he would have approved of the saying of Dr. Oliveira Salazar that literature is the mental food of the people and must be subject to the same safeguards against corruption as foods which merely feed the body. 'Who is to see that what the people get is pure, is wholesome? Aquinas surely would say that the duty belongs to the Prince—that is, the legitimate civil ruler. Who is to advise him? The wise must be his advisers, and they must receive their principles from the teaching Church.

If the pagan world has found the drab civilisation of mechanised Europe infectious, how much more readily it could have been won by the grave rich, humorous, tender, noble civilisation of Christendom in the thirteenth century! Surely the swift conversion of the pagan world would have been humanly certain. That was not to be.

Divine Providence reserved to our own time the perfection of those instruments which seven hundred years ago would have been used by a united Christendom, counselled by an Aquinas. God gave His people a more difficult task, and the power to send a voice from Rome instantaneously to the ends of the earth came when that voice must strive against a torrent of conflicting voices, mostly hostile to the Christian faith and philosophy.

It is remarkable, but true that almost all the great masters of literature have been propagandists; that is, teachers. I saw this denied recently by an author who simply cannot have cast his mind over the facts. Poets sometimes are purely creative, although even these often have a purpose which is none the less deliberate for being well-concealed. Romantic writers, who shun the tragic themes, write only to amuse. Yet consider such giants as the Greek playwrights, the only pagans who have a majesty like that of Sacred Scripture—they were propagandists. Lucretius was a more intense poet. He wrote his great work for a propagandist reason. Livy was a propagandist of patriotism. Horace's best poems were propaganda. Dante, one of the three greatest poets of the world, was a propagandist for scholasticism. Carry the argument into all lands, and the principle is borne out. In Ireland, the best of Gaelic poetry, the terrific bardic poetry of the days of the Earls is propagandist, and so is the great bulk of Anglo-Irish literature.

These facts are so evident that it is amazing that critics can overlook them, but we have here, perhaps, one more example of the power of cant. "Art for art's sake" has bemused men like the word "Fascism." They pass on such statements as that "Great art is never propagandist" without pausing for an instant to examine their own words.

It is natural that great works should be great convictions; for there must be great convictions in a man's mind if he is to write of great deeds, to express great thoughts. In this world of conflict we must take sides or be

potrooms. "There are two sides to every question," says the trimmer. One side on balance must be the right side, the other the wrong, and to shirk this truth is to miss both tragedy and splendour—the tragedy of the confusion which entangles good men in bad causes, the splendour of honest failure.

He who shirks reality may give us pleasant songs and amusing tales, but he cannot conceive the impotent indignant Lear, borne down in a land of lost authority; he cannot share Mitchell's wrath or the sorrow of O Heughusa. He who has not sorrowed and joyed has no great thing to say. To feel deeply, then, to love and to hate strongly, is to write that which seeks to persuade; it is to be a propagandist for pity or for justice.

Considering that all printed words, in effect, are propaganda, how careful our national leaders ought to be to ensure that the matter of life, soon to pass into print, should be good matter for the teacher! Public persons are given, by the all-persuasive camera and news-report, an immense direct influence on the people. What leaders wear, people will wear; what plays they see, the people will go to see; what pursuits they favour, soon will be the fashion.

In the old days, when we were not split into parties, our leaders gave much of their energy to exhortation. Their public appearances were not in Parliament, but on the feis platform, and there they used their influence to direct the people towards national customs, dances, literature. Nowadays, they seem to feel it their duty to refrain from exhortation. We seldom hear them advise the people.

Only in some lands where party government has been repressed do political leaders remain social and intellectual leaders, counselling this and that in the shaping of the national life. One of the great merits of monarchy is that it provides a leader of national habit who is above party and can teach by example or exhortation the things that a party politician is expected not to discuss; for example, the benefits of a strong rural life.

Can we not make a departure from party restrictions in Ireland, and get our leaders of all parties to act as leaders of all parties to act as leaders in culture, too? With print, screen and radio ever broadcasting the words and deeds of notabilities, surely it is the duty of public men to cause the wings of propaganda to carry into every home those ideals which are more precious than political ends, ideals which the age threatens with an all-pervasive enmity.

WITH UNDERSTANDING.

Our North American colleague, *The Sign*, a publication of great importance conducted by the Passionist Fathers in the United States, has the following article in its August issue. The title is:

IN FAIRNESS TO ARGENTINA.

"The death of ex-President Ortiz of Argentina leaves President Castillo in secure possession of the Presidency and therefore better able to put into effect his foreign policy. In pursuance of that policy, Argentina has continued to maintain diplomatic relations with the Axis nations and has reaffirmed her status as a neutral country. President Castillo has threatened action against those who seek to change the Government's attitude toward the belligerents. Since the incident of the sinking of the Argentinian freighter, *Rio Teyeco*, she has forbidden her ships to enter our Eastern ports, thus acknowledging in effect Hitler's blockade of our Atlantic coast. On the other hand, Argentina affirms her solidarity with the other American republics and claims that her course is simply one of strict neutrality.

Even though we may not agree with her foreign policy, nevertheless we Americans should be able to understand that country's point of view. Argentina has surrendered voluntarily the right of freedom of the seas in order to avoid incidents that might alter her neutrality. We should not forget that for a long time we followed the same policy through our "cash and carry" legislation. We should also remember that until the treacherous Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor we maintained a status of at least legal neutrality in spite of the help we were giving to the enemies of the Axis, and that we had diplomatic representatives in the capitals of all the Axis countries.

Argentina, because of her foreign policy, has come in for a great deal of adverse criticism from Americans with short memories. Whatever the attitude of some of the leaders in her government, the people of that country are overwhelmingly in favour of the United Nations and hostile to the Axis and to all forms of totalitarian government. We shall do far more good by leaving Argentinian foreign policy to Argentinians than by giving them the impression that we think that we know better than they do what is good for their country."

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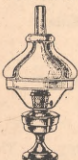
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A. R. S. ANNUAL MEETING. Venado Tuerto Rural Society:—

As a reminder that the Argentine Rural Society will hold its annual general meeting for the election of officers in the last week of October, the "Lista Blanca" committee has already made known the list of candidates it will support on that occasion. This year the election is especially important for Dr. Adolfo Bioy finished his second term as president of the institution and has decided to decline reelection.

The list in circulation is as follows: President, Ing. José María Bustillo; vice-president, Ricardo Sauze; members, Leonardo F. Benvenuto, José G. Elordy, Julio A. García Victoria, Eduardo J. Helguera, Diego Piñeiro Pearson, Juan J. Reynal, Tomas Salas, Ramon J. Santamarina.

It is pleasing to see that there is some new blood on this list, and that all are actively engaged in the livestock breeding industry.

Intendente Alvear (Pampa) Show.

The Association de Fomento Rural de Intendente Alvear (La Pampa) is holding its fourth annual livestock show on Saturday. As the entries are large and of the high quality usually found there this event is sure to be as successful as have been all the previous ones held in that fertile, though at present dry, section of the Pampa Territory.

On Friday morning the judge, Señor Bautista Sabalet, will commence his labours in the cattle section, while Señor Alfredo Sabalain will do the same among the sheep exhibits. Don Hugo Bruzone will prove his reputation as a man of many parts judging the horses, pigs, and poultry. The show will be officially inaugurated on Saturday after the annual "almuerzo de Camaradería" which usually brings together a crowd of over four hundred.

Sale of New Zealand Sheep:—

An important sale of New Zealand sheep will take place in Bullrich's yard on Thursday, September 17, when a specially selected draft of Lincoln, Romney Marsh, and South-down rams brought out by P. and G. Hughes is to be offered. It is of interest to note that the ram that made the world-record price of \$18,000 at Palermo this year was a New Zealand Lincoln sired by a ram bred in the "The Cliffs" flock belonging to William Rayner and imported by Messrs Hughes. The previous highest price for the breed here was \$15,200 paid in 1934 for the son of a ram from E. T. Wilton's "Jenolan" flock, also brought out by the same importers.

In the draft to be sold next week there are: 7 Lincolns from the flock belonging to L. R. Wilton; 3 from William Rayner; 4 from Eric T. Wilton; and 4 from Harold John Rayner; 3 Romney Marsh rams from J. G. and J. R. Donald; and 4 South-downs from H. J. Andrew It is one of the finest drafts imported from New Zealand, from where they are brought by overcoming great difficulties in transport, and there is no doubt but that they will sell well.

The residents of the progressive Santa Fe town of Venado Tuerto always make a success of anything they undertake, and the Rural Society is no exception to that rule. It is barely seven years ago since the cattle breeders of that district, headed by the never-to-be-forgotten Dr. Tomas B. Kenney, got together to form a Rural Society and within a few months they had one of the best laid out show-grounds in the country, and there they annually hold highly successful shows in which every branch of agricultural industry is catered for. To-day Venado Tuerto is an important town owing to its proximity to the paved road from Buenos Aires to Mendoza, which makes it a sort of halfway resting place for tourists who can manage to get naphtha enough for the journey, but the many Irish names connected with its birth and rise to fame are not forgotten and their memory is kept green.

This year's show was a good one. There were not so many agricultural exhibits on view as on former occasions, but the improvement in the quality and quantity of the livestock section more than made up for this. Trade at the sales was also satisfactory so that this show has been quite as successful as any yet held there.

In the stall-fed Shorthorn classes the Estancias Bonafed had a field day, as exhibits from their "El Cantor" herd won all the principal awards, while in the pedigree corral-reared classes of the same breed the "La Chita" herd—showing there for the first time—took the supreme award for pens of three and also the Casares Cup for the best bull in that section. Reserve championship went to La Candelaria, while some excellent bulls from "El Dia" were unlucky in having to meet such strong opposition. There were some very high class non-pedigree bulls in "from the "San Jorge" herd, but these had the misfortune to be up against two lots of exceptionally fine animals from "La Pastoril".

Taking the pedigree corral-reared classes first, Mr. C. Peter Kihlberg, whose placings pleased everyone, awarded first prize in the class for senior bulls to a pen from La Candelaria which included sons of Calrossie Conquest, Collynie Value, and Beaufort Bounty, and that was afterwards reserve champion. Second in this class was a trio from "El Dia" by Cromleybank Clansman, Cruggleton Premier Prince, and Colloch Superb.

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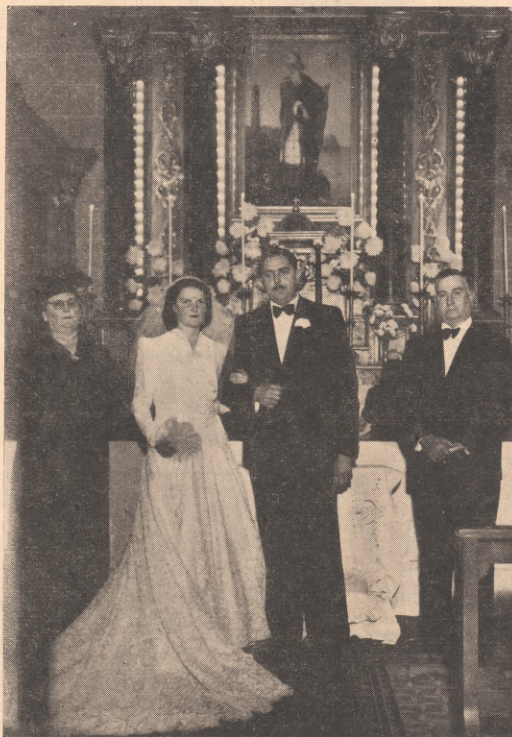
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The wedding of Miss Stasia Hogan to Dr. Arnaldo Baade took place at St. Patrick's Rosario, on Saturday 15th of August. The bride is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicolas Hogan, while Dr. Baade is son of the late Mrs. T. Tomasone Baade and Mr. Máximo Baade.

white flower organza and the yoke of the fitted bodice was decked with pearls. She wore a double veil of tulle d'illusion, held with orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of the same flowers. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride, where numerous friends and well-wishers attended to present their congratulations to the young couple.



The ceremony was performed by Rev. William Furlong, S.J., uncle of the bride. She was let to the altar by her father, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan acted as sponsors. The church was tastefully decorated with white flowers and lights. Mendelssohn's wedding march heralding the arrival of the bride was played as the cortege entered the church. The pretty bride was robed in

On the 14th a Mass for the spiritual and material welfare of the happy couple was offered up at the Misericordia Chapel, where Miss Hogan was educated. They received many valuable presents, and a large number of telegrams. They carry with them the best wishes of their many friends for a long and happy life. Our congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Baade,

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About People

Mr. W. H. Mulville is a recent arrival from his estancia in Tandil and is registered at the Plaza Hotel.

During the week, Dr. Francis M. Scully, M.S. D. Lit., delivered two lectures, the first at the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy and the second last evening in the hall of the Argentine Scientific Society, Santa Fe 1145, on Oxford. The lecture was organized by the administration of the Pacific Railway and was confined to employees of the company and their families. By special arrangement old Oxford graduates were permitted to attend. The lecture was most interesting and was highly appreciated by the audience.

At a meeting held by the Committee of the Irish Society of Pergamino, it has been decided to suspend the dance announced for the 10th of October.

On Sunday next Club Atletico Portefio, which was founded some fifty years ago by a group of Irish Argentinians, are having a field day on the grounds at Palermo. The veterans of Portefio and Gimnasia Esgrima will play a game of "soccer" in the morning at 10.30. This will be followed by "un almuerzo criollo" and in the evening a dinner will be served in the banqueting hall of the Gimnasia y Esgrima Club in Calle Cangallo.

Mr. R. C. Rowland, who is leaving in the near future for Great Britain on active service, was the guest of honour at a luncheon given in his honour on Tuesday last at Retiro station. Mr. Leslie G. Hansford presided and in a brief speech wished Mr. Rowland the best of luck on the other side.

Recently Frank Hanley, aged about 50, whose people came from Mullingar, was killed in a raid on a South-Western English town. In a Southern town, Miss Monica O'Brien, aged about 35, who came from near Limerick, was killed.

Many generations of law students will remember the distinguished professor, Dr. Hector Lafaille, who has resigned his chair in the Faculty of Law. Tonight at 21 o'clock he will be tendered a banquet by his colleagues, ex-alumni and friends in general at the Alvear Palace Hotel.

On September 8th at 7 o'clock, Mass was offered in Holy Cross Church for the souls of Joseph, Kate Martin de Langford and sons Edward James and Patrick Langford of Suipacha and Berisso.

We are sorry to report from Lincoln F.C.O. the sad news of the death of Mrs. Christina McC. de Lawler, which took place on the 30th of July last.

Mrs. Elena R. de Brown from General Pinto has entered the British Hospital for treatment.

Some friends of the late Mrs. Ellen Malone Melia, wish to publish their sincere thanks to the Matron of "Sunset House", Quilmes, for her unflinching kindness towards the deceased who had been an inmate for years of that charitable institute.

People in the vicinity of Hurlingham are reminded that one of the Passionist Fathers will attend in the parish church, calle Cavour, on the THIRD SUNDAY of the month (September 20). There will be a Mass at 8.30 o'clock, followed by a sermon in English. Confessions will be heard before the Mass.

For the convenience of those coming from a distance, Mass will be celebrated at St. Ethnea's at 11 o'clock on the Field Day, October 11th.

On Saturday Mr. Patrick Murphy celebrates his 90th birthday and Mass will be celebrated that morning in San Isidro Church at 9 o'clock. Mr. Murphy is a native of Co. Longford and has spent over sixty years in Argentina. Our very warm congratulations to our venerable friend and may his name be long in the land!

Following a pleasant holiday spent in Bajo Hondo, Santiago del Estero, Mr. Tomas J. McGough, secretary to the President of the Banco Hipotecario, has returned to town and has resumed his daily avocations.

Mr. Larry Allen, the noted Irish-American war correspondent, is reported to be a prisoner in the hands of the Axis forces in North Africa.

Stephen Hayes of Wexford, a former T. D. was sentenced to five years penal servitude in Dublin last month, as chief of staff of the I.R.A. and fostering a military organization with the object of superseding by force the present constituted government of Eire.

His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Harty, Archbishop of Cashel, has raised the following priests of the Archdiocese to the dignity of canon—Very Rev. W. Fitzgerald, P.P., Ballygarry; Thurles; Very Rev. W. O'Dwyer, P.P., Berlahan, Cashel, and Very Rev. E. J. Kelly, P.P., Killenale.

On Monday last Mr. and Mrs. George A. Garret left Washington en route to this city. Our readers will recall the tragic aviation accident in Santiago del Estero in which their daughter, Mrs. Margot Garret de Zuberhuhler, met her death.

Tomorrow afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Jorge Dobranich are giving a cocktail party in honour of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Goodspeed, who have been spending some weeks in this city, where Dr. Goodspeed has given a series of lectures.

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The Papacy is Impartial, not Neutral

A RESPECTED reader has propounded a query, with which we intend to deal at some length, because it involves a delicate subject, around which much misunderstanding has gathered. This reader asks:

Is not the position of the Holy See in this war, one of absolute neutrality? No Catholic newspaper, I think, should depart from that position."

Our correspondent uses the word "neutrality" to describe, by implication, the present attitude of the Papacy towards the present international conflict. It is not an easy word to define, and its meaning varies according to its usage. A neutral state, we conceive, is one which, in the presence of warfare between other states, does not engage, actively or passively, in hostile acts towards either. In this sense the Holy See in so far as it holds the sovereignty of the Vatican City State, is a neutral, whose neutrality was set out as long ago as 1929, in a declaration embodied in the Lateran Treaty.

But the Papacy is not merely, or even chiefly, a temporal power. Its main position in the world is grounded on its spiritual authority. It is what is rightly called a spiritual power, the greatest on earth both by reason of the number of its adherents and by reason of the amplitude of its titles and claims.

The attitude of a spiritual power towards warfare cannot be accurately described by the sole words "neutrality" or "belligerence", because the spirit does not combat in arms. A spiritual power can support and favour one side in an armed conflict, as being in the right; in which cause the composites "spiritual warfare", "ideological belligerence", would seem to describe its position. On the

other hand, it may declare an attitude of "spiritual neutrality", or perhaps "ideological neutrality".

From all these terms one must carefully distinguish the words "impartiality" and "prescience". That person is impartial who is not swayed by prejudice or by an interest foreign to his office, but being impartial does not mean being neutral. A judge is impartial, even as he pronounces sentence for or against one party in a case, but it would be a misuse of words to describe him as spiritually or ideologically neutral. He has decided in favour of one or the other.

He is said to preside who, while entitled to pronounce sentence, to come down on one side or the other, decides to hold himself in abeyance, for the time being or permanently, and as regards a total or a partial issue. You may be prescient in some aspects, but not in others.

Now, how shall we describe the position of the Holy See in this war? For the reasons given above, we consider that the word "neutral" does not apply as regards the spiritual power of the Papacy.

There is one way, and one way only, of knowing what is the position of the Holy See in this war: consult the relevant documents and pronouncements of the Popes. From these it can be determined how the case of each belligerent approves itself to the Holy See.

It is certain that National-Socialism has been condemned by the Holy See. In proof of this it is enough to read over the Encyclical *Mit Brennender Sorge*, especially that passage where the Holy Father states: "We will not cease to oppose ourselves to this party",

ie. National-Socialism.

But can a distinction be drawn between National-Socialism in peacetime and a Germany at war? There are no grounds for such a distinction. The German Bishops, in such documents as they have been able to make public, have continued to protest against and condemn, in even stronger terms than before, the errors and persecutions to which they were subjected previous to the outbreak of war. The Holy Father himself, in his Christmas allocution, expressed his pain that not even the rigours of war, and the obvious necessity for national unity, had induced the leaders to relax from their anti-religious campaign. **The National-Socialism which is waging this war, is the same National-Socialism which was condemned in "Mit Brennender Sorge".**

In the light of these very important facts, it cannot be said with truth that the Holy See regards the case of both belligerent parties on a parity.

Here is a further very important point. When Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg were suddenly invaded on May 10th, 1940, the Holy Fa-

ther immediately sent messages to the rulers of these states, pointing out that the invasions were being carried out, "against justice and right". No other belligerent has been stigmatized in this fashion by the Holy See in this war. And if the invader acts "against justice and right", it is clear who is acting "with justice and right".

We observe further that the Holy Father, when stating his position as regards the belligerents in his Christmas Allocution, used the word "impartiality", which some people, either through ignorance or for their own interested purposes, are trying to interpret as meaning "neutrality". This is quite wrong. A just judge who is impartial, but whose sentence is certainly pronounced, but it would be incorrect to describe him as neutral, for he has decided that one of the parties possesses justice, and the other does not.

It is also to be noted that the Holy Father has frequently declared that all the belligerents are equally dear to his paternal heart. This must not be taken as though the warring children were all equally right, or wrong, any more than the persistence of paternal love for a criminal may be taken as a condonation of crime.

HURLING CLUB

DANCE.

The D. C. are glad to announce that they have engaged Professor De Lillo's orchestra, Tipica and Jazz, for the dance to be held at the Club's premises on Saturday, October 3rd, from 22.30 to 4 o'clock. The following prices will be charged for this dance: members \$1.50 per person and non-members \$3.00 each.

CONCERT.

Preparations for the Variety Concert to be held at the Club on Saturday, October 10th, are in the hands of the persons named by the D. C. to look after this event, and judging by the activity they are displaying, the Concert is sure to be a great success. Full details regarding this Concert and the respective programme will be published in the *Southern Cross* in due course.

SEND OFF PARTY.

A group of members are organizing a send-off party in honour of Miss Girle MacAllister and Mr. Louis M. Donnelly on the occasion of their approaching marriage. Thursday, 24th inst. is the date fixed for this demonstration and on account of the popularity of both members it is expected that a large number of fellow members will turn up for the occasion and make this demonstration as worthy as Girle and Louis deserve. The organizers wish to make it clear that they have asked the fêted parties to be present at 19.30 o'clock; as they are determined to have the demonstration commence at that hour on account of it being a week-day. Consequently all those who are to attend are earnestly requested to be punctual and to turn up before the hour appointed in order to greet the "homenajeados" at their arrival at the Club. Friends or relatives of the

couple, who may not be members of the Hurling Club, are also invited to attend this demonstration.

LADIES' HOCKEY.

The Club's second division team lost another point on Saturday last when they drew in one goal with Lomas Athletic Club on the latter's field in Lomas de Zamora, though their somewhat abnormal performance was fully justified on this occasion on account of the substitution of M. Leaden. They had to play with only ten players throughout all the match, as their centre half, I. Lange failed to put in an appearance for the occasion. The team was formed with the following players for this match: Lizzie Fox, Lily Fox and B. Harte, K. Fox, I. Jack, G. MacAllister, Frey Fox, D. MacAllister, M. McC. de Suarez and M. Wade.

FORTHCOMING MATCHES.

On Saturday afternoon the Hurling Club girls will play with Pacific A. Club's second division in their official encounter for the 1942 Championship. This match is scheduled for 15 o'clock, and will be played at the Hurling Club's field.

On Sunday afternoon, at 14.30 o'clock they must meet Lomas A. C. for the knock-out tournament. This game will also be played at the Hurling Club's field.

RUGBY.

On Sunday next, immediately after the ladies' hockey match which is to start at 14.30 o'clock, the Club's Rugby team will play a friendly encounter with Pacific A. C., third division team.

FAYH FORMER PUPILS.

The ex-pupils of the Fayh Institute will make their annual visit to their Alma Mater on Sunday, 11th of October next. For further details please call: 757 (Stos. Lugares) 899 after 19.30 o'clock or 333-0468 after 19 o'clock.

THE Irish Community feels a thrill of justifiable pride these days. His Excellency Bishop Hanlon of Catamarca has uplifted us all by his splendid intrepid defence of the rights of the Church in those parts, and the fact that victory has crowned his efforts adds to his laurels. It is a good thing to fight for your rights; but it is better to fight and win.

The origin of the conflict, which has powerfully stirred up public opinion in the whole country, was none other than the purpose of the Provincial Legislature of Catamarca to establish a Casino within the territory of the Province. Needy Governments, and avaricious, look on these houses of gambling as sources of income, which no doubt they are, but the getting of money must be conditioned by the moral rules. Gambling hells are far from being temples of morality, as everyone knows; and when the gambling is eked out with a spurious social life, such as proceeds in casinos, the evil is further accentuated. There is a vast difference between a casino and a lottery, too. The purchaser of a lottery ticket is usually a rational being, who takes a chance on a few pesos. The habitué of a Casino will inevitably become infected with the gambling fever; he will spend everything he has, and sometimes what is not his own, when the fever is on him.

There is also a special situation in Catamarca, which is the home of a nationally-venerated shrine—Nuestra Señora del Valle. Pilgrimages and parties from all over the country flock to this shrine: a little propaganda might induce many of these to make a visit to the gaming-house as soon as their devoirs were paid to the Virgin. . . . It is lamentable to think of it, but human nature is like that. Suppose the Province of Buenos Aires put up a roulette near the Basílica de Luján. Would not some of the visitors, doing the sights of the town after visiting the Church, find their way to the gaming-tables to try their luck? And would not the religious authorities in Luján be quite right to reprobate whoever tried to use the Virgin of the Pampas as a bait for gambling?

The Catamarca Legislature was induced by these considerations (and perhaps others, more material, whose existence would explain the attitude of injured innocence adopted by some of the legislators) to sanction the establishment of a Casino, and their action was strongly repudiated by the sound part of the population, which sound part is the large majority, and became articulate in two of the city newspapers. One of these is "La Unión", a Catholic organ edited by a brilliant young Catamarca priest, Father Arturo Melo.

The Legislature naturally did not like this popular reaction to their smug project. Still less did they like the popularly-drawn conclusion that the labourers are worthy of their hire. Therefore the Legislature met and took action for a breach of privilege. The two editors were arraigned and condemned to ten days' imprisonment for violation of the parliamentary privileges. We do not know the law of Catamarca, but if the Deputies have observed it faithfully, it must be a very bad law indeed for it was the offended party (the Legislature) which acted as judge in its own case.

The Deputies, it seems, were not content to deal with the case before them. Some of them went on to apply, without ostensible contradiction, their wonderful legal acumen to the Catholic Church and the clergy of Catamarca, and here they found they had caught a Tartar! The clergy of Catamarca is headed by a fearless prelate who stepped in when things had

The Catamarca Question

BISHOP HANLON HITS OUT.—THE DEPUTIES RUN FOR SHELTER.—VICTORY FOR THE BISHOP.—THE FULL STORY TO DATE.

reached this stage.

Father Arturo Melo was taken to prison (the Legislative Palace was named as the place of detention) but the criminal was not spirited away secretly. His Bishop walked by his side, down the main street of Catamarca; the other priests and the respectable citizens of the place fell in behind them. The Deputies wondered mightily, and hoped things would end with the procession.

But they didn't. A mighty disgust of hypocrisy, petty tyranny and corruption surged in the Prelate's soul, and he resolved to strike a shrewd blow at the monster and set the whole coun-

ty of the Virgen del Valle, patrona jurada durante tres centurias, su dignísimo clero y su cultísima sociedad de limpia tradición religiosa, por los diputados que votaron semejante enormidad escudados en la cacareada representación que les confirió el pueblo elector creyéndose fieles intérpretes de su mandato eminentemente cristiano; después de ase-sorarnos debidamente de nuestro venerable clero regular y secular y en cumplimiento de nuestros ineludibles deberes episcopales y en salvaguardia del sagrado patrimonio que se nos ha confiado como precioso depósito, firmemente apoyado en las



HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP HANLON OF CATAMARCA

ty a-ri-ning. Bishop Hanlon sat him in his palace and called his clergy, secular and regular, about him, and in the space of a few hours a Decree of Interdict was published to the faithful of Catamarca. As far as we know, not within living memory has an Interdict been issued in this country, and in view of the extreme interest of the case, we will give the text in full, in the original:

"Nos, Carlos F. Hanlon, por la gracia de Dios y de la Santa Sede, obispo de Catamarca, al pueblo de toda la diócesis: Habiendo herido en lo más íntimo a la Iglesia Católica, reconocida y amparada por la Constitución Nacional y por la provincial, al Honorable Cámara de Diputados al decretar la prisión de un sacerdote intachable y habiendo sido agravada torpemente no sólo la religión sino también la diócesis de

pills, por ningún motivo. Queda prohibida toda ceremonia que importe alguna expansión religiosa; no obstante, los moribundos serán auxiliados en forma absolutamente privada. El entredicho personal, que equivale a la excomulgación, priva a los incurros, entre otras cosas, de toda participación en actos religiosos de cualquier naturaleza, de sepultura eclesiástica, etcétera. Recordamos también que todas las personas que recurrieron a la repudiada práctica del duelo en ocasión del malhadado Casino, tumba de fortunas y de honras, han incurrido en la pena eclesiástica de la excomulgación, cuyos principales efectos quedan ya mencionados.

Dada la gravedad del agravio gratuito recibido, hemos fulminado las penas correspondientes, limitándolas hoy por hoy; librenos Dios de vernos obligados a ampliarlas. Toda persona catamarqueña o de pado por esta ciudad que sienta de veras vibrar en su pecho el verdadero sentimiento de la religión auténtica de nuestros mayores que nos dieron honra y prez para conservarla y acrecentarla, deben ocupar inmediatamente y sin miedo en las prisiones y cárceles el irrenunciable puesto de honor e hidalguía que la crítica hora presente les señala.—Dado en la sede episcopal a 10 días del mes de septiembre de 1942.—Firmado Carlos F. Hanlon, obispo de Catamarca; Samuel Toranzo, secretario cancliller".

This valiant document is not direct, but it noted against the Legislature of Catamarca. A well-known newspaper in this city, notable for its long-continued, persistent support of Regalism in ecclesiastical affairs—we refer to *La Prensa*—has sought to make out that the Bishop of Catamarca in his capacity of civil functionary, has no right to create and carry on a conflict with a civil organism, such as the Provincial Chamber of Deputies certainly is. Whoever wrote that, does not know what a Catholic Bishop is, but in any case Bishop Hanlon has taken no measures against that Chamber, as anyone can see by reading the text. He has chastized the culprits, that is all.

We now return to the narrative of events. The Legislative Palace of Catamarca, temporarily converted into a prison, became the most popular place in town. Hundreds of friends and admirers of the two prisoners called on them and large crowds were gathered all day Friday outside the building. These things were not to the liking of the Deputies, who now proceeded to restrict access to the prisoners. Lest this restriction should impede his right to communicate with his diocesan, Mr. Hanlon, on Friday evening, addressed a protest to the Minister of the Interior of the Nation, a measure which had a far-reaching effect; the Ministry called upon the Executive of Salta to give a full account of its stewardship. The shadow of Intervention drifted across the face of the sun! The Legislature must not have felt too good, for late that same night the Deputies held a meeting, to discuss the situation. Goodness knows what the Ministry of the Interior might think or do! Better to see some more Ministers, and prepare a case. Accordingly, a statement was prepared and sent off to the Minister of Foreign Relations and Cult by the sovereign assembly which by this time was not so sure of its sovereignty. Later we shall see the unpleasant result which followed on this abdication.

Meanwhile, two distinguished Catamarca lawyers put their heads together and demanded a writ of *Habeas Corpus* from the Supreme Court of Catamarca. The inhabitants of this

En virtud del presente entredicho local general que afecta a todas las personas habitantes de esta ciudad, quedan clausuradas todas las iglesias y capillas, pudiendo los sacerdotes celebrar la santa misa y demás actos litúrgicos permitidos por el derecho, solamente a puertas cerradas; las campanas y el órgano o armonium no se tocarán a ninguna hora en ninguna iglesia ni ca-

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| Cédulas de 5 y 4 1/2 % canjeadas series F y B ^a | \$ 258,692,225.— | | |
| Cédulas de 5 y 4 1/2 % pendientes de canje..... | \$ 27,531,525.— | | |
| A deducir cédulas rescatadas • | 24,692,273.— | \$ 261,521,475 | — |
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| De los préstamos en cédulas..... | \$ 48,666,503.55 | | |
| De los préstamos en efectivo..... | 791,487.89 | \$ 49,458,091 | 44 |
| Comisiones de los préstamos en cédulas..... | | 12,938,805 | 47 |
| Primas de seguros..... | | 1,173,481 | 64 |
| Intereses varios..... | | 2,061,314 | 70 |
| Deuda actual de préstamos sobre inmuebles adjudicados Art. 61 Ley Orgánica..... | | 29,794,179 | 73 |
| Entregas a cuenta de servicios..... | | 5,067,738 | 75 |
| Capones y cédulas sorteadas a pagar..... | | 17,235,698 | 82 |
| Ganancias y Pérdidas..... | | 4,271,749 | 12 |
| Depositantes de cédulas y certificados provisionales..... | | 994,219,600 | — |
| Emitido de certificados provisionales conversión 1941..... | | 275,320,500 | — |
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| SERIE | INTERÉS | AMORTIZACIÓN | EMITIDO | ANULADO | RESCATADO | CIRCULACIÓN |
|---------|----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| CÉDULAS | 3 ^a | 4 % | 49,908,000 | 5,754,050 | 2,549,575 | 45,624,375 |
| | 4 ^a | " | 49,986,400 | 2,828,050 | 2,289,100 | 44,849,250 |
| | G | 1 1/2 % | 29,532,300 | 153,925 | — | 29,198,275 |
| | A | " | 215,913,400 | — | 1,907,550 | 214,005,850 |
| CERTIF. | B | " | 506,749,675 | — | 2,627,700 | 504,121,975 |
| | C | " | 261,984,150 | — | 2,151,450 | 259,832,700 |
| | D | " | 224,419,475 | — | 1,842,875 | 222,576,600 |
| | E | " | 175,081,225 | — | 1,422,550 | 173,658,675 |
| | | | 1,313,354,525 | 6,686,025 | 11,790,600 | 1,301,867,900 |

CERTIFICADOS PROVISIONALES CONVERSIÓN 1941

| SERIE | INTERÉS | AMORTIZACIÓN | EMITIDO | ANULADO | RESCATADO | CIRCULACIÓN |
|-------|---------|--------------|-------------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| F | 4 % | 1 1/2 % | 275,320,500 | — | 2,422,025 | 272,898,275 |

Buenos Aires, 15 de septiembre de 1942.

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country are entitled by the law to a fair trial, with a hearing for their defence, which the two prisoners in the Legislative Palace had not received. The Tribunal deliberated, called for the shorthand version of the proceedings, and finally decided that the prisoners must be put at liberty until a warrant should be issued against them.

Thus the external aspects of the conflict were cleared up.



Centre, facing camera, Father Arturo Melo, in the act of being arrested.

We have just mentioned that the Chamber of Deputies of Catamarca put in an appeal to the Minister of Foreign Relations and Cult in this city. The idea, probably, was that the Minister would intercede in their favour, perhaps even rebuke the Bishop of Catamarca. What happened was that the acting Secretary of the Ministry, Dr. Mario Amadeo, telegraph-

la iglesia católica, del clero y de la sociedad cristiana atropellados por once diputados provinciales que después de villendárnos decretaron la prisión de un dignísimo sacerdote, director del periódico católico donde combatió con toda decencia y altura el proyecto de oficialización de un casino. Dichos diputados, haciendo de juez y parte, y apoyados por ley provincial en con-

tradiendo a leyes nacionales primordiales arrestaron al presbítero Melo, desplegando numerosa policía. Cumpliendo ineludibles deberes pastorales impuse el mínimo de penas eclesiásticas, respetando y haciendo respetar prerrogativas eclesiásticas y civiles. Rúégole informar al Excmo. señor ministro de Relaciones y Culto. Salúdale atte. (Fdo) :



In centre, Bishop Hanlon, Father Melo and Mgr. Villagra, Vicar-General of Catamarca, marching to the Legislative Palace, where Father Melo was sentenced to detention.

ed as follows to the Bishop of Catamarca:

Carlos F. Hanlon obispo de Catamarca."

"Felicitó cordialmente a Vuescencia por la valiente defensa de la libertad de la Iglesia y por la salud de la grey confiada a su custodia.— Firmado, Mario Amadeo". To this Mgr. Hanlon thus answered:

Here we leave the already famous Catamarca Incident, which will figure prominently, we are sure, in the ecclesiastical history of this country. Throughout the case His Excellency, Bishop Hanlon, has shown himself an intrepid pastor, a skilful conductor and a well-beloved leader. We will be joined, we are certain, by all our readers in offering our respectful congratulations.

About People

(Continued from page 11.)

Yesterday morning Mass was said in the Pilar church for the repose of the soul of the great Argentine, Jose Manuel Estrada, on the occasion of the 48th. anniversary of his death.

Mrs. Eileen O'Day de Macdonald has entered the Clínica Albertal for treatment and is reported to be progressing favourably.

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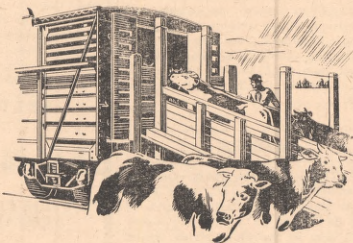
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Mary Ellen Rooney de Lynam and family wish to thank hereby the very Reverend Passionist Fathers and all friends who attended the Mass for the eternal repose of Maggie Lynam and all members of the Lynam-Rooney families.

MASSES

† **PATRICK SMITH, R.I.P.**—On September 28th, there will be a Funeral Mass in the Parish Church of Diego de Alvear F.C.P. for the repose of the soul of the late Patrick Smith. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1647—s.18

† **SANTOS GHIGLIONI, R.I.P.**—A Solemn High Mass for the repose of the soul of Santos Ghiglioni, late husband of Mary Reilly will be celebrated at the Basílica de Nuestra Sra. de Lourdes (Stos. Lugares), on September 24th at 9 o'clock. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. 1644—s.18

† **ISABEL MacDONNELL, R.I.P.**—Gregorian Masses will commence on September 19th at 7 a.m. in the Convent Chapel, Calle Salguero 550,

for the repose of the soul of the late Isabel MacDonnell. Last Mass, Sunday, October 18th, will be at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1636—s.18

† **DENIS DUNNE, R.I.P.**—A Solemn Requiem Mass, Months Mind, for the late Denis Dunne, from Carmen de Areco, will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church, on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at 10.30 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1638—s.18

† **THOMAS CAREY, R.I.P.**—On Saturday, Sept. 26th, a Novena of Masses will commence in St. Patrick's (Estomba 1940), for the repose by the soul of Thomas Carey. The last Mass of the Novena will be at 11 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1641—s.18-25-o.2

† **ROSE TYRRELL DE PELAEZ, R.I.P.**—A Solemn Mass of Requiem for the eternal repose of the soul of Rosa T. de Peláez will be offered up in Saint Patrick's Church, Mercedes, Bs. As., on October, Thursday, the 1st, at 10 o'clock, being the first anniversary of her death. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. 1639—s.18-25

† **ANA C. DE KENNEDY, R.I.P.**—Mass will be offered at Saint Patrick's, Mercedes, on September 23rd, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Ana C. de Kennedy. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1643—s.18

† **TOMMY WILLIAMS, R.I.P.**—A Mass for the repose of the soul of Tommy Williams will be celebrated in San Nicolas de Bari Church, on Sunday 20th of Sept., at 8 o'clock. The Irish are specially invited to attend. 1628—s.11-18

† **JOHN BELTON, R.I.P.**—Mass will be offered at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, September 28th, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late John Belton. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1642—s.18

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In the non-pedigreed Shorthorn classes there were some excellent pens from "San Jorge" but those from Juan J. Baurin were exceptionally good and won three classes, the fourth going to "La Chita". The class for bulls controlled by the Argentine Rural Society was won by a pen shown by Vicente Kenny.

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When all, but life and honour 's lost?"

So now our spirit is moved and we pray for Erin: "Oh! I could kneel all night in prayer, to heal your many ills."

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"But yet will I rear your throne,
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'Tis you shall reign, shall reign alone,
My Dark Rosaleen!
My own Rosaleen!
'Tis you shall have the golden throne,
'Tis you shall reign, and reign alone,
My Dark Rosaleen!

The mythical lover of Ireland in ardent words expresses the sentiments of his noble soul in lines full of purest music and deepest, delicate thought:

"Your holy delicate white hands,
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My Dark Rosaleen!
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Proof of the Pudding

(By O. HENRY.)

SPRING winked a vitreous optic at Editor Westbrook of the *Minerva Magazine*, and deflected him from his course. He had lunched in his favorite corner of a Broadway hotel, and was returning to his office when his feet became entangled in the lure of the vernal coquette. Which is by way of saying that he turned eastward in Twenty-sixth Street, safely forded the spring freshet of vehicles in Fifth Avenue, and meandered along the walks of budding Madison Square.

The lenient air and the settings of the little park almost formed a pastorelle, the color motif was green—the presiding shade at the creation of man and vegetation.

The callow grass between the walks was the color of verdigris, a poisonous green, reminiscent of the horde of derelict humans that had breathed upon the soil during the summer and autumn. The bursting tree buds looked strangely familiar to those who had botanized among the garnishings of the fish course of a forty-cent dinner. The sky above was of that pale aquamarine tint that hall-room poets rhyme with "true" and "Sue" and "coo." The one natural and frank color visible was the ostensible green of the newly painted benches—a shade between the color of a pickled cucumber and that of a last year's fast-black cravenette raincoat. But, to the city-bred eye of Editor Westbrook, the landscape appeared a masterpiece.

And now, whether you are of those who rush in, or of the gentele course that fears to tread, you must follow in a brief invasion of the editor's mind.

Editor Westbrook's spirit was contented and serene. The April number of the *Minerva* had sold its entire edition before the tenth day of the month—a newsdealer in Keokuk had written that he could have sold fifty copies more if he had had 'em. The owners of the magazine had raised his (the editor's) salary; he had just installed in his home a jewel of a recently imported cook who was afraid of policemen; and the morning papers had published in full a speech he had made at a publishers' banquet. Also there were echoing in his mind the jubilant notes of a splendid song that his charming young wife had sung to him before he left his up-town apartment that morning. She was taking enthusiastic interest in her music of late, practising early and diligently. When he had complimented her on the improvement in her voice she had fairly hugged him for joy at his praise. He felt, too, the benign, tonic medication of the trained-nurse, Spring, tripping softly adown the wards of the convalescent city.

While Editor Westbrook was sauntering between the rows of park benches (already filling with vagrants and the guardians of lawless childhood) he felt his sleeve grasped and held. Suspecting that he was about to be panhandled, he turned a cold and unprofitable face, and saw that his captor was—Dawe—Shackleford Dawe, dingy, almost ragged, the gentee scarcely visible in him through the deeper lines of the shabby.

While the editor is pulling himself out of his surprise a flashlight biography of Dawe is offered.

He was a fiction writer and one of Westbrook's old acquaintances. At one time they might have called each other old friends. Dawe had some money in those days, and lived in a decent apartment house near West-

brook's. The two families often went to theatres and dinners together. Mrs. Dawe and Mrs. Westbrook became "dearest" friends. Then one day a little tentacle of the octopus, just to amuse itself, ingurgitated Dawe's capital, and he moved to the Gramercy Park neighbourhood where one, for a few groats per week, may sit upon one's trunk under eight-branched chandeliers and opposite Carrara marble mantels and watch the mice play upon the floor. Dawe thought to live by writing fiction. Now and then he sold a story. He submitted many to Westbrook. The *Minerva* printed one or two of them; the rest were returned. Westbrook sent a careful and conscientious personal letter with each rejected manuscript, pointing out in detail his reasons for considering it unavailable. Editor Westbrook had his own clear conception of what constituted good fiction. So had Dawe. Mrs. Dawe was mainly concerned about the contents of the scanty dishes of food that she managed to scrape together. One day Dawe had been spouting to her about the excellencies of certain French writers. At dinner they sat down to a dish that a hungry schoolboy could have encompassed at a gulp. Dawe commented.

"It's Maupassant hash," said Mrs. Dawe. "It may not be art, but I do wish you would do a five-course Marion Crawford serial with an Ella Wheeler Wilcox sonnet for dessert. I'm hungry."

As far as this from success was Shackleford Dawe when he plucked Editor Westbrook's sleeve in Madison Square. That was the first time the editor had seen Dawe in several months. "Why, Shack, is this you?" said Westbrook, somewhat awkwardly, for the form of his phrase seemed to touch upon the other's changed appearance.

"Sit down for a minute," said Dawe, tugging at his sleeve. "This is my office. I can't come to yours, looking as I do. Oh, sit down—you won't be disgraced. Those half-plucked birds on the other benches will take you for a swell porch-climber. They won't know you are only an editor."

"Smoke Shack?" said Editor Westbrook, sinking cautiously upon the virulent green bench. He always yielded gracefully when he did yield.

Dawe snapped at the cigar as a kingfisher darts at a sunperch, or a girl pecks at a chocolate cream.

"I have just—" began the editor. "Oh, I know; don't finish," said Dawe. "Give me a match. You have just ten minutes to spare. How did you manage to get past my office-boy and invade my sanctum? There he goes now, throwing his club at a dog that couldn't read the 'Keep off the Grass' signs."

"How goes the writing?" asked the editor.

"Look at me," said Dawe, "for your answer. Now don't put on that embarrassed, friendly-but-honest look and ask me why I don't get a job as a wine agent or a cab driver. I'm in the fight to a finish. I know I can write good fiction and I'll force you fellows to admit it yet. I'll make you change the spelling of 'regrets' to 'c-h-e-q-u-e' before I'm done with you."

Editor Westbrook gazed through his nose-glasses with a sweetly sorrowful, omniscient, sympathetic, skeptical expression—the copyrighted expression of the editor beleaguered by the unavailable contributor.

"Have you read the last story I sent you—'The Alarum of the Soul'?" asked



Dawe.

"Carefully, I hesitated over that story, really I did. It had some good points. I was writing you a letter to send with it when it goes back to you. I regret—"

"Never mind the regrets," said Dawe, grimly.

"There's neither salve nor sting in 'em any more. What I want to know is why, now; out with the good points first."

"The story," said Westbrook, deliberately, after a suppressed sigh, "is written around an almost original plot. Characterization—the best you have done. Construction—almost as good, except for a few weak joints which might be strengthened by a few changes and touches. It was a good story, except—"

"I can write English, can't I?" interrupted Dawe.

"I have always told you," said the editor, "that you had a style."

"Then the trouble is the—"

"Same old thing," said Editor Westbrook. "You work up to your climax like an artist. And then you turn yourself into a photographer. I don't know what form of obstinate madness possesses you, Shack, but that is what you do with everything that you write. No. I will retract the comparison with the photographer. Now and then photography, in spite of its impossible perspective, manages to record a fleeting glimpse of truth. But you spoil every dénouement by those flat, drab, obliterating strokes of your brush that I have so often complained of. If you would rise to the literary pinnacle of your dramatic scenes, and paint them in the high colors that art requires, the postman would leave fewer bulky, self-addressed envelopes at your door."

"Oh, fiddles and footlights!" cried Dawe, derisively. "You've got that old sawmill drama king in your brain yet. When the man with the black mustache kidnaps golden-haired Bessie you are bound to have the mother kneel and raise her hands in the spotlight and say: 'May high heaven witness that I will rest neither night nor day till the heartless villain that has stolen me child feels the weight of a mother's vengeance!'"

Editor Westbrook conceded a smile of impervious complacency.

"I think," said he, "that in real life the woman would express herself in

those words or in very similar ones."

"Not in a six hundred nights' run anywhere but on the stage," said Dawe, hotly. "I'll tell you what she'd say in real life. She'd say: 'What! Bessie led away by a strange man? Good Lord! It's one trouble after another! Get my other hat, I must hurry around to the police-station. Why wasn't somebody looking after her, I'd like to know? For God's sake, get out of my way or I'll never get ready. Not that hat—the brown one with the velvet bows. Bessie must have been crazy; she's usually shy of strangers. Is that too much powder? Lordy! How I'm upset!'"

"That's the way she'd talk," continued Dawe. "People in real life don't fly into heroics and blank verse at emotional crises. They simply can't do it. If they talk at all on such occasions they draw from the same vocabulary that they use every day, and muddle up their words and ideas a little more, that's all."

"Shack," said Editor Westbrook, impressively, "did you ever pick up the mangled and lifeless form of a child from under the fender of a street car, and carry it in your arms and lay it down before the distracted mother? Did you ever do that and listen to the words of grief and despair as they flowed spontaneously from her lips?"

"I never did," said Dawe. "Did you?"

"Well, no," said Editor Westbrook, with a slight frown. "But I can well imagine what she would say."

"So can I," said Dawe.

And now the fitting time had come for Editor Westbrook to play the oracle and silence his opinionated contributor. It was not for an unriveted fictionist to dictate words to be uttered by the heroes and heroines of the *Minerva Magazine*, contrary to the theories of the editor thereof.

"My dear Shack!" said he, "if I know anything of life I know that every sudden, deep, and tragic emotion in the human heart calls forth an opposite, concordant, conformable, and proportionate expression of feeling. How much of this inevitable accord between expression and feeling should be attributed to nature, and how much to the influence of art, it would be difficult to say. The sublimely terrible roar of the lionsess that has been deprived of her cubs is dramatically as far above her customary whine and purr as the kingly and transcendent utterances of Lear are above the level of his senile vapors. But it is also true that all men and women have what may be called a sub-conscious dramatic sense that is awakened by a sufficiently deep and powerful emotion—a sense unconsciously acquired from literature and the stage that prompts them to express those emotions in language befitting their importance and histrionic value."

"And in the name of the seven sacred saddle-blankets of Sagittarius, where did the stage and literature get the stunt?" asked Dawe.

"From life," answered the editor, triumphantly.

The story writer rose from the bench and gesticulated eloquently but dumbly. He was beggared for words with which to formulate adequately his dissent.

On a bench near by a frowzy loafer opened his red eyes and perceived that his moral support was due a down-trodden brother.

"Punch him one, Jack," he called hoarsely to Dawe.

"What's he come makin' a noise like a penny arcade for amongst gentlemen that comes in the Square to set and think"

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Ice is a most useful commodity, invaluable in every household. In many cases of illness it will be found of great help.

It stops bleeding, the intensity of its cold contracting the blood-vessels and coagulating the blood, thus helping to form a clot. When there is bleeding from the lungs or stomach, if the patient can be kept perfectly at rest and given a little ice to suck while awaiting the arrival of the doctor, the loss of much blood can be averted.

In cases of high fever, when it is imperative that the temperature be brought down rapidly, ice-bags may be applied to head and body. But care must be taken to watch the patient's temperature and pulse, lest these fall too suddenly and become subnormal. Should this happen, harm instead of good will result from the ice-pack.

Ice-bags on the head are prescribed for brain fever, and will be found helpful and comforting where there has been a touch of sunstroke.

Blocks of ice can be utilized as a means of keeping the sick-room cool during excessively hot weather.

In the preservation of foodstuffs ice must not be forgotten. Until we have refrigerators installed as standard fittings in our homes we must have recourse to an ice supply from a fishmonger or ice store.

Now that we have greater knowledge of food values, iced drinks and foods are not regarded as the entirely unwholesome things our parents thought them—we even include ice-cream sometimes in the nursery dietary. But here a word of warning. Long iced drinks should never be indulged in when the body is overheated. Ices must not be eaten immediately after a bath, or until the circulation is quite normal.

Children should eat biscuits with their icecream, and, if possible, special home-made ices should be provided for them. This ensures perfect purity of ingredients, and, as the richness of cream often upsets the digestion, the "ices" may with advantage be made from good custard powder.

RHEUMATISM AND HEART DISEASE.

Rheumatism causes much disability and loss of wage-earning power, and in children it is a common cause of heart disease (writes a physician).

A study of a number of cases of rheumatic heart disease makes it clear that the main cause of rheumatism is that the child's resistance of disease was lowered; their bodies are battle grounds for a never ceasing fight between disease germs and tissues of the body. If a child remains free from rheumatism it does not mean that he was never attacked; it means that his body put up a successful fight against the attack. The commonest factors

in reducing a child's vitality and thus giving the germs a chance to enter, are septic tonsils, defective teeth, unhealthy bowels resulting from improper diet and constipation, want of sunshine and fresh air, stuffy bedrooms and insufficient sleep.

Parents are not watchful enough. They place all their reliance on the child having sense enough to complain. A phrase that is too common on the lips of parents is "The child never complained." When we have educated parents to examine their children, whether they complain or not, we shall get rid of more than half our children's diseases. The child who is running the risk of getting rheumatic heart disease is the one who cannot talk properly because of his enlarged tonsils, who cannot breathe as he should because his nose is stuffed up with adenoids, who goes to bed late and is dragged out of bed as sleepy as an owl when it is time to go to school, who eats lots of sweets that have no nutritive value, who is not given fresh lettuce, fruit and new milk, but who has too much tinned fruit and stewed tea, and is in consequence anaemic and constipated. All these things can be attended to by parents.

There is no excuse for the deplorable absence of hearty co-operation on the part of parents. It must be bad to relieve parents of all their responsibilities. Much has been done to create a healthier race in the last twenty-five years, but it has been brought about by the efforts of the taxpayers, the teachers and voluntary workers, and not by the spontaneous desire of the parents, who ought to be the prime movers in the schemes to promote the health of their own children.

Now is the time to pay attention to your child's welfare, it is too late when he falls ill. You do nothing when he is running about and fly into a panic when he becomes ill. It is always advisable to have your child overhauled from time to time, as there are many things that need attention, such as eyes, teeth, etc., only you have not been bothered because he does not complain. If small things are looked after in the early stages of life a lot of worry will be saved later on.

Recipes

STUFFED EGGS.

4 eggs, 2 tablespoons butter, ½ teaspoon celery or plain salt, ½ teaspoon paprika, 2 teaspoons very finely chopped onion or ½ teaspoon onions salt, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce, sprig of parsley.

Boil eggs hard 10 minutes. Chill under cold water. Remove shells and cut eggs in halves, across, not lengthwise. Place the yolks in a small bowl. Prepare the whites by cutting off a small piece at the bottom of each egg so that

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the egg will stand straight. If the hollow left by the egg yolk is not very large, cut away part of inside of egg white. Prepare center as follows:

Into the bowl with the yolks, place all the other ingredients except the parsley. Mash this into a paste with a fork. Then fill the center of the whites with this mixture.

Found the centers and lightly criss-cross the stuffing with the prongs of a fork, and in the center stick a tiny little sprig of parsley—or chop parsley fine and sprinkle on top of each egg.

SAVORY MEAT FILLING.

Two-third cup chopped cooked veal, three tablespoons chopped olives, two tablespoons chopped celery, three tablespoons chopped pickles, one-eighth teaspoon salt, five tablespoons salad dressing.

Mix ingredients with fork. Spread on buttered slices of white bread.

Health Talks.

(By A Physician.)

We Must Have Poisons.

I expect you have often heard that the body is in a constant state of change, and that the whole system is completely renewed every seven years. This, I am afraid, is only half true. I still have the same old body. The years have not taken away the vaccination marks of my babyhood, and I still have the same old face. It is true, of course, that the body is always undergoing change. Every breath we breathe out takes away material from the body in the form of gases; at every inspiration fresh gas is taken in. Oxygen is taken in and carbon dioxide is given out. We are constantly manufacturing poisons which we have to get rid of; if they collect we feel ill. A whirlpool remains the same to all appearances, but there is an endless intake and outflow all the time. The poor old whirlpool would be horribly congested if there were an obstruction to the outflow. It is sometimes regarded as a diseased condition to have poisons in the body, but that is not so. Every person who is in perfect health has a constant supply of poisons manufactured in his system; the body is supplied with the requisite organs to excrete the poisons, and if they do their duty well, no harm results. One often hears a man exclaim in some alarm that he must have uric acid in his system. He would be dead if he didn't. Every normal healthy human being has an abundant supply of uric acid. There never has been and there never will be, a man, woman or child in perfect health who does not manufacture a

large quantity of uric acid. Uric acid seems to be a kind of bogey to frightened people; I should be a sorry man if I had no uric acid in my system.

What Internal Organs Have To Do.

Our internal organs are always ready to keep our bodies clean by removing the waste products, but they can only perform their important task with efficiency if we take reasonable care that the waste products do not collect in too large quantities. The dustman will take away the contents of one dust-bin with ease and with pleasure; ask him to take ten dust-bins from one house and he breaks down. Patients are not careful enough about their health; they do not mind putting a strain on their cleansing organs—the skin, the kidneys, the bowels. And this reduces me to tears, because the cleansing organs of the bodies are such willing workers.

If a poor mother wishes to keep her cottage kitchen scrupulously clean, she may have to wash the floor half a dozen times a day, because the family will keep walking in and out with muddy boots. She probably does not complain, but she will be very tired at the end of the day. Then, perhaps, there comes a time when she is too worn out to do any cleaning at all, the mud collects, the room becomes dirty and unhealthy, and if you entered you would probably exclaim, "What a pigsty!" Now, this is just a picture of a body into which much too large a quantity of food is digested; the kidneys cry out in horror; the liver is shocked beyond words; the over-loaded bowels are deeply distressed. But the patient goes serenely on his way and just shoves in another lump of meat and stacks of pudding. When you come to think of it, to take into the body lumps of food which only have to be thrown out again without doing any good is not a wise way of conducting oneself. The work of the kidneys is to cleanse the blood of uric acid; kidney disease is very common, and the explanation is that the kidneys are over-worked.

Hints

Pudding cloths should not be washed with soap. Place them in a saucpan of water with a little soda and boil; then rinse in cold water.

Keep a bottle of olive oil and vinegar, mixed in equal parts, handy. This solution is splendid for cleaning and polishing furniture.

To remove tar stains from clothing carpets, metals, tiles, and so on, sprinkle with oil of eucalyptus and rub with a clean rag. Repeat the process until all marks have disappeared.

When putty has become hardened it can easily be removed from glass by holding a warm iron over the putty itself. The heat renders the putty quite soft, and it can be removed without damage.

When using valuable vases for table decorations, fill them with sand. This makes them stand firmly, and renders them far less liable to be knocked over and broken.

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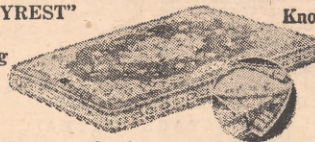


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Catholic News

Japan Sends 80 Missioners Back to U. S.—

The Japanese are sending 80 American Maryknoll Missionaries—priests, brothers and nuns—back to the United States in the first repatriation ship to leave Japan.

These missionaries, with 43 others belonging to the same society have been working in Japan, Korea, Manchukuo and Hong Kong. It is believed that the remainder will also be required to leave.

They did not want to leave. They have consistently taken the stand that it was their duty to remain at their posts regardless of circumstances. The American Ambassador had advised them several times to leave but they replied that Catholic mission tradition required them to remain.

Many of them have devoted 10 to 15 years to building up flourishing missions and winning tens of thousands of converts.

Most of the repatriated missionaries will go to Maryknoll missions in Latin America.

Finland sends Envoy to the Vatican.—

The "Osservatore Romano" announced officially that diplomatic relations have been established between the Holy See and Finland.

The Holy See, the announcement said, by reason of its universal mission, is concerned for all people and awaits itself of every favourable opportunity to put itself in contact with them.

For this reason it received with pleasure the request of the Government of Finland for the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The Holy See has agreed to the nomination as first Finnish Minister to the Holy See of F. Georg Gripenberg, formerly Finnish Minister in London.

Before the war Finland had about 2,500 Catholics out of a total population of some 3,500,000. Immediately after the last war Catholics numbered but 500 or 600, most of them former soldiers of the Russian army and their families.

As a result of the peace treaty with Russia in 1940, Finland lost three of its five Catholic centres—Viipuri, Terijoki, whose church was destroyed, and Hangoe.

There is one Catholic Bishop, Mgr. Cobben, who was appointed second Vicar Apostolic in 1933 at the age of 36. With him there are nine priests.

One of these is Fr. Wilfrid Christerson, who became parish priest of Helsingfors in 1906. During the war with Russia he became the first Catholic chaplain ever to serve in the Finnish army.

Christianity was first taken to Finland in the 12th century by St. Henry—the country's patron saint—an Englishman, and his work was carried on by another Englishman, Bishop Thomas, who began at Turku the only cathedral Finland has had.

France.—

The following are the principal measures promulgated by Marshal Petain's Government in favour of the Church and the religious orders:—

(1) A law of September 3rd, 1940, abrogated the law of July 7th, 1904, which forbade religious orders to engage in educational work.

(2) A law of February 21st, 1941, permitted the Carthusian Order to return to France, and restored the pro-

perty of the Grande Chartreuse.

(3) A law of February 15th, 1941, restored to the French diocese property which had been confiscated from them and had not yet been made the subject of a decree of disposal.

(4) A law of June 5th, 1941, made it possible for orders of nuns to receive legacies more freely than hitherto; thus, a nun can now herself make a will in favour of her Order provided the bequest does not exceed 100,000 francs; the maximum previously was 10,000 francs.

(5) A law of April 8th, 1942, in effect removed the disabilities imposed on the religious orders by the law of associations of July 1st, 1901.

Of these measures, the first and the last are clearly the most important. Of the last *La Liberté* writes:

"It has, of course, only a provisional character, as, indeed, is made clear by the official memorandum which accompanied it. The dispositions of 1901 are modified, in a sense entirely favourable to the congregations in a waiting time when it may be possible to adopt a comprehensive solution, arrived at in agreement with the Church." "It is, in fact," comments *La Liberté*, "the whole legal position of the Church in France which awaits final definition in agreement with the French episcopate and with the Holy See."

The question of a new concordat is inescapably raised. It has recently been declared, even at the Vatican, that the information of an Italian newspaper, according to which negotiations for a Concordat are already in progress, 'does not correspond with reality.'

One must take others followed in West Africa, New Guinea, the Argentine, Brazil, and the note of this *démarche*, but one must agree also, with great satisfaction, that, in awaiting a comprehensive solution, partial and provisional solutions have singularly improved, even in two years, the whole position of the Church in France.

One by one the shackles are being broken with which aggressive and militant anticlericalism had crippled the activity of the Church in France.

South African Airmen Set up own Chapel.—

Catholic airmen at the Port Elizabeth air station, South Africa, have gone to great lengths to be able to attend Sunday Mass, reports the *Southern Cross*, of Cape Town. First they went by lorry to Sunday Mass at South End. Then a vacant room was found in the camp which they turfed into a chapel. This was extended to the next room and a permanent but collapsible altar erected. This room being required for other purposes a part of the recreation room was later partitioned off and furnished as a chapel and there for the present the Mass is said. Outsiders have helped considerably with vestments, furniture and other necessities.

Cause Introduced.—

The Congregation of Rites recently discussed the introduction of a Cause for Canonisation—that of Father Arnold Janssen, founder of the Society of the Divine Word, who died in 1899.

The Society of the Divine Word was founded in the Netherlands in 1875 for missionary work. Its first missions were established in China, and soon U.S.A.

PROOF OF THE PUDDING—

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sure.
"Tell me," asked Dawe, with truculent anxiety, "what special faults in 'The Alarm of the Soul' caused you to throw it down?"

"When Gabriel Murray," said Westbrook, "goes to his telephone and is told that his fiancée has been shot by a burglar, he says—I do not recall the exact words, but—"

"I do," said Dawe. "He says: 'Damn Central; she always cuts me off.' (And then to his friend) 'Say, Tommy, does a thirty-two bullet make a big hole? It's kind of hard luck, ain't it? Could you get me a drink from the sideboard, Tommy? No; straight; nothing on the side.'"

"And again," continued the editor, without pausing for argument, "when Berenice opens the letter from her husband informing her that he has fled with the manicure girl, her words are—let me see—"

"She says," interposed the author: "Well, what do you think of that?"

"Absolutely inappropriate words," said Westbrook, "presenting an anticlimax—plunging the story into hopeless bathos. Worse yet; they mirror life falsely. No human being ever uttered banal colloquialisms when confronted by sudden tragedy."

"Wrong," said Dawe, closing his unshaven jaws doggedly. "I say no man or woman ever spouts 'high-falutin' talk when they go up against a real climax. They talk naturally and a little worse."

The editor rose from the bench with his air of indulge and inside information.

"Say, Westbrook," said Dawe, pinning him by the lapel, "would you have accepted 'The Alarm of the Soul' if you had believed that the actions and words of the characters were true to life in the parts of the story that we discussed?"

"It is very likely that I would, if I believed that way," said the editor. "But I have explained to you that I do not."

"If I could prove to you that I am right?"

"I'm sorry, Shack, but I'm afraid I haven't time to argue any further just now."

"I don't want to argue," said Dawe. "I want to demonstrate to you from life itself that my view is the correct one."

"How could you do that?" asked Westbrook, in a surprised tone.

"Listen," said the writer, seriously. "I have thought of a way. It is im-

portant to me that my theory of true-to-life fiction be recognized as correct by the magazines. I've fought for it for three years, and I'm down to my last dollar, with two months' rent due."

"I have applied the opposite of your theory," said the editor, "in selecting the fiction for the *Minerva Magazine*. The circulation has gone up from ninety thousand to—"

"Four hundred thousand," said Dawe. "Whereas it should have been boosted to a million."

"You said something to me just now about demonstrating your pet theory."

"I will. If you'll give me about half an hour of your time I'll prove to you that I am right. I'll prove it by Louise."

"Your wife!" exclaimed Westbrook. "How?"

"Well, not exactly by her, but with her," said Dawe. "Now, you know how devoted and loving Louise has always been. She thinks I'm the only genuine preparation on the market that bears the old doctor's signature. She's been fonder and more faithful than ever, since I've been cast for the neglected genius part."

"Indeed, she is a charming and admirable life companion," agreed the editor. "I remember what inseparable friends she and Mrs. Westbrook once were. We are both lucky chaps, Shack, to have such wives. You must bring Mrs. Dawe up some evening soon, and we'll have one of those informal chafing-dish suppers that we used to enjoy so much."

"Later," said Dawe. "When I get another shirt. And now I'll tell you my scheme. When I was about to leave home after breakfast—if you can call tea and oatmeal breakfast—Louise told me she was going to visit her aunt in Eighty-ninth Street. She said she would return home at three o'clock. She is always on time to a minute. It is now—"

Dawe glanced toward the editor's watch pocket.

"Twenty-seven minutes to three," said Westbrook, scanning his time-piece.

"We have just enough time," said Dawe. "We will go to my flat at once. I will write a note, address it to her and leave it on the table where she will see it as she enters the door. You will see it in the dining room concealed by the portières. In that note I'll say that I have fled from her forever with an affinity who understands the needs of my artistic soul as she never did. When she reads it we will observe her actions and hear her words. Then we will know which theory is the correct one—yours or mine."

"Oh, never!" exclaimed the editor, shaking his head. "That would be inexcusably cruel. I could not consent to have Mrs. Dawe's feelings played upon in such a manner."

"Brace up," said the writer, "I guess I think as much of her as you do. It's for her benefit as well as mine. I've got to get a market for my stories in some way. It won't hurt Louise. She's healthy and sound. Her heart goes as a ninety-eight-cent watch. It'll last for only a minute, and then I'll step out and explain to her. You really owe it to me to give me the chance, Westbrook."

Editor Westbrook at length yielded, though but half willingly. And in the half of him that consented lurked the vivisectionist that is in all of us. Let him who has not used the scalpel rise and stand in his place. Pity 'tis that there are not enough rabbits and guinea-pigs to go around.

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in its high iron railings the little park had put on its smart coat of vernal green, and was admiring itself in its fountain mirror. Outside the railings the hollow square of crumbling houses, shells of a bygone gentry, leaned as if in ghostly gossip over the forgotten doings of the vanished quality. *Sic transit gloria urbis.*

A block or two north of the Park, Dawe steered the editor again eastward, then, after covering a short distance, into a lofty but narrow flat-house burdened with a floridly over-decorated facade. To the fifth story they toiled, and Dawe, panting, pushed his latch-key into the door of one of the front flats.

When the door opened Editor Westbrook saw, with feelings of pity, how meanly and meagrely the rooms were furnished.

"Get a chair, if you can find one," said Dawe, "while I hunt up pen and ink. Hello, what's this. Here's a note from Louise. She must have left it there when she went out this morning."

He picked up an envelope that lay on the centre-table and tore it open. He began to read the letter that he drew out of it; and once having begun it aloud he so read it through to the end. These are the words that Editor Westbrook heard:

"DEAR SHACKLEFORD:

"By the time you get this I will be about a hundred miles away and still a-going. I've got a place in the chorus of the Occidental Opera Co., and we start on the road to-day at twelve o'clock. I didn't want to starve to death, and so I decided to make my own living. I'm not coming back. Mrs. Westbrook is going with me. She said she was tired of living with a combina-

tion phonograph, iceberg, and dictionary, and she's not coming back, either. We've been practising the songs and dances for two months on the quiet. I hope you will be successful, and get along all right! Good-bye.

"Louise."

Dawe dropped the letter, covered his face with his trembling hands, and cried out in a deep, vibrating voice:

"My God, why hast thou given me this cup to drink! Since she is false, then let Thy Heaven's fairest gifts, faith and love, become the jesting by-words of traitors and fiends!"

Editor Westbrook's fingers fell to the floor. The fingers of one hand fumbled with a button on his coat as he blurted between his pale lips:

"Say, Shack, ain't that a hell of a note? Wouldn't that knock you off your perch, Shack? Ain't it hell, now, Shack—ain't it?"

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Father: "Yes, Tommy, always remember two important rules as you go through life. Never tell a lie, and always obey your parents or teachers, as the case may be. Truthfulness and obedience, my boy, are the secrets of success. And, now I see the rent collector coming in, open the door and tell him I am in the country on business, and will not return till next week."

Tommy: "Yes, Pa. But which is it to be this time—truthfulness or obedience?"

"Excuse this bit of sarcasm," said Smith to Jones, "but I must say you are an infamous liar and a scoundrel!"

"Pardon this bit of irony," said Jones to Smith as he knocked him over with a poker.

Tramp: "Yes'm, it's hard to break away from yer bad habits at once; but I've given up some of 'em."

Lady: "Which ones have you given up?"

Tramp: "Well, mum, I don't get shaved on Sunday any more."

A young man went to Australia against his father's wishes. In one letter home he wrote: "I have bought a car. First feather in my cap."

In another he wrote: "I have bought a farm. Another feather in my cap."

This went on for some time and always the son's letter finished with "another feather in my cap."

Later, the father received a letter which ran: "Dear dad, I am broke. Please send passage home."

The father replied: "Nothing doing. Take the feathers from your cap, stick them on your back, and fly home."

"Doesn't your wife miss you on evenings like this one?" asked one jolly good fellow of the other, as they motored homeward after the festivities.

"Well," replied the other, "not often. She can throw pretty straight for a woman!"

A newly-married couple were entertaining friends, and amongst the guests was one whose continued rudeness made him objectionable to the rest of the company.

His conduct, although almost unbearable, was tolerated for some time until at supper he held up on his fork a piece of meat which had been served to him, and in a vein of intended humour remarked, "Is this pig?"

"To which end of the fork do you refer?" asked a quiet-looking man sitting at the other end of the table.

Employer—"You must stop writing your private letters on the typewriter, Miss Tapp; the capital X is almost worn away."

Two sisters from a country village attending an exhibition. The younger sister anxious to see the principal sights was slow in moving and the elder sister, getting impatient, cried out:

"Come on out of that, if you stop looking at everything you will see nothing."

He (awkwardly): "Er—just a moment, darling—that's my tailor, and I don't care to meet him."

She (tactlessly): "Why not?"
"Well he still owes me the receipt for the money for my last suit!"

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON PAGE 8.

(338) From rock by the action of weather, vegetation and animals upon it. Frost, ice, wind and running water break the rock into smaller pieces. Decaying vegetation sets free carbon dioxide which, when dissolved in water, attacks many minerals and adds organic matter to the soil. Living creatures, especially bacteria and earthworms, partially convert the smaller mineral particles into forms useful to plants.

(339) Sand is rock ground by natural agencies—water, ice, wind—to particles too small to form gravel, yet not fine enough to be called silt or clay. It consists usually of quartz, which is abundant in many rocks, is hard, prac-

tically insoluble in water and structurally very difficult to break down into very minute fragments. Sea sand is formed by the grinding of pebbles by the waves. Desert sand is made by the wind. In the former instance the mineral constituents of the rock are usually dissolved, in the latter case they are not. Desert sand is rarely yellow, but usually grey or brown.

(380) To find the distance of the horizon in miles, multiply the height of the observer (or the height of the point from which the observation is made) by 8,000, divide the result by 5,280 and then extract the square root of the answer. At a height of 10 feet the horizon is 3.9 miles, at 20 feet it is 5.5 miles, at 50 feet 8.7 miles. This is, of course, assuming that the ground is flat.

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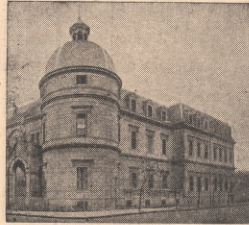
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