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Governments today must be more than policemen, chastizing whoever breaks the laws, or referees intent on the observance of the rules of the game. Governments must become positive organs of welfare, dealing out not only the justice of law, but the justice of help.

• • • • • **ARGENTINA** continues to live happily in a dream-world. The whole world is in arms; bombers and fighters criss-cross the skies of all nations; in the five oceans of the globe lurk unimagined terrors for the navigator—and we continue to gaze serenely upon the world scene, assured by some inner light that we will be spared the slaughters and the horrors.

Take stock of the consequences, should that inner light turn out to be an ignis fatuus, a will-of-the-wisp. We are unarmed, to the point of being unable to resist the attack of a couple of motorized divisions, pushed across our frontiers by some unfriendly neighbour, or by a successful landing from a belligerent expedition. We pass in review the list of our possible friends in the day of need, and we find that the list is very small...

• • • • • **INCREASING** complaint against the political parties of Argentina becomes vocal. It is pointed out that the existing big parties have no new programmes, nothing fresh to say: they are repeating the formulas of twenty years ago. They are dominated by the same old ideas, and the same old men.

The complaint is just. Conservatives, Radicals and Socialists

are shouting the same old warcries, are led by the same venerable patriarchs. But the fault is not entirely theirs. The youth of this country evince no interest in the traditional parties; in fact, many of them go out of their way to avoid entanglement in party machines. In consequence the parties decay through lack of fresh blood and new ideas.

We observe in youth a mighty dissatisfaction with the methods and the conceptions of the parties. But instead of going down into the arena and doing battle, our young men prefer to find fault from the lofty eminences and to hope for cataclysms and earthquakes which will, miraculously, put the power into their hands.

• • • • • **THE** numerical decline of the white races is a threat fully as dangerous to western civilization as Nazism. In the long run, it is even more serious, for Nazism will be vanquished, but Europe and its former colonies will fade like snow before the sun unless the decline in the birth-rate of the white races is checked.

The determining factor of this decline is not biological but voluntary. Less children are being born because the parents wish it so, and until the outlook of young married people is changed, the decline will continue. Here is the opinion of a celebrated British population expert, Professor Carr-Saunders:

It is as certain as anything can be that, where families are voluntary, a community in which marriage is regarded as it is today in western civilization, will die out. For it is held up to be no more than a mode of self-gratification. Those who are concerned about the small family problem should address themselves earnestly to a reform of the outlook upon marriage. If this outlook is changed, the parental instinct may grow stronger and the power of attraction exercised by superficial and short-run satisfactions may grow less.

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So beautiful, young and fair,
To these beautiful life-like features
He murmured in sad despair:

(Chorus)

If those lips could only speak,
If those eyes could only see;
If those beautiful golden tresses
Were there in reality,
Could I only take your hand
As I did when you took my name—
But 'tis only a beautiful picture
In a beautiful golden frame.

With all his great power and riches
He knows he can never replace
One thing in that mansion that's absent—

His wife's tender smiling face,
Each time he sees her picture
Those words he will always say:
All my wealth I would freely forfeit,
And toil for you night and day.

He stood there and gazed at the painting.

Then slumbered, forgetting all pain,
And there in that mansion in fancy
She stood by his side again.
Then his lips they softly murmured
The name of his once sweet bride,
With his eyes fixed upon that picture
He awoke from his dream and cried.

Irish News

GIFT TO
HOME TOWN.—

A scheme was provisionally approved by Justice Gavan Duffy in the High Court, Dublin, for the administration of the bequest of three-fourths of the residue of his £93,000 estate which Daniel McGrath, tea merchant, late of Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, directed in his will should be spent for the benefit of his native town of Muine Breag.

The scheme provided for a new town hall (the "McGrath Memorial Hall"), a sports field, and 25 marriage portions for "poor, deserving, Catholic girls, born and baptized in the parish of Bagenalstown."

To qualify for the marriage portion, an applicant must be a practising Catholic, of good repute, in poor circumstances, and a spinster under 40 years of age.

BISHOP OF CORK
IS 84.—

The Bishop of Cork, Most Rev. Dr. Cohalan, who was 84 last month, has been twenty-six years Bishop of Cork.

ABOLISHING
ELECTED BODIES.—

We take the following from a recent issue of the "Advocate", of New York:—

"A peculiar and an unIrish development is going on in Eire, both North and South, that calls for comment. Little by little local government is being abolished in Ireland; the local government boards that are being replaced by managers, were all elected by the people on a popular suffrage. Local incidents crop up, which are not un-democratic in towns, cities and counties which might be overlooked. It is unfair to see local bodies wiped out and power transferred to managers. Instead of curing Democracy of the ills complained of in the body politic, the political doctors kill the patient and don't even give the corpse decent interment. Lately the ancient town of Howth was incorporated in Dublin without the consent of the natives. The Dublin County Council was dissolved and other incorporated towns have been dissolved. Had the national administration itself given evidence of superior ability and capacity for managing the affairs of the country, one could excuse them. No one however, who believes in the democratic forms and procedure would, for a moment consent to the abolition of local bodies in a Democratic country."

L. G. D.
POST.—

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health, Mr. MacEntee, told Gen. Mulcahy that the post of Chief Medical Adviser to the Department was not filled by promotion because in view of its importance it was desired to secure the services of the best person available whether already in the Service or not. Conditions were determined after full consultation with the Finance Minister and Civil Service Commissioners. As regards professional qualifications and experience, it was deemed desirable to prescribe a higher standard than previously and that standard was fixed without reference to the qualifications of the existing medical staff. As to the members of the Department medical staff who may be eligible or ineligible to compete, the holding of the competition rested with the Civil Service Commission and only it could determine the eligibility or otherwise of candidates.

DIOSCE OF
KILLALA.—

The Bishop of Killala, Most Rev. Dr. Naughton, has appointed:

Very Rev. Canon O'Connor, Adm., V. F., Ballina, to be P.P., Skreen; Rev. M. J. Feeney, C.C., Ballina, to be Adm. and V.F., Ballina.

Rev. M. Moran, C.C., Rathduff, to be C.C., Ballina; Rev. J. McDermott, C.C., Inver, to be C.C., Rathduff; Rev. Peter Morrison, St. Muredach's College, to be C.C., Inver; Very Rev. Michael O'Donnell, P.P., Bangor Erris, to be Canon of the Cathedral Chapter.

VISITORS FROM
SIX COUNTIES.—

We take the following from a Dublin exchange:—

"Five thousand more holiday visitors from the Six-Counties arrived in Dublin by four trains on Saturday, many of them afterwards travelling on to Dun Laoghaire, Bray, Greystones, Howth and other resorts near the city.

"At the same time Dubliners, free to set out on their own holidays, besieged Kingsbridge Station, where they formed into large queues.

"As the advance booking of tickets had been heavy, seating accommodation was greatly limited, and at the end of the day many had to be turned away."

"Long lines of people were also to be seen waiting to board the long-distance buses, but, according to a G.S.R. official, most of them got away."

DUBLIN-LIMERICK AIR SERVICE.—

Aer Lingus Teo has inaugurated an air service between Limerick and Dublin.

Our Limerick correspondent states that it is expected that Cork will be included in the scheme, possibly by a special bus service to Limerick.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS.—

Revenue for the period April 1 to July 11 amounted to £10,225,612, compared with £8,940,769 for the corresponding period last year. Expenditure was £9,955,116, against £9,988,105.

The balance in the Exchequer on July 11, 1942, amounted to £2,639,888, compared with £1,622,383 on July 12, 1941.

BINDER TWINE SUPPLIES.—

The Minister for Supplies, Mr. Lemass, also told Mr. Hughes that his Department is collaborating with binder twine distributors to ensure equitable distribution. Retailers in the aggregate are getting 75 per cent. of last year's sales. It is hoped that an Order which restricted use of this twine to mechanical binders will result in an increase in the amount available for harvesting sufficient to meet substantially farmers' needs.

MR. DE VALERA VISITS TRINITY.—

After inspecting the Hamilton MSS. in the Trinity College Library An Taoiseach, Mr. de Valera, accompanied by Prof. P. Dirac and Sir Arthur S. Eddington, guest lecturers at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, visited the Physics Laboratory, where the ingenious inventions of Dublin scientists, ancient and modern, were on display.

Included in the party were: Rev. Prof. P. Browne, Prof. C. H. Rowe, Prof. K. C. Bailey, Rev. J. R. Colthurst, Pro. M. Power, Prof. H. Atkins, Rev. J. J. McHenry, and Seamus MacGianna.

COAL DEPOSITS IN WEST LIMERICK.—

Mr. George Hewson of Askeaton, writing to the *Limerick Leader* says:—Sir—To continue my previous notes regarding the West Munster coal fields: It attracted the attention of Sir Richard Griffith long before the "General Valuation" of Ireland which

bears the name. An elaborate economic map of these fields, known to have been made by him, is now considered as "lost," but it served as a basis for the Sinn Fein Commission of Inquiry into the resources of Ireland which was active about 1910 to 1921. Apart, however, from the evidence of Griffith and other later investigators, we have still available official recognition of the existence of this coal field in the shape of the geological survey of the country undertaken in the late fifties of last century. The maps of this survey, showed this coal bearing area of West Limerick with great prominence on its sheet N° 142, which not only marks the exact location of many "collieries," particularly in the Carrickerry area.

ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR.—

The economic consequences of the war are being felt in Ireland. It gave an opportunity for three able public men—Patrick McGilligan, William Norton, the Labor spokesman, and General Mulcahy to rise and speak plainly of the failure to deal with emigration, coal, food and transportation. 80,000 tons of coal were mined in Arigna Sector last year, but the older and better mines in Kilkenny and Limerick were not doing so well. Mr. Norton suggested that the state was not making use of its powers as a bargainer and reciprocity agent. The Drum battery, which cost a lot of money, was being used in only one railway line instead of being extended to save coal. No one in the government could explain why the Drum battery was not used in all the railway lines. Gas was being produced by turf now, there was talk of rationing food, meat and other commodities. Sean Lemass, the Minister for Supplies, had no remedy. He thought times would be hard this winter. One can't help wondering why they cry so much for tea and they having plenty of milk; one wonders why electricity should be curtailed when they have so much water. Some members of the Dail thought the proper exchanges were not being made in the matter of essentials.

CAUSTIC COMMENT.—

The Fianna Fail men have beaten the old crowd in promises but continue raising the taxes. If that dubious achievement is something to boast about the present rulers can carry on. Just what posterity will say of men who promised so much when out of office and did so little when they got their chance, is another story.

From the "Advocate", New York.

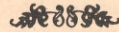
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ADMIRAL STEWART RETURNS.—

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chosen for the task and it is certainly gratifying to know that his mission has been successful, where so many have failed.

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THE PORT OF ROSARIO.—

The celebrations in Rosario on the occasion of the taking over of the port by the national authorities were remarkably colourful. Perfect weather prevailed and the city was filled with visitors from various parts of

the province. The president of the Nation and a distinguished committee made the trip from Buenos Aires on the occasion. Rosario is the biggest cereal exporting port in the world by a long way. Unfortunately owing to the situation created by the war and the lack of bottoms, business in the port has been much restricted, but the war cannot last forever and Rosario will once again come into her own, and in the future under the administration of the National government.

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A TRAGIC ACCIDENT.—

On Friday last a fatal automobile accident occurred near estacion La Luisa, of the Central Argentine, in the Arreefes district when a motor lorry ran down a private car, belonging to Mr. George Kennedy, who was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Florentina Mosca and his two children, George and Ester. Seemingly the lorry crashed into the automobile and as a result of the collision, the two children were killed outright, whilst Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy suffered severe injuries and were immediately rushed to the Santa Francisca Hospital in Arreefes, where they are under treatment.

Mr. Kennedy hails from Giles. The appalling accident has caused widespread sympathy for the Kennedy family.

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BOY SCOUT WEEK.—

On Sunday last "La Semana del Boy Scout" terminated with a series of interesting events. In the afternoon the scouts and the girl guides commenced to assemble in Avenida de Mayo and the march commenced shortly after 4 o'clock and proceeded by Florida to Plaza San Martin where the official stand had been erected and on which were to be seen the president of the scout organization, Don Laureano A. Baudizone, the vice-president, Admiral Pedro S. Casal, generals Julio C. Costa, Agustín P. Justo, B. Pertiné and many other leading Argentines. The boys and girls, who took part in the parades, were given a great reception by the large crowd, who witnessed the event.

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A NOBLE GESTURE.—

The Sucesion Tomas P. Moore, which is formed by his widow, Mrs. Jane Cavanagh de Moore, and his

only son, Thomas E. Moore, have been the recipients of sincere congratulations for their generous action on behalf of the prisoners of war held in Germany and Italy. They have decided to donate the proceeds of the sale of their thoroughbred stock at the Tattersall in Palermo this year to the funds for assistance of the prisoners. It is a noble gesture and should prove an example and an inspiration to others, whose financial position enables them to act so generously.

In the prison camps in Germany there are over five thousand prisoners of Irish blood and helping them we are helping our own. But neither Mrs. Moore, nor her son, wishes to make any distinction between the prisoners of different nationalities. They are all fighting, or have been fighting, for the cause dear to mankind, freedom, justice and right.

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THAT SECOND FRONT.—

At a meeting of the members of the Railway Union employees in Britain, of which Mr. Bevin is president, there was a very hot debate on Saturday last regarding the opening of a "New Front", in accordance with the promise given by Britain and the United States to Russia. The vote went direct against Mr. Bevin, the majority of the representatives maintaining that immediate steps should be taken to comply with their pledged word. If the best military brains in the Allied camp consider that the opening of a "second front" is, for the moment at least, a physical impossibility, that is, if there is to be reasonable hope of success, it does seem strange that these railwaymen should endeavour to force the hand of the competent authorities. Do they desire another Dunkirk? The coast from Narvik to the Pyrenees is fortified strongly and thanks to good roads and railways, transportation is rapid and within forty-eight hours the Germans can move immense quantities from any given point to another. Why not leave the question of the second front to the military experts? Armchair critics are far too numerous in this world.

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CARDINAL LEME.—

Friday afternoon last the death took place in Rio de Janeiro of Cardinal Sebastiao Leme Da Silveira, Archbishop of the Diocese of Rio de Janeiro. Born in 1878 he has had a very distinguished career in the church and one monument will always remain to recall him and that is the statue of Our Redeemer on the heights of the Corcovado outside Rio. Cardinal Leme visited Buenos Aires on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress in 1934.

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RESTOCKING EUROPE.—

There is a committee, under the presidency of Mr. George Paterson, a Canadian, engaged in the task of studying the ways and means of restocking Europe on the conclusion of hostilities. As the world knows the herds of the occupied countries have been practically eliminated by the

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aggressors. Everything was sacrificed to feed the German soldier and according to the experts in London, it will take some six or seven years after the war to build up the herds that have been destroyed. Mention is made in the report of the commission that very possibly it will be essential to import livestock from foreign countries to solve the question. In the meantime the importation of chilled and frozen meat will continue to be necessary. Hence cattle producers in Argentina have little reason to fear the post-war period. Their meat will be required and possibly exportation of livestock on the hoof will once again come into its own.

A STRANGE SPEECH.—

The propaganda minister in the Reich, Joseph Goebels, made a strange speech last week-end. He told the world that the object of the Germans in invading their neighbours' countries was to develop same in the interests of Germany. Germany must have wheat, iron and petroleum. So Germany is justified in attacking any and every country to secure these essential commodities to her war machine. What does it matter if other nations are exterminated, so long as Germany lives. What a doctrine!

THE SCARCITY OF NAFTA.—

Reports from the interior are to the effect that there is a serious shortage of nafta and all motor traffic is being affected. Particularly strong protests have come from Misiones, where some fifteen million kilos of yerba are annually produced and the transportation of same is effected by motor lorry, the only method of transport in those parts. Now it seems that the lorry owners will be compelled to close down as the Y. P. F. cannot give them the nafta they require. Immediate measures are necessary to straighten out this question of vital importance to the producers.

What will happen in other provinces when the harvest commences is causing grave misgivings. Farmers fear that there will not be sufficient nafta to keep their reaping and threshing machines going. The difficulties confronting the Ministry of Agriculture are great, but some ef-

fort should be made to solve the question now and not wait till the last moment.

VARIABLE WEATHER.—

Last week-end the weather was unusually warm for this time of the year. On Sunday it was very oppressive and rain seemed assured. In the early hours of Monday there was a slight downfall and the temperature dropped rapidly. On Sunday in Cordoba the mercury reached almost 37 degrees. That is exceptional for October. However, we have gone through a tough winter and the chances are we are in for an exceptionally warm summer. Over the week-end a number of straw hats appeared on the streets of this city, a harbinger of summer.

RESPECT THE GOVERNMENT.—

Speaking on last Saturday afternoon at the great celebration in Luna Park in homage to the late president of the Nation, Dr. Roque Saez Peña, Dr. Tomas Le Breton was one of the speakers and in the course of a very thoughtful address, he emphasized the fact that he did not desire in any way to indulge in language that might prove injurious to the constituted government of the nation. Speaking on the same subject of respect for constituted authority an exchange remarks:

"It should be clear why the disparaging talk of opponents of the Government tends to destroy that loyalty which citizens ought to have for the nation's properly constituted government. It is folly to expect flawless wisdom from any form of human government, and it is gravely wrong to withhold loyalty because of some flaw in a government's measures for the maintenance of law and order. But far graver still, when the nation faces a crisis, it is very serious indeed for anyone to weaken morale by encouraging disrespect for the Government because of its political philosophy. We repeat, our duty to foster the common good of our nation is included in our duty to practise the virtue of patriotism. Politics are a mere accidental form which ought never to affect this fundamental duty of citizenship."

FRENCH WORKMEN FOR GERMANY.—

Of all the strange things that Pierre Laval has done in his brief period in Vichy, there is none to compare with his efforts to enforce French men and women to leave their native land, against their will, in order to work in German factories, thus enabling Germany to withdraw more men for the bloody struggle in which she is engaged. The French people have not taken the matter lying down and there are signs that the soul of France is not totally dead. Women and children have thrown themselves across the railway tracks to stop the trains, that were due to start on their journey to Germany.

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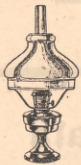
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The Campman's Forum.

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For the first time in its history, the city of Mendoza will be the stage for a first class livestock show. It is being organised by the Argentine Rural Society and will be inaugurated on November 11 with a good entry of cattle, sheep, poultry, and industrial exhibits. A number of Buenos Aires Province breeders have promised to send exhibits which will be concentrated in Palermo for shipment together.

animals included in the average figures is of importance, and the amounts given in the publication mentioned do not look so great when it is added that the number of Herefords sold was 81; that 144 Aberdeen-Angus bulls changed owners; and that the Shorthorn sales totalled 245 head. Figures are liable to become confusing at times.

Week-End Shows:—

The usual number of livestock shows were staged over the week-end in various parts of Buenos Aires and Entre Rios, generally with fairish entries and satisfactory prices.

Fat Stock Shows:—

Two fat stock shows were held this week. The one in Avellaneda was organised by the Provincial Government and included over 1,500 entries of cattle, sheep, and pigs. Judging took place on Wednesday when George Gordon Davis classified the cattle, H. Macintosh the sheep, and George Coleman, Reginald Little and F. Casaretto the pigs. As in the previous shows there Mr. Ricardo Hogg was a very efficient steward.

This afternoon the exhibits sent in for the Liniers Fat Stock Show will be classified. Here the Shorthorn steers are to be judged by George Gordon Davis and the Herefords by Juan J. Oliver. Entries are confined to milk teeth steers and only two lots of ten animals per exhibitor. This show will be inaugurated to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock and sales start immediately afterwards, the auctioneers being Pedro y Antonio Lanusse in whose yards the event is held.

In Coronel Suarez there were no pedigree Shorthorns and the championship and principal prizes for non-pedigree bulls went to the "Santa Rita" herd, belonging to Carlos Debaisieux whose Shorthorns rank among the best in the country to-day. In Trenque Lauquen the championship for pedigree Shorthorns was won by B. Gilnocchio e hijos Ltda., with a pen from V. Gregorini as reserve; there was a good display of sheep at this event. At the Rauch show the Aberdeen-Angus championship went to Miguel Castellar and that for Shorthorns to Juan y Rodolfo Beheran Sarciat; as there were no pedigree bulls there the prices of \$1,700 and \$1,800 obtained were very satisfactory. In Villaguay (Entre Rios) the principal prizes were won by Saturnino J. Unzué.

Argentine Export Trade:—

From the figures recently issued by the National Statistical Department there is noted an expansion in shipments of mutton and lamb that offsets, to some extent, the decrease in wool shipments. Exports of mutton and lamb consisted of 60,265 tons worth \$40,000,000, as against last year's total of 36,022 tons valued at \$23,700,000. During September the country's exports amounted to 455,446 tons valued at \$151,000,000 as compared with the August totals of 377,898 tons valued at \$134,102,000. The main factor has been the notable improvement in price levels, for although the quantity of September's exports was lower than in the same month last year, their aggregate value was considerably higher.

The pedigree Shorthorns from the "La Chinita" herd scored another win at Huina Renancó, where they took the championship. With this result Casimiro Polledo S.A. have brought a very successful season to a close, with good wins at Palermo and San Justo and championship at each of the provincial shows they attended. Most of the triumphs of this herd were obtained with sons of the "Chapadmalal" bull Highland Kerister.

The final figures for the Olavarría show sales are exceedingly satisfactory as a total of \$263,850 was reached. In the stall-fed pedigree section Shorthorn bulls averaged \$2,427 and Aberdeen-Angus \$2,728; corral-reared pedigree bulls averaged \$984 for Shorthorns and \$810 for Aberdeen-Angus. Non pedigree bulls of both breeds sold well, the average for 138 being \$672 per head.

Palermo Breed Averages:—

As is usual after Palermo Show has become a matter of history the different Breed Societies issue figures to show that the particular breed of cattle favoured by each has done best in the salering.

In the last number of the official magazine of the Hereford Breeders' Association there is published a table giving the averages obtained at the sales in Palermo. These show that the Herefords averaged \$7,334, the Shorthorns \$6,928, and the Aberdeen-Angus \$4,738, claiming the highest percentage for the whitefaces. While the writer has no particular axe to grind, and holds no brief for any breed, it must be stated in a spirit of fairness that these figures do not impart a correct or just impression of what the real trade at Palermo was.

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Neutrality and the International Conscience

F. O. TAMBIMUTTU

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NEUTRALITY is quite a modern concept. The nations, throughout the centuries of wars, have observed neutrality *de facto*. But the notion of neutrality *de jure* gradually developed only during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Present day international law owes much to Catholic theology and Catholic theologians. Francis Victoria, Hugo Grotius, and Francis Suarez have each in turn been named by Jurists: "Father of international law." In this article I propose to trace the gradual evolution of the notion of neutrality—theologically and juridically—from the time of Saint Augustine down to the League of Nations' rulings on neutrality. I present my conclusions, not as the official teaching of the Catholic Church, but as the private opinions of several theologians and international jurists of note.

The question I attempt to solve is this: Is a powerful nation which can effectively intervene on the side of justice in a war bound to do so? Is neutrality in the face of crime itself a crime?

I presuppose that the justice of the cause of one belligerent nation and the injustice of the other can be fully established. This, in our times, is not always an easy task. Look at the conflicting Apologies of the nations at war in 1914-1918! "Each state defended or pretended to defend some sacred ideal: Serbia defended herself against absorption by Austria; Russia and Montenegro defended the peoples of their stock; Austria her "prestige" in the Balkans; Germany her fidelity to her Nibelungen ideal (*Nibelungen-treue*); England defended the rights of neutrals; Japan the Mongolian interest; France fought to free the annexed provinces from the oppressors; Italy to release her subjugated Italian brethren; Armenia for the democratic ideal. Belgium alone fought in self-defence. What Turkey fought for is not apparent, but seemingly she was dragged unwillingly into the fray."

In the face of such conflicting war aims, a neutral is tempted to be only a passive spectator.

But let us suppose that one nation

has all justice on its side. Let us suppose that the very civilization is at stake. What then are the duties of a powerful neutral?

Up to the nineteenth century, as already stated above, there was no place in the international conscience for neutrality *de jure*. On the contrary, the pre-nineteenth century idea of a just war positively excluded any intentional neutrality, because our elders considered a just war as a crusade against wicked nations. The justice of one party and the injustice of the other was quite apparent. The war was between bandits and state soldiers; between a culpable state and a state seeking justice. In such circumstances neutrality was considered immoral, because one is bound to espouse the just cause; else it would be favoring the wicked party. The nations could be neutral if they could not ascertain which was the nation with justice on its side, or if they foresaw that their participation would be ineffective, or would bring greater evils in its train. But this is not the same as claiming neutrality as a right (*de jure*), according to our present-day definition of neutrality: "Neutrality is the attitude of a state which refuses to pronounce on the war between two belligerents, and which binds itself not to mix in others' quarrels."

Hugo Grotius, in his work *De Jure belli ac pacis*, devotes a chapter to neutrals or rather to third powers. He speaks of the rights and duties of neutrals; but this is far from being the neutrality as known by the nations today. So far is it removed from our notion of neutrality, that a modern author, M. Emmanuel Descamps has roughly translated the chapter which is headed in Grotius *De his qui bello mediis sunt, as De ceux qui sont entre deux deus feus* (those who find themselves between two fires).

PASSAGE OF TROOPS.

We shall first examine the evolution of the concept of *Transitus innocuus* or harmless passage of troops, belonging to a nation waging a just war, through neutral territory. Is such a passage licit or illicit? Must the neu-

dier and civilian alike are in short supply—every pound of wool saved is going to help.

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tral refuse or permit the passage of troops? According to Grotius and all his followers, this free passage must be granted to the belligerent who has justice on his side, and refused to the others. When the police are pursuing bandits, they say, no one can remain neutral by system. You must help the police as much as possible without any danger to yourself. If the bandits flee through your garden, you must let the police pass through to capture the rogues, or refuse passage to the bandits, always without grave harm to yourself. In the same way must you deal with a nation seeking justice. But this passage must be harmless, *innocuus*; any damage caused to the third party must be compensated.

This notion of *transitus innocuus* has a tradition which goes back to Saint Augustine, who in turn appeals to the Old Testament.

In the Book of Numbers (cc. xx and xxi) the King of the Edomites and the King of the Amorrites refused the people of Israel passage through their respective territories, to the land promised to Moses and Josue by Jehovah.

In the meantime Moses sent messengers from Cadès to the King of Edom, to say: "Thou saith thy brother Israel: Thou knowest all labor that hath come upon us. . . . Lo, we are now in the city of Cadès, which is in the uttermost of thy borders. And we beseech thee that we may have leave to pass through thy country. We will not go through the fields, nor through the vineyards, we will not drink the waters of thy wells, but we will go by the common highway, neither turning aside to the right hand, nor to the left, till we are past thy borders." And Edom answered: "Thou shalt not pass. . . . Neither would he condescend to their desire to grant them passage through his borders" (xx,14-21)

And Israel sent messengers to Sehon King of the Amorrites saying: "I beseech thee that I may have leave to pass through thy land: we will not go aside into the vineyards or the fields, we will not drink waters of thy wells, we will go to the king's highway, till we be past thy borders." But Sehon rather gathering an army, went forth to meet them. . . .

Saint Augustine, commenting on these passages, says that the *transitus innocuus* should have been granted by the Amorrites and the Edomites by virtue of the rights of mankind. *Notandum est quomodo iustum ius bellici gererentur innocuus enim transitus negotiatorum, qui iuste humane societatis acqussissimo pacto debebat.* (Note that though they were just wars, innocuus passage was denied which was evidently to be allowed by the law of human society.)

This celebrated text of Saint Augustine was reproduced and propagated in the *Decretum Gratiani* where it was said, "It is well to remark for what reasons the children of Israel waged war against the Amorrites. It was because the Amorrites refused the right of passage, a right which it is but equitable to give, according to the just rules of the rights of mankind."

Yves de Chartres also held this view. Suarez refers to Saint Augustine's text and speaks of it as a universally known truth which has no need of any comment or demonstration. The very refusal of a free passage was a just title to wage war: *quia hostes denegabant transitum per communes vias.*

Lessius also cites the same text of the Doctor of Hippo and calls a refusal of passage an infringement of the law of nations: *si alia provincia negotiis transitum innocuum aut commercium, quae iure gentium omnibus debentur.*

Hugo Grotius is very emphatic on this point. After enumerating the general principles he cites several examples from history when free passage was demanded as a right. Thus Hercules killed Amyntor King of Orchomeno for refusing passage. Argæus, returning from Asia, asked the King of the Macedonians passage through his kingdom. The King of the Macedonians replied: "We shall think about it." Then Argæus said: "All right. Let him think. In the meantime we will pass."

Grotius maintains that even if other passages are open, yet a just belligerent can demand passage through any of the territories he considers necessary. He demands passage not only for soldiers but also for merchandise and quotes Cicero, Plutarch, Euripides, Augustine, Ambrose, Basil, Chrysostom, and several others as holding the same view.

When theological tradition was so strong on this point, how did the nations arrive at the idea of absolute immunity of neutrals? The learned Jesuit authority on international law, Father Yves de la Brière, ascribes it to the disintegration of Christianity in Europe and to the fact that jurists no longer interested themselves in theology and the theologians no longer in law.

The jurists held that Saint Augustine wrote about a holy war waged by Divine command. His statements could not be applied to any other war. Prudence and the common good of mankind, they said, postulated perfect neutrality. This argument prevailed since the eighteenth century, especially after the publication of the *Traité de Droit des gens* by Emmerich de Vattel. (1758).

Examination of concrete circumstances rendered it impossible to apply the principle of the *transitus innocuus*. The theological concept made a clear-cut distinction between a just aggressor and an unjust belligerent. But to determine in practice who was the just party was well nigh an impossible task. Besides if one party was given free passage, the other would come to meet it and the poor neutral would suffer in consequence.

Such considerations led to the abandonment of the *transitus innocuus* theory. Father Yves de la Brière in his book *La Communauté des Puissances* traces the gradual abandonment of it by jurists such as Pufendorf, Barbeyrac, Vitriarius, and Vattel. Thus through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries the old theory was done away with because the idea of a just war no longer held good. War had assumed the nature of a duel in which success was to decide right. Neutrals had no part in it. They were spectators. The territory of third powers was thus rendered entirely immune from attack.

Various international events com-

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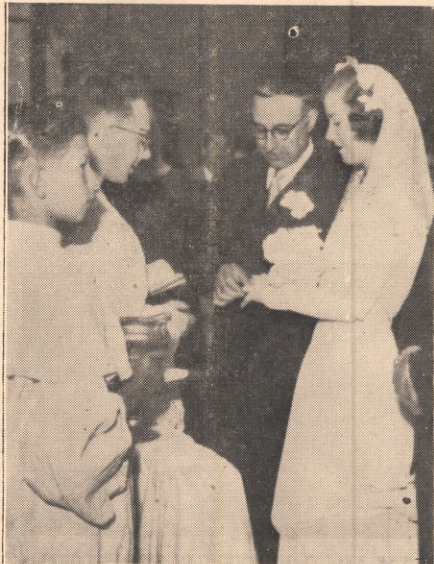
Wedding Bells.

Cassidy—Vega.

The wedding of Miss Tita Cassidy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Cassidy, to Mr. Emilio Vega, son of the late Mr. Fernando Vega and

carrying a bouquet of white rosebuds, was given away by her brother Mr. Christopher Cassidy.

The wedding reception, attended by numerous friends of the contracting



Mrs. Vega, took place on Saturday in St. Patrick's Church in this city, the ceremony being performed by Father Vincent Smith, P.S.M. The bride, who was attired in a beautiful gown of white rosalba with mantilla veil and

parties, was held at the Hotel Español, and the health of the popular couple was warmly toasted. The honeymoon is being spent in the Andean provinces. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vega.

Book Review

FACE TO THE SUN.
by Arthur R. McGratty, S.J.
The Bruce Publishing Company
Milwaukee, U.S.A.

Father McGratty makes a very creditable contribution to the modern genre of novelized history with this work,

whose title comes from the opening words of the Falange hymn *Cora al Sol*. The story is told by Carlos, a young Spaniard, of the middle class, who manages to fit into some of the historical pictures of the Civil War. He is in the Alcázar and later makes himself useful in the Teruel campaign.

We regard books of this type from three angles. One is the novelistic angle, and here *Face to the Sun* is a faultless production. The story is easily and simply told, the characterization is excellent and the interest is sustained.

Secondly: the historical angle. As far as our knowledge goes, Fr. McGratty has pointed an accurate picture of the most interesting and important incidents of Spain's Civil War. But it is yet far too early to write accurately about the attitudes of such men as Calvo Sotelo, Primo de Rivera (*el ausente*), Gil Robles, Sanjurjo and Franco, and their relations to one another. The thorny and ticklish Basque Question is a tremendous complication for the summarist. The Basques have yet to be fairly dealt with, not only by General Franco, but by many Catholic writers.

Finally, the prophetic angle. "It is all over now," Carlos says on the last page. Is it? Franco in Spain; Aguirre in the United States; the Spanish Republicans in Mexico, Chile and other parts; Gil Robles in Portugal—the Spanish Pot still simmers.

Father McGratty's book is well worth the perusal. Its price, U. \$ 3.50.



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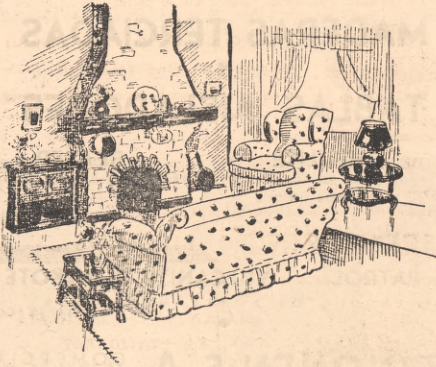
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It is not known whether Mr. Wilkinson Andrews is now alive, or whether he left any heirs. Should he still be in the land of the living, or should there be heirs we will appreciate a communication from him or them, so as to put them in possession of some facts concerning the property in Paraguay.

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About People

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard L. Duggan gave a party at their home in this city on last Saturday afternoon in honour of the friends of their children, Elena and Charles.

Following some days spent at his estancia in Pasteur, accompanied by his daughter, Molly, Mr. Richard W. Parsons has returned to town.

Mr. Alfred Jacobs returned to town on Sunday last having spent some fifteen days on a business trip to the Northern provinces and Paraguay.

At 9 a.m. this morning Mass was said at Holy Cross Church in memory of the late Mr. Lorenzo Donohoe, who was so long and honourably connected with the Southern Railway.

The Misses Cora and Rosita Dowling are spending a holiday at Links House, La Cumbre, in the Hills of Córdoba. At the same hotel Mrs. Annie Feeney de Macleod is convalescing from her recent serious illness and purposes to return to town early next month.

Amongst recent arrivals in town is Mr. William Toomey, who is registered at the City Hotel.

For lovers of freedom and democracy a wonderful event will take place on Wednesday next when the monument to Simon Bolivar will be unveiled in Parque Rivadavia. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela arrives here on Sunday for the historic occasion.

There has been widespread regret in the local English speaking world of journalism on the tragic death of Miss Thelma Roberts. She was an American and only resided a few months in this country.

The San Nicolas church was crowded on last Monday morning when Mass was said for the eternal repose of the soul of the late General Angel P. Alarria.

The only passenger lost on the ill-fated Andalucia Star was William Richard Hayes. Some months ago he visited this office and certainly he looked every part a soldier. Just how he met his death no news has yet transferred, but to his widowed mother, Mrs. Ana Boggan de Hayes, of Acevedo, near Pergamino, sincere sympathy has been extended and the *Southern Cross* begs to be associated with same.

Amongst recent arrivals in Buenos Aires on his way to Great Britain for active service is Mr. A. G. Kenny from Patagonia. The local press has been featuring him. Seemingly he hails from Dundee in Scotland and has never seen a tram, a train nor an underground.

Amongst the arrivals by Panagra plane on Friday last from Santiago de Chile were Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Maloney.

Mrs. Encarnación O'Connor, wishes to express her gratitude to Dr. George Mulcahy and his assistants, and also to the nursing staff of the Victoria Ward of the British Hospital for attention received during her recent illness.

Mr. de Valera stated recently in the Dail that he regretted the country had not a paper industry; it was a thing they could have developed, and he hoped the policy of afforestation would be pursued so that coming generations would not be in the position they were in today.

Rev. Fathers Ildephonus Lynch, C.P. and Fidelis Rush, C.P., left yesterday, Thursday, for Tandil, to preach a mission in Tandileofú Estancia.

Miss Brigit Gannon, who is undergoing medical treatment at the British Hospital, is, we are pleased to report, on the high road to recovery.

The numerous friends of Miss Ana Maria Carrigy will be pleased to learn she is progressing very favourably after an operation for appendicitis underwent last Monday at the British Hospital.

Mrs. Brigit F. de Cummins has returned to her home in Hurlingham, F.C.P., accompanied by Miss Katie M. O'Neill, after a pleasant visit to Capilla del Señor.

Mr. Martin Carmody, of Buratovich, F.C.S., has returned thither after several week's visit to this city.

Mr. Arturo Furlong, of Tandil, visited relatives at Monte, F.C.S., during the current week.

The Sisters of Mercy extend their sincere appreciation to all who have contributed in any way to make "St. Ethnea's Open Air Feast" a success.

Mrs. Andrew Fay, of Pergamino, accompanied by her daughters Lucy and Rosita paid a visit to relatives in Rojas and O'Brien, last week-end.

Mrs. Ana B. de Harte wishes to thank all those who gave cakes and sandwiches and helped to make the bazaar at St. Ethnea's a success.

We regret to learn that Mrs. E. Faust, of Belgrano, has had to enter the British Hospital for treatment.

Our very sincere and cordial congratulations to Mother Mary Annunciation, who on the 27th celebrates the silver jubilee of her religious profession, which took place on the 27th October, 1917, in Villa Devoto. This good sister was invested with the habit of Nuestra Señora del Huerto and is at present superior of the Sanatorium de Llanura, in General Rodriguez, F. C.O. She is the daughter of Mrs. Eliza O'Connor de MacDonnell and the late James MacDonnell, of Pergamino.

The Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, P.S.M., will preach at the 10 o'clock Mass on Sunday at St. Patrick's, Buenos Aires. The subject of his sermon will be: "Christ-like Charity".

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Patchy Population

THE symbolism on the coins of our money presents Argentina as a fair young maiden of elegant proportions. The prototype stands triumphantly on a column in the Plaza de Mayo, and her proportions are as graceful as her countenance is noble. She is the symbol of the Republic, valiant and gallant, as the Founders envisaged it.

How far is the symbol true today! In one important respect we feel that Argentina may no longer be portrayed as a well-proportioned maiden of classic mien. The symbol should be a gaunt harridan, with an enormous over-grown head insecurely balanced on emaciated shoulders, with long, withered, pendulous limbs. For such, viewed from the angle of population, has Argentina become.

In the year 1869 the population of this country was settled, as to two-thirds, on the land; only one-third dwelt in the towns and cities. By 1938 the tables had been turned: one-third lived on the land, and two-thirds in the cities and towns.

The city-ward drift of population during the early stages had a uniform movement, in the sense that towns and cities benefitted equally by the drift. The cities grew in size, and the towns grew also. Today this is no longer so. The towns and the small cities tend to dwindle instead of growing and the migratory trend is towards the large cities.

The extent of the population shift in Argentina may be gauged by two facts. One is that the capital city is today inhabited by more than two and one-half millions of people. The other is that the

area of Greater Buenos Aires, that is, the city proper and the suburban towns around the capital, is some 670 square kilometres, and this tiny area is peopled by nearly four million souls—that is, more than a fourth of the entire population of the country.

The concentration of population is bad for Argentina. This country is destined by Nature for pasturage and agriculture. Our riches will ever come from the land, and the true interest of the country lies in the development of the land. We can never hope to compete on even terms with the great industrial nations which have abundance of coal and iron on their doorsteps. That is, we cannot hope to compete with them in the foreign markets for industrialized goods, though there is no reason why we should not tend, as we are at present tending, to produce such industrial goods as we ourselves need.

The growth of population of Rosario and Buenos Aires is due to the fact that these cities are the main points of entry and embarkation. Is it not possible to offset them, in the interests of distribution, by large population centres near the Andean passes, to be served by Chilean ports, and by the opening of routes on the southern tip of the Continent?

Under the pressure of strategic considerations, the great nations at war have stretched out a giant hand and taken the industries and the industrial workers away from the large cities and placed them away from the danger-areas, in the country, near the small towns. It has been found that communications with ports of entry and em-

Successful Centenary Celebration

HONOURING REV. FR. EDMUND FLANNERY.

Sagart Aroon in Arrecifes, F.C.C.A.

God granted a grand success to last Sunday's demonstration in Arrecifes F.C.C.A., in honour of the beloved Sagart Aroon, Rev. Fr. Edmund Flannery. Thanks be to God for that day of sunshine, of happiness, and of joy! Arrecifes was a great Irish town last Sunday, from early Mass till late at night; every street echoed to the sound of Irish footsteps; from far and near they came; many of them having been baptised and married by Fr. Flannery forty, fifty, sixty and seventy years ago!

They all gladly came to Arrecifes to render homage to the name and memory of the faithful shepherd of their souls.

Fr. Flannery has left his stamp on the Irish Community in Argentina and it will ever remain to his credit as a priest and as an Irishman. He is our typical "Sagart Aroon."

"Of priests, we can offer a charming variety,

Far renowned for learning and piety;

Still, I'd advance you without impropriety,

Sagart Aroon, as the flower of them all!"

V. Rev. Fr. Vistalli, the present esteemed parish priest of Arrecifes celebrated the 8 o'clock Mass for Fr. Flannery and distributed the Blessed Eucharist to the numerous and fervent Irish communicants; whilst Irish voices sang in the choir above and Irish musicians played on harmonium and violin. The last Mass also was packed and the Irish chaplain preached, and then Benediction was given.

The priests' luncheon was very select and gathered fifty Irish representatives around the well provided and well served tables.

The afternoon tea, was a sight to see; the Irish Hall in gala dress, was at its best; a grand profusion of flowers, plants, ornaments, silver cups, waving flags, cakes, smiles, laughter, joy and friendship, made the scene a sweet memory never to be forgotten! Dear friends who had not met for ages, drank tea together once again on earth, and rejoiced in honour of a priest, we all hope to rejoice with in Heaven above.

Everyone said the tea was delicious, and the select company of our community from every quarter, fully appreciated the ability of Mrs. Mary Reddy de Eustace as hostess.

But the crowning success of the Centenary Celebration was the grand Irish concert in the evening, presented in the splendid parochial hall "Manuel Belgrano." Many persons have said it was the best Irish concert ever given in Arrecifes. Certainly each artist did his or her part to perfection and so each number presented was a special

barereation have been actually facilitated by these measures.

The Government of Argentina can and should take similar measures with our expanding industrial set-up. The strategic consideration is itself urgent, even in our case; while the long-range view is equally as important for the future welfare of the people of this land.

joy in itself. The opening tableau was so impressive that it gave a classic tone to the whole programme and won rounds of applause from the crowded hall. Mrs. B. D. de Hogan was highly congratulated for her able arrangement of the tableaux, which were shown in a great variety of colours, operated by Miss Evelyn O'Brady. Miss Angela O'Brady by her presence at the piano raised the music to first class style and her interpretation of Irish Melodies cannot be surpassed anywhere.

Mr. William Martin's handling of the violin is another great credit to the musical gifts of the Arrecifes' Irish. Mr. Bob. Barclay caused a tremendous commotion by his skirling of the pipes and Irish dancing, the like was never seen here before.

The boys of St. Paul's College literally took down the house, and did high credit to Mr. Barclay's training, and to Rev. Fr. Alfred Maconastair, C.P., who was another fine asset of our concert as announcer. Miss Lita Maloney's maiden speech was full of charm and well delivered, as also the speech of Mr. James Deane and of the Irish Chaplain Rev. Fr. Victor of the Holy Ghost, C.P., who rendered a tribute of high praise to Rev. Fr. Flannery for his fostering of the true Irish spirit in old Arrecifes. Miss Raquel Daly and Master Henry Daly of Pergamino played piano and violin sweetly together, Miss Kathleen Graghty at the piano delighted the audience, Mr. Jack McLoughlin caused great hilarity by his capers on the "Ruta 9", and Mr. Hipólito Geoghegan was a revelation as solo singer.

The climax of feeling was reached in the perfect presentation of "Dark Rosaleen," where Erin was seen surrounded by her princesses and pages, all in golden sheen, dazzling with light and colour. Each princess pronounced her impassioned discourse with fine spirit and tone, and Queen Erin was very moving in her final address of thanks to God. When Argentina appeared and crowned Erin, it was the apotheosis of a classic Gaelic Féis.

The grand concert lasted three hours and then some enjoyed a couple more hours dancing at the Irish Hall. Many donations were received both in money and kind, that have made our Centenary Celebration, not only a social and artistic success, but also a financial one. We hereby thank all our benefactors in general, and in particular we thank Monsignor J. M. Ussher, the V. Rev. Provincial of the Passionist Fathers, the Irish Sisters of Mercy, V. Rev. Fr. Vistalli for the free use of his magnificent parochial hall, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Daly of Pergamino and "The Southern Cross" for publications.

Our delightful Fr. Flannery Festival has not only rendered due honour to a beloved Irish Chaplain in Argentina, it has also discovered great musical and artistic Gaelic talent in Arrecifes, and increased the bonds of friendship amongst the members of our Irish community, in the hearty grasp of a dear old Sagart Aroon.

Colmcille.

Our Readers will help us if they will mention THE SOUTHERN CROSS when replying to advertisements appearing in this paper.

SAGART AROON IN ARRECIFES

I

Oh! were you there and did you see?
In Arrecifes true;
Our Sagart, feast and concert grand,
October '42?

II

And did you see the Irish crowd,
Who packed the church at Mass?
The doors were so obstructed then,
That scarcely one could pass.

III

And did you see the Irish Hall,
When all sat down to tea?
Where some just came to eat sweet
cakes,
And some just came to see.

IV

The tables all were decked with flow-
ers,
And full was every chair,
For brilliant was the company,
That raised their tea-cups there.

V

And did you see the Concert Hall,
Where ev'ry seat was filled?
And how our General Chorus sang,
And ev'ry soul was thrilled?

VI

How Miss O'Brady played so well!
How Miss Maloney spoke!
How Barclay danced! and skelled the
Pipes!
Till claps and cheers awoke!

VII

And how our colleens sang that day!
And acted well their part!
Sure! listening to their soothing tones,
I almost lost my heart!

VIII

The boys of old "San Pablo" too,
Well stepped their "Highland Fling",
And when their Scottish dance was
done,
Oh! how that hall did ring!

IX

Wil. Martin touched the violin,
With wondrous wealth of sound;
'Tis few can equal his fine hand,
In Arrecifes town!

X

Miss Mary Deane and Daly played,
Miss Geraghty as well;
I'm sure their tune-fall harmonies,
Their future joys foretell!

XI

The Deane and Hogan children sang:
"What will you take for me?"
And Geoghegan sang a splendid song:
Our Irish "Mother Macbree."

XII

But let us praise one act indeed,
And now recall the scene:
The piece best staged that happy day,
Our own "Dark Rosaleen".

XIII

"Dark Rosaleen" is Erin brave,
Awaiting long the time;
When God will deck her queenly brow,
And crown her Faith sublime!

XIV

We pray that day may now be nigh,
When she shall reign a Queen?
"When she shall reign and reign
alone."

In Royal Gold and Green!

XV

Miss Mary Eustace acted grand,
The part of Erin Queen;
And well her part Miss Dillon did,
As friendly Argentine.

XVI

'Tis long I've lived and longed to see,
Old Ireland wear that crown;
And God be thanked! I've seen it done,

Obituaries



"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD

WHO DIE IN THE LORD."

John Cormack, R.I.P.

With the death of John Cormack, which occurred on the 13th, inst., at his home, Las Marianas, C.G.B.A., the Irish Argentine community suffers the loss of another staunch and genuine member. Born sixty years ago in Navarro, of good Irish stock, his parents being James Cormack and Catherine Murray, he was typical of the splendid generations of "Irish porteoños" that have done honour both to this country and the land of their saintly ancestors.

He had lived some years in Suipacha where he got to be highly esteemed for his openhearted and kindly disposition; but it was in the Navarro district where he eventually settled that he was best known, and where his absence henceforward at the Irish family reunions will be keenly felt.

In 1923, he was united in holy wedlock to Miss Bridget Carbery, and their home was ever a happy and hospitable one. Though not of a strong constitution, his death was a painful surprise to many. He was struck down with pneumonia and, despite medical skill and the loving care of his wife and dear ones, he calmly met his end, having duly received all the Last Rites and Blessings of Holy Church, the priest being with him also in his dying moments.

His remains were laid to rest in the old Navarro cemetery, where lay so many others of our race—pending the Trumpet-call of Resurrection on the great Judgment Day.

The funeral, attended by a large assembly of mourners from far and near, was a demonstration of the high regard in which he was held. Besides his afflicted wife, to whom the sympathy of all is bourne, he leaves a brother, three sisters, nieces, nephews and other relatives to mourn his loss.

May the eternal rewards of a good, Christian life be his!

D. M.

Thomas Mulvihill, R.I.P.

The numerous friends of Mr. Thomas Mulvihill will be sorry to hear of his death which occurred at his home in San Andres de Giles, on the 4th of October, suddenly of heart failure. Thomas was the eldest son of the late Bernard Mulvihill and the late Mary Murray de Mulvihill and was born in Capilla del Señor in the year 1871. Don Tomás, as he was familiarly called, had been in delicate health for the last few years, nevertheless his death came as a great shock to his family and friends as they never expected his end was so near as he seemed to be in much better health for some weeks before he died. On the day of his death he partook of his lunch as usual in company with his wife and eldest son,

in Arrecifes town!
In Arrecifes' town!

XVII

'Twas all, to praise the Priest we loved,
The Priest we lost too soon;
The Priest who blessed our Irish
homes,
Our Sagart Priest Aroon!

Colmicilo.

guel, James, and Magdalena, who now remain to mourn their dear father also nine grandchildren, one brother, Mr. John Mulvihill, of Capilla del Señor, three sisters, Mrs. Delia M. M. de Devereux, of Ramos Mejia and the Misses Katie and Mollie Mulvihill, of this city, three daughters-in-law, two sons-in-law, two brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and numerous friends to mourn him.

His mortal remains were buried in the Giles cemetery after responses were read in the Church. The parish priest blessed the grave.

May God grant his wife and family resignation to bear their heavy cross.

Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul.

Mrs. Kate Mulvey de Rush, R.I.P.

The Irish community of Arrecifes, P.C.C.A., has again been thrown into deep mourning this time by the death of the most religious Irish lady in the partido, the late Mrs. Kate Mulvey de Rush, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. She died last Sunday morning at ten o'clock, October 18th, just as last Mass was beginning in the parish church. She had all her life been most devout to the holy sacrifice of the Mass and it was her custom, in her old age when unable to get to church, to stand outside her door and looking towards the church adore Jesus from a distance. She died in the camp, in her own dear home

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"La Turca" surrounded by her children praying by her bedside, and her passing was most peaceful, as her life had been.

She was born in Co. Longford, Ireland, in 1855, and came to Argentina in 1873 at the early age of eighteen, and after spending a few years in Buenos Aires city, she proceeded to Chacabuco where she married the late Mr. Andrew Rush, and afterwards lived for some years in Salto Argentino, finally settling down at "La Turca" in the partido of Arrecifes, where she spent the last thirty four years of her life. In the year 1915 she was bereaved by the death of her husband Don Andrés, and was left to care for her eight children, five boys and three girls.

Her model catholic home was often visited by the Irish chaplain Fr. Flannery and by the Passionist Fathers, who frequently sanctified her home by offering there the holy sacrifice of the Mass and distributing the Blessed Eucharist to all the members of her pious family.

Mrs. Rush was a lady of deep Irish faith and Irish traditions, and a soul that loved prayer and union with God.

Her latter years have been full of constant prayer and sublime sentiments of the love of God and she calmly and confidently awaited the call and coming of her Divine Bridegroom. The Passionist Fathers and the parish priest administered all the sacraments to her, which she received with wonderful fervour of faith and calmly rested in the Lord. On Monday morning her body was borne from "La Turca" to the parish church of Arrecifes, where her grandson Rev. Fr. Fidelis Rush C.P., offered for her eternal repose the Mass of "cuerno presente", assisted by the parish priest and by Rev. Fr. Victor C.P.

Very many friends and relatives attended the wake and accompanied the

HURLING CLUB

"VICTROLA" DANCE.

As previously announced the Club's D. C. has decided to hold a "Victrola" Dance on the 31st. inst., from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Committee is purchasing a new "Victrola" which will be used for the first time on this occasion and a uniform price of \$1.00 for members and non-members alike, will be charged for dancing. The funds collected will go to pay part of the value of the new "Victrola" and consequently members are requested to invite all their friends. The D. C. also wishes to extend hereby a cordial invitation to all the people of our community and their friends to attend this Dance.

BOCHAS.

On Saturday and Sunday next, the Partners' American Bocha Tournament will be played off at the Club and all participants are requested to be present tomorrow at 2 o'clock p.m., and Sunday morning at 9 a.m., as on account of the number of couples entering in this tournament it is necessary to start games early on both days and players who are not punctual will get less games as the competition will be closed and the classi-

fications made with the matches played off before Sunday evening.

Members wishing to participate in this Tournament and who may not have a partner yet, can turn up on Saturday at 2 o'clock sharp and couples will be formed amongst those members who have not selected their partners.

CHILDREN'S TOURNAMENT.

Parents are reminded that they must answer the circular letter sent out last month if they intend having their children participate in the Athletic Tournament to take place on the 14th and 15th November next, as competitions will be arranged and prizes purchased in accordance with the number of inscriptions previously received. Time for inscriptions will be closed on Sunday next, 25th inst., and consequently members with children who have not answered the circular letter sent out by the organizers are reminded for the last time that they must do so before Sunday evening if they want to see their children enjoying such a nice event. Any delay in doing so may be the cause of disappointment for themselves and their children afterwards.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

The Club's team won another friendly encounter on Sunday last when they beat Municipalidad by 2 goals to 1 in a fairly interesting match in which the winners evidently showed certain improvements in the command of the game and though they won by a narrower margin than in their previous matches they played sounder hockey and put up better team work. The scorers on Sunday were C. Quinn and L. J. Scally and the team lined up with the following players: A. M. Ballesty, B. Fox, E. Catena, E. J. Scally, J. J. Gaynor, R. MacAllister, R. Aleman Helien, L. J. Scally, C. McCormack, T. Scally and C. Quinn.

SUNDAY'S MATCH.

On Sunday next the Club's team will play a friendly encounter against Gimnasia y Esgrima of Buenos Aires and as this team has much more experienced players than those who played against the Hurling Club in their three first presentations, it is doubtful if the latter will manage to keep up their series of victories but nevertheless this will be a good occasion for valuing the real power of the team at present. The match will be played on the Hurling Club's field and is to start at 3.30 p.m.

FOOTBALL AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

St. Paul's Club vs. Capitán Sarmiento.

Monday, 12th instant, was a red letter day in the annals of St. Paul's College. On that day members of St. Paul's Club, Buenos Aires, visited the College for a football match between a team representing the Club and a combined team from the town of Ca-

funeral to the local cemetery notwithstanding the heavy rain. Her life was holy and her end edifying. May she rest at peace in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

She leaves three daughters and four sons and fourteen grandchildren to mourn her loss.

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pián Sarmiento. St. Paul's Club travelled from the capital in two special Pullmans, and on their arrival were warmly greeted by the Rev. Director Father Alfred C.P., the members of the teaching staff and the pupils of the College. The visitors represented various activities in the commercial and business life of the metropolis, several occupying leading positions. After the arrival of the cars the grounds began to wear an animated aspect. After some recent rain the country was looking its best, and the air was charged with sunshine, and all manner of sweet perfumes and soft beauties of an early Spring-day in the fields. A large number of ladies were present, and their smart gowns lent a welcome note of colour to the scene. The culture, distinction and obvious prosperity of those present left a pleasing impression. It was a moving manifestation of loyalty and love towards the College where the clubmen had received their early education. A kindly atmosphere of cordiality and bonhomie prevailed throughout, giving the impression of a large family once again united.

A luncheon, entirely satisfactory to all concerned, was served in the Monastery grounds. It was an animated scene. Old friendships were renewed, new ones formed, merry laughter and friendly chat were to be heard on all sides, and a jolly atmosphere of downright good humour was manifest. In a word the *al fresco* feast was a big success, and all present enjoyed the outing to their heart's content. Several speakers paid a tribute to the loving cares and untiring labours of the Passionist Fathers for their temporal and spiritual welfare. With the experience of life which they had gained they were no doubt in a position to appreciate at its true worth the value of the efforts and anxieties lavished on them in their *Alma Mater*, to make them worthy citizens, worthy workers and worthy representatives of the Irish tradition.

Father Alfred thanked the visitors for having sacrificed their time and convenience to be present. He expressed in happy terms his appreciation of the ovation received by him and of the tribute paid by the speakers to the work of the Passionist Fathers. He indicated that quite satisfactory progress had been made in the matter of the provision of a modern, up-to-date establishment to replace the present College building. His remarks were punctuated with loud applause.

Two football matches followed. The first was a contest between the two Legions, Yellow and Green, into which

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CONTAGION IN OFFICES.

There is always a danger of contagion in offices where many people work together, particularly when these offices are small and ill-ventilated.

When people gather in heterogeneous groups, there always exists the probability that one or more of them may be the victim of some ailment of a contagious, easily-transmittable nature.

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About People

(Continued from page 11.)

With reference to the Kelly-MacLoughlin wedding which took place in the San Francisco Javier church in this city, on October 3rd, we are asked to state that the ceremony had been originally arranged for in St. Patrick's Church, Mercedes, and this was indicated in the invitations sent out. At the last moment the young couple were informed that the ecclesiastical authorities of the Mercedes parish had made a rule that no further marriages were to be authorized in St. Patrick's, Mercedes. In consequence, the families concerned decided to have the ceremony in this city, in the church already named.

The Bridge Tea in aid of St. Joseph's Society held on Monday was an all-round success and the Ladies of St. Joseph have been warmly congratulated on the brilliant social and charitable event.

Mrs. Lily Moore Buchanan and Miss Agustina O'Farrell paid a visit to the Fahy Institute, Capilla, on Wednesday.

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the collegians are divided. It was a spirited affair, the two teams playing with all the zeal and fresh enthusiasm of youth. It was soon seen that the Yellows were in the ascendant, and they were able to maintain supremacy to the end, winning by a comfortable margin. The final score was: Yellows 4, Greens 1.

The contest between St. Paul's Club and a combined team from the town of Capitán Sarmiento followed. The former came "trailing clouds of glory" as champions among English-speaking teams in Association in the capital. The latter are reckoned as the leading local team. They certainly gave their opponents plenty to do from start to finish, and caused some anxious moments. It was a fine display of good football. The pace was hot from the start. It proved a most interesting and exciting contest and every move was followed by the spectators with the keenest interest. The St. Paul's team gave a pleasing display of team work, their combination being excellent. Their forwards were outstanding, and the full-backs put up a stonewall defence. The local team was certainly well served by their goalkeeper who saved repeatedly. It was a ding-dong affair, scoring being difficult, but St. Paul's would not be denied, and in a real piece of head work Billy Dolan, Captain, annexed the winning goal. When the long whistle went, the score read: St. Paul's Club . . . 1 goal
Cap. Sarmiento . . . Nil

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At all these places two Passionists will attend. The sermons of the Missions are in Spanish, but Confessions in English will be also heard.

BIRTH - DAY PARTY.



Mrs. Maria R. de Brady, of Belgrano, who entertained a large group of relatives and friends at her home on Sunday.

MASSES

ALL SOULS' DAY.

On All Souls' Day, Monday, Nov. 2, a solemn requiem Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church at 9 o'clock for the dead whose names shall be previously sent in. 1671—0.9-16-23

† **JACK DUNPHY, R.I.P.**—Died in Venado Tuerto on October 30th, 1917, at the age of 24.—On the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his death, a Funeral Mass will be offered for the eternal repose of his soul in the Parish Church of Venado Tuerto, on Friday, October 30th. The Mass will be offered also for the repose of the souls of his parents, John and Catherine Dunphy, for his brother and sister María Inés and Santiago Dunphy and all deceased members and relations of the Dunphy family. Rev. Fr. Joseph N. Dunphy, brother of the deceased will say the Mass. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1694—0.23

† **MARGARITA GEAR, R.I.P.**—Died on October 28th, 1941.—An Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church of Rojas on October 29th, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Margarita Gear. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1688—0.23

† **JOSE P. RYAN, R.I.P.**—Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church of Arcofios, on Monday, October 26th, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Jose P. Ryan. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1687—0.23

† **LAWRENCE DILLON, R.I.P.**—A Solemn Mass of Requiem for the eternal repose of the soul of the late Lawrence Dillon, will be offered up in Holy Cross Church, on Thursday, October 29th, at 10 o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. 1693—0.23

† **MARGARET M. D. DE MURRAY, R.I.P.**—A month's mind Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church, Caseros, F.C.P., (Uruguay 251), on Friday, October 30th, at 10 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Margaret May Devine de Murray. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend. 1690—0.23

MARRIAGES

MOORE—VIEYRA.

The marriage of Miss May Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Moore, and Mr. Fernando Peres Vieyra, will take place at the Santísimo Sacramento Church, on Saturday, October 31, at 8 p.m.

BIRTHS

HAFFORD.—To Kathleen (née Rush), wife of Mr. J. P. Hafford of this city, at the British Hospital, on October 16th., the gift of a daughter. (Sheila). 1691—0.23

ELICEQUI-MAGARINOS.—On October 16th, in Buenos Aires; to Mr. Mariano Ellicequi and Raquel Magarinos Malomey, a son (Ricardo Mariano). 1692—0.23

DEATHS

THOMAS MULVIHILL, R.I.P.—On the 4th of October at his home in San Andres de Giles, suddenly of heart failure, Thomas Mulvihill, eldest of a once large family of ten brothers and sisters, his parents being the late Bernard Mulvihill and the late Mary Murray de Mulvihill, of Capilla del Señor. Attended in his last moments by the Parish Priest of Giles. He leaves a sorrowing wife, 5 sons, 2 daughters, 9 grandchildren, 1 brother, 3 sisters, 2 sons-in-law, 3 daughters-in-law, 2 brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous friends to mourn his loss. Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on his soul. 1689—0.23

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Neutrality and the International Conscience.

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bined to change neutrality which was a fact into neutrality as a right.

Two leagues of neutrals were established in 1780 and 1800 against English maritime domination, grouped around Catherine II and Paul I of Russia respectively.

A little later, in the interests of European peace, diplomatic conventions crowned the evolution of the idea of neutrality by establishing three perpetually neutral states: Switzerland (1815), Belgium (1831 and 1839), Luxembourg (1867). These conventions gave a mere permanent juridical status to neutrality as a right. Neutrality was finally stabilized in a systematic form as part of the Law of nations by the first and second Peace conferences held at The Hague in 1899 and 1907.

In the second conference of The Hague, there are two conventions expressly dealing with neutrality: the third and the thirteenth. The first in twenty articles treats about "the rights and duties of neutral powers in case of war on land"; the other in twenty-seven articles about the "rights and duties of neutrals in case of war at sea." These articles speak not only of the immunity of neutrals but also of the latter's duty to resist as efficaciously as possible any belligerent trying to use neutral terrain for operations against another nation.

Here are the first three articles, on which the Belgian drama of 1914 and 1940 gave a poignant and unforgettable commentary:

Art. 1. The territory of neutral powers is inviolable.

Art. 2. The belligerents are forbidden to transport across neutral territory troops, convoys, munitions, or provisions.

Art. 3. The attempt of a neutral country to resist, even by force, violation of her neutrality, cannot be considered a hostile act.

Thus, contrary to the old theological tradition, the right of perfect neutrality is juridically conferred on the nations.

After the Great War, great efforts were made by the nations to form themselves into a solid organic whole, instead of inorganic individuals prevalent before the war. This attempt at a league of nations again tends to do away with the notion of neutrality, and substitutes instead obligatory solidarity among nations, for the defense of law and order.

The Pact of the League of Nations has no place for neutrality. On the contrary, it goes back to the theories of Augustine, Suarez, and Grotius. The sixteenth article of the pact reads:

The member states of the League of Nations bind themselves to give... mutual aid, to resist by all means the action of a state intending to break the pact. . . . They will make the necessary arrangements to facilitate the passage across their territory of troops of all members of the League who take part in a common action, in order to respect the rulings of the League.

NEUTRAL INTERVENTION.

The twelfth, thirteenth and fifteenth articles of the Pact of the League of Nations define, that if one member has recourse to war, *ipso facto*, it is considered as having committed an act of aggression against all other members of the League. Therefore the other member nations are no longer neutrals but are in a state of war. Hence, neutrality *de jure* is not only abolished, but positive interference in the interests of the League conventions is imposed.

This obligation, we may say, arises not only out of the League convention, but out of our duties of maintaining charity and justice.

Hence we can assert with the old French jurist Loyseau: *Qui spectat et n'empêche n'écoute*. This concurs with theological tradition and with reason. Innumerable texts can be adduced from the writings of theologians and jurists to show that they held that intervention is obligatory. It is a rhythm running throughout Grotius. Thus, he quotes Seneca, and asks: "We punish homicides and the murder of individuals; but why do we not do the same for universal carnage of nations?"

"The *Decretum Gratianum* says: "One makes himself an accomplice of injustice, when one is in a position to stop injustice, and yet does not do so." It also quotes Saint Ambrose as writing in the same strain.

Right reason too demands this. As individuals we are bound to help our neighbor in grave necessity. Are not nations also bound by the rules of charity and justice in international relations? Yes, says Pope Benedict XV. "There is not one Gospel law of charity among individual men, and another among cities and peoples."

The nations being all united in one big brotherhood, intervention then is obligatory on the part of a powerful nation which can render effective help. It cannot adopt the same indifferent attitude. As René Pinon writes in the *Etudes*: "In a tennis tournament or a football match we can be disinterested spectators. . . . But not in the face of rampant injustice as in the invasion of Poland by Hitler." G. Coutarde asks in the *Dossiers de l'Action Populaire*: "A child is being strangled in the street. Spectators watch unmoved. Do they not fall in charity and in pity? Do not say, that this is not a sin of omission. Sins of this nature, even in the matter of pure charity can be grave." He then applies these conclusions to the present war.

René Pinon, in the article already mentioned, distinguishes neutrality of hearts, of interests, and of law. In a struggle as is going on on the battlefields today, neutrality of heart is impossible. He adds a fourth kind of neutrality, that of timidity or necessity. Individual small nations may have to be a neutral out of necessity. But this does not mean that the powerful nations are exempt from the duty of intervention.

Several modern writers, besides those already cited, are of opinion that intervention, if it can be efficacious, is obligatory when great issues are at stake. In the absence of an international police force, they say, the nations themselves must take the responsibility of safeguarding the law of nations. Non-intervention is neither obligatory nor legitimate. It never becomes legitimate, except *per accidens*, necessitated by circumstances.

Father John Murray says: Today it is commonly taken for granted that you may declare yourself indifferent to a quarrel that has arisen between two great powers until your own sacred interests—generally in the economic order—are seriously affected. But what if the cause and conduct of one of the powers be flagrantly unjust. . . . There can be a duty of intervention—a duty obliging in strict justice where treaty exists, or guarantees have been given; charity may demand, and at times does indeed demand, that other powers should intervene on the side of a country that is the obvious victim of aggression or is striving in the only

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The Skylight Room

(By O. HENRY.)

FIRST Mrs. Parker would show you the double parlors. You would not dare to interrupt her description of their advantages—and of the merits of the gentleman who had occupied them for eight years. Then you would manage to stammer forth the confession that you were neither a doctor nor a dentist. Mrs. Parker's manner of receiving the admission was such that you could never afterward entertain the same feeling toward your parents, who had neglected to train you up in one of the professions that fitted Mrs. Parker's parlors.

Next you ascended one flight of stairs and looked at the second-floor-back at \$8. Convinced by her second-floor manner that it was worth the \$12 that Mr. Tossenberry always paid for it until he left to take charge of his brother's orange plantation in Florida near Palm Beach, where Mrs. McIntyre always spent the winters that had the double front room with private bath, you managed to babble that you wanted something still cheaper.

If you survived Mrs. Parker's scorn, you were taken to look at Mr. Skidder's large hall room on the third floor. Mr. Skidder's room was not vacant. He wrote plays and smoked cigarettes in it all day long. But every room-hunter was made to visit his room to admire the lambrequins. After each visit, Mr. Skidder, from the fright caused by possible eviction, would pay something on his rent.

Then—oh, then—if you still stood on one foot, with your hot hand clutching the three moist dollars in your pocket, and hoarsely proclaimed your hideous and culpable poverty, nevertheless would Mrs. Parker be cicerone of yours. She would honk loudly the word "Clara," she would show you her back, and march downstairs. Then Clara, the colored maid, would escort you up the carpeted ladder that served for the fourth flight, and show you the Skylight Room. It occupied 7 x 8 feet of floor space in the middle of the hall. On each side of it was a dark lumber closet or storeroom.

In it was an iron cot, a washstand and a chair. A shelf was the dresser. Its four bare walls seemed to close in upon you like the sides of a coffin. Your hand crept to your throat, you gasped, you looked up as from a well—and breathed once more. Through the glass of the little skylight you saw a square of blue infinity.

"Two dollars, suh," Clara would say in her half-contemptuous, half-Tuskegeenian tones.

One day Miss Leeson came hunting for a room. She carried a type-writer made to be lugged around by a much larger lady. She was a very little girl, with eyes and hair that had kept on growing after she had stopped and that always looked as if they were saying: "Goodness me! Why didn't you keep up with us?"

Mrs. Parker showed her the double parlors. "In this closet," she said, "one could keep a skeleton or anaesthetic or coal—"

"But I am neither a doctor nor a dentist," said Miss Leeson, with a shiver.

Mrs. Parker gave her the incredulous, pitying, sneering, icy stare that she kept for those who failed to qualify as doctors or dentists, and led the way to the second-floor-back.

"Eight dollars?" said Miss Leeson.

"Dear me! I'm not Hetty if I do look green. I'm just a poor little working girl. Show me something higher and lower?"

Mr. Skidder jumped and strewed the floor with cigarette stubs at the rap on his door.

"Excuse me, Mr. Skidder," said Mrs. Parker, with her demon's smile at his pale looks. "I didn't know you were in. I asked the lady to have a look at your lambrequins."

"They're too lovely for anything," said Miss Leeson, smiling in exactly the way the angels do.

After they had gone Mr. Skidder got very busy erasing the tall, black-haired heroine from his latest (unproduced) play and inserted a small, roguish one with heavy, bright hair and vivacious features.

"Anna Held'll jump at it," said Mr. Skidder to himself, putting his feet up against the lambrequins and disappearing in a cloud of smoke like an aerial cuttlefish.

Presently the tocsin call of "Clara!" sounded to the world the state of Miss Leeson's purse. A dark goblin seized her, mounted a Stygian stairway, thrust her into a vault with a glimmer of light in its top and muttered the menacing and cabalistic words "Two dollars!"

"I'll take it!" sighed Miss Leeson, sinking down upon the squeaky iron bed.

Every day Miss Leeson went out to work. At night she brought home papers with handwriting on them and made copies with her typewriter. Sometimes she had no work at night, and then she would sit on the steps of the high stoop with the other roomers. Miss Leeson was not intended for a skylight room when the plans were drawn for her creation. She was gay-hearted and full of tender, whimsical fancies. Once she let Mr. Skidder read to her three acts of his great (unpublished) comedy, "It's No Kid; or, The Heir of the Subway."

There was rejoicing among the gentlemen roomers whenever Miss Leeson had time to sit on the steps for an hour or two. But Miss Longnecker, the tall blonde who taught in a public school and said, "Well, really!" to everything you said, sat on the top step and sniffed. And Miss Dorn, who shot at the moving ducks at Coney every Sunday and worked in a department store, sat on the bottom step and sniffed. Miss Leeson sat on the middle step and the men would quickly group around her.

Especially Mr. Skidder, who had cast her in his mind for the star part in a private, romantic (unspoken) drama in real life. And especially Mr. Hoover, who was forty-five, fat, flush and foolish. And especially very young Mr. Evans, who set up a hollow cough to induce her to ask him to leave off cigarettes. The men voted her "the funniest and jolliest ever," but the sniffs on the top step and the lower step were implacable.

I pray you let the drama halt while Chorus stalks to the footlights and drops an epicurean tear upon the fatness of Mr. Hoover. Tune the pipes to the tragedy of tallow, the bone of the

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bulk, the calamity of corpulence. Tried out, Falstaff might have rendered more romance to the ton than would have Romeo's rickety ribs to the ounce. A lover may sigh, but he must not puff. To the train of Momus are the fat men remanded. In vain beats the faith-fullest heart above a 52-inch belt. A-vaunt, Hoover! Hoover, forty-five, flush and foolish, might carry off Helen herself; Hoover, forty-five, flush, foolish and fat is meat for perdition. There was never a chance for you, Hoover.

As Mrs. Parker's roomers sat thus one summer's evening, Miss Leeson looked up into the firmament and cried with her little gay laugh:

"Why, there's Billy Jackson! I can see him from down here, too."

All looked up—some at the windows of skyscrapers, some casting about for an airship, Jackson-guiled.

"It's that star," explained Miss Leeson, pointing with a tiny finger. "Not the big one that twinkles—the steady blue one near it. I can see it every night through my skylight. I named it Billy Jackson."

"Well, really!" said Miss Longnecker. "I didn't know you were an astronomer, Miss Leeson."

"Oh, yes," said the small star gazer, "I know as much as any of them about the style of sleeves they're going to wear next fall in Mars."

"Well, really!" said Miss Longnecker. "The star you refer to is Gamma, of the constellation Cassiopeia. It is nearly of the second magnitude, and its meridian passage is—"

"Oh," said the very young Mr. Evans, "I think Billy Jackson is a much better name for it."

"Same here," said Mr. Hoover, loudly breathing defiance to Miss Longnecker. "I think Miss Leeson has just as much right to name stars as any of those old astrologers had."

"Well, really!" said Miss Longnecker.

"I wonder whether it's a shooting star," remarked Miss Dorn. "I hit nine ducks and a rabbit out of ten in the gallery at Coney Sunday."

"He doesn't show up very well from down here," said Miss Leeson. "You ought to see him from my room. You know you can see stars even in the daytime from the bottom of a well. At night my room is like the shaft of a coal mine, and it makes Billy Jackson look like the big diamond pin that Night fastens her kimono with."

There came a time after that when Miss Leeson brought no formidable papers home to copy. And when she went out in the morning, instead of working, she went from office to office and let her heart melt away in the drip of cold refusals transmitted through insolent office boys. This went on.

There came an evening when she wearily climbed Mrs. Parker's stoop at the hour when she always returned from her dinner at the restaurant. But she had had no dinner.

As she stepped into the hall Mr.

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Hoover met her and seized his chance. He asked her to marry him, and his fatness hovered above her like an avalanche. She dodged, and caught the balustrade. He tried for her hand, and she raised it and smote him weakly in the face. Step by step she went up, dragging herself by the railing. She passed Mr. Skidder's door as he was red-linking a stage direction for Myrtle DeJorme (Miss Leeson) in his (unaccepted) comedy, to "pirouette across stage from L to the side of the Count." Up the carpeted ladder she crawled at last and opened the door of the skylight room.

She was too weak to light the lamp or to undress. She fell upon the iron cot, her fragile body scarcely hallowing the worn springs. And in that Erebus of a room she slowly raised her heavy eyelids, and smiled.

For Billy Jackson was shining down on her, calm and bright and constant through the skylight. There was no world about her. She was sunk in a pit of blackness, with but that small square of pallid light framing the star that she had so whimsically and oh, so ineffectually, named. Miss Longnecker must be right: it was Gamma, of the constellation Cassiopeia, and not Billy Jackson. And yet she could not let it be Gamma.

As she lay on her back, she tried twice to raise her arm. The third time she got two thin fingers to her lips and blew a kiss out of the black pit to Billy Jackson. Her arm fell back limply.

"Good-bye, Billy," she murmured, faintly. "You're millions of miles away and you won't even twinkle once. But you're where I could see you most of the time up there when there wasn't anything else but darkness to look at, didn't you?... Millions of miles... Good-bye, Billy Jackson."

Clara, the coloured maid, found the door locked at 10 the next day, and they forced it open. Vinegar, and the slapping of wrists and burnt feathers proving of no avail, some one ran to phone for an ambulance.

In due time it backed up to the door with much gong-clanging, and the capable young medic, in his white linen coat, ready, active, confident, with his smooth face half debonaire, half grim, danced up the steps.

"Ambulance call to 49," he said, briefly. "What's the trouble?"

"Oh, yes, doctor," sniffed Mrs. Parker, as though her trouble that there should be trouble in the house was the greater. "I can't think what can be the matter with her. Nothing we could do would bring her to. It's a young woman, a Miss Elsie—yes, a Miss Elsie Leeson. Never before in my house—"

"What room?" cried the doctor in a terrible voice, to which Mrs. Parker was a stranger.

"The skylight room, it—"

Evidently the ambulance doctor was familiar with the location of skylight rooms. He was gone up the stairs, for a time. Mrs. Parker followed slowly, as her dignity demanded.

On the first landing she met him coming back bearing the astronomer in his arms. He stopped and let loose the practised scalpel of his tongue, not loudly. Gradually Mrs. Parker crumpled as a stiff garment that slips down from a nail. Ever afterwards there remained crumples in her mind and body. Sometimes her curious roomers would ask her what the doctor said to her.

"Let that be," she would answer. "If I can get forgiveness for having heard it I will be satisfied."

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Pain is one of the warning signals of disease, which, without this warning, would progress unnoticed until the damage done was beyond repair.

In a certain rare nerve disease, the nerve fibres which convey the sensation of pain are destroyed. We see the consequences in the frequent burns and injuries which occur on the hands of such subjects, and, because they are unaccompanied by pain, progress often to a serious stage.

Similar harm would be done did disease or injury of internal organs occur without painful symptoms.

Seeking the Cause.

The point to emphasize is that pain should never be treated simply as an undesirable thing which must be promptly suppressed at all costs. The market is overflowing with anodynes and pain-killers, too often taken for long periods without medical sanction.

Some are harmless in themselves, others extremely dangerous from their habit-forming properties. All of them are dangerous when used to mask the symptom of pain, instead of looking for the cause.

The other point to remember is that pain does not always occur in the situation that one would expect. It is transmitted close along the nerve fibres to some other part—what is known as "referred" pain.

Thus, pain may occur in the front of the abdomen which is due to disease of the spine—the pain being referred along the nerve trunks which encircle the body.

It is impossible to touch in a short article on more than one or two simple and common kinds of pain. The few hints given here should only be used as a rough guide, the reader bearing in mind that all continuous and unexplained pain should lead to a medical examination.

Headaches.

Pain in the head is a symptom which occurs in almost any derangement of health. A rise in temperature due to an infectious disease, or a gastric upset of any kind, nearly always results in an initial headache of more or less severity.

These headaches are, however, transient, and disappear as the other condition improves. When a headache recurs day after day, without any apparent cause it is a different matter altogether. The time of day it occurs must be considered. Morning headache is more likely to be due to a sluggish liver or kidneys evening headache to overwork or nervous strain. Eye-strain and high blood pressure are two other possibilities which must be borne in mind.

Pain and Fatigue.

Backache is one of the commonest minor symptoms in women. Very often simply a symptom of general fatigue, it may be due to deeper underlying causes.

It is only rarely that actual disease of the spine can be blamed, although examination of the back by a doctor is desirable. More often some displacement of the abdominal organs causes the backache and many cases can be remedied by a well-fitting belt. Pain very high up and on one side should

always make one suspect that a kidney complaint is present.

Abdominal pain is a large subject, ranging from the acute pain of an attack of appendicitis to the simple transient pain of an attack of indigestion. Never attribute abdominal pain to simple indigestion until you have consulted a doctor.

The practice of relieving so-called indigestion with various mixtures has led to many tragedies owing to neglected gastric disease.

As regards sudden attacks of pain, be guided by the thermometer. If it shows any rise of temperature, call in a doctor, because there is always a possibility of appendicitis.

Recipes

LEVANA'S OMELETTE.

Take three or four eggs, any cold potatoes, two tablespoonsful of chopped parsley and a tin of salmon, if the fresh fish is not available. Mix all to a smooth paste, add pepper and salt and a good-sized piece of butter, and then the eggs, which must be well beaten. Have ready a pan of boiling lard or fat and turn the whole of the mixture into it. Fry slowly for half an hour, turn, and cook until both sides are brown and crisp. Decorate the top with fried parsley.

LAMB OR CHICKEN CROQUETTES.

Chop the meat very fine, removing all skin and gristle. Mix with enough cream sauce to moisten and hold together. (This sauce is made by cooking together flour, milk, and butter until thick.) Mould the croquettes into forms, dip in beaten egg, and then in fine crumbs, and fry in boiling fat. Drain on unglazed paper to remove the grease. Serve with a circle of green peas.

ROAST GROUSE.

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COCOANUT ICE.

Put two pounds of loaf sugar into a saucepan with half a pint of water, bring it to the boil gently for twenty minutes. Take the saucepan from the fire and stir into the syrup half a pound of grated cocoonut. Turn half of the mixture into a greased dish, colour the rest with a few drops of cochineal, and lay it on the first half, and when it is cold cut it into bars.

Health Talks.

(By A Physician.)

WINTER ILLS—BRONCHITIS.

Bronchitis is a complaint which does not inspire in the average mind quite the respect it deserves. Some, in fact, regard it, especially when it occurs in children, as a comparatively trivial ailment.

It is quite common to hear a mother observe, "Oh, she always has a touch of bronchitis as soon as the cold weather comes—it soon passes off, and is nothing to worry about." Yet no one who has observed the absolute disablement caused by this most serious disease of the lungs when it becomes chronic, could possibly take such a light view of even a mild attack.

What exactly happens in an attack of bronchitis? We must first realise a few facts about the structure of the bronchial passages, for it is in these that the inflammation, which is bronchitis, occurs.

The lungs can be likened in structure to two bunches of grapes, with this exception, that the grapes and the stems which lead to them must be imagined as hollow instead of solid. The two main stems of the bunches represent the bronchi, while the divisions and sub-divisions of these branches are like the bronchioles. The grapes themselves represent the air-spaces or "alveoli" into which the smallest bronchioles finally lead.

The bronchi and bronchioles are

made principally of muscle and elastic tissue, lined by mucous membrane. Their elasticity is very important in the process of breathing, and it is this property which is so easily destroyed when bronchitis becomes chronic.

In acute bronchitis, which so often occurs in infants during the teething period, the lining membrane becomes acutely inflamed. If this were all, not much permanent harm would result. Unfortunately, if the spasms of coughing become very severe, the muscular walls are subjected to such strain that they give way and never recover their elasticity. When this happens, the foundations of permanent lung trouble in later life is laid.

Even a mild, attack of acute bronchitis is, therefore, a thing to be strenuously avoided.

Neutrality and the International Conscience.—

(Continued from page 17)

way left open to it, to secure a fundamental right.

Christopher Dawson writes in the *Dublin Review*:

In fact, neutrality in the world today is a desperate attempt to cling to a vanished order. It causes men and nations to shut their eyes to facts, even when those facts threaten their very existence, for neutrality in the old sense no longer exists. What we call neutrality covers two quite different things—the passivity of the victim who waits his turn to go to the scaffold, and the active tension of the fighter who is waiting the moment to strike and who is already a moral combatant, though he is non-belligerent in the strictly military sense.

The doctrine of non-intervention was condemned as an error in the syllabus of Pope Pius IX. He condemned the proposition: "One must proclaim and observe the principle so called of non-intervention."

Four years before the condemnation, he said in an allocution during a consistory held on September 8, 1860:

We cannot abstain from deploring among other things this deadly and pernicious principle called non-intervention, which certain governments proclaim for sometime and put into practise, even when there is question of unjust aggression of one government against another; it is of such a nature that in defiance of all laws, human and divine, they seem to guarantee immunity to those who wish to attack and despoil the rights of others, their property, and even their territory.

When the Papal States were invaded, he said: "Monstrous violation of the universal law of nations, which, if not entirely suppressed, will guarantee no force or security to any legitimate law." It is to be observed that the Pope only invokes the "law of nations."

One wonders, with the above considerations in mind, how some can consistently admit that the present aggression is being waged against Religion and civilization and yet treat it as a *res inter alios gesta*, "not our business."

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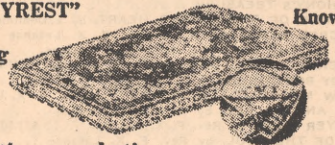


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Prayer Saved them.—

Lost in the Pacific, 500 miles from the nearest friendly island, starving, thirsty under a blazing sun, three U. S. airmen crouched on their small pneumatic raft held a prayer service every day of their 34 days' agony.

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"We asked God to bless our loved ones back home," recounts Harold Dixon, senior of the three, and to take care of them if we should die, and also to look after our shipmates at sea and to protect them in His mercy. From God also we asked for rain to drink.

"In His almighty goodness, God was gracious to us. Hardly had we stopped praying when overhead there appeared a tremendous black cloud, and down from the heavens poured the rain...

"Late that afternoon, God seemed still to be with us. The wind shifted abruptly... This was just what we wanted."

Every day, continues Dixon, they sang such words of hymns as they could remember and filled in the rest with humming. "Then, once more we asked for rain and food, and for blessings on our families and our shipmates."

When eventually they sighted an island Dixon's first words were: "Boys, you can thank God. It's an island."



Galileo Centenary.—

The Catholic University of Peru commemorated the third centenary of the death of Galileo with a lecture on "The Work of Galileo and His Influence on Modern Thought." The speaker was Cristobal de Losada y Puga, Pro-Rector of the University and Dean of Faculty of Engineering.



Cardinal van Roey on Racialism.—

Speaking recently at a meeting of the League of Christian Women, Cardinal van Roey, Archbishop of Malines and Primate of Belgium, said: "In a certain Press which I will not

particularize, the attempt is being made not only to spread 'patriotic defeatism,' but also to propagate what I will call 'Catholic defeatism.' Let us draw a contrast between Catholic doctrine and the new ideology which seeks to impose itself on the world. Take, first, the conception of man and of life according to these new ideas. The doctrine of blood and race comes to this: blood is the principle of life—not only of physical, vegetative, sensitive life, but also of spiritual life, of the acts of the will, of the intelligence, and all that is beautiful in man. The blood that flows in the veins of each individual belongs to the race; it has only a relative, accidental value, whereas the race is the absolute, permanent value. There are superior races and inferior races, by virtue of their blood, the former being destined to dominate the others.

"To that purely materialistic doctrine Christian spiritual doctrine stands in direct opposition. In the first case, morality springs from the doctrine of blood and race. Everything that is favourable to the race is good; everything that corrupts the race or forms an obstacle to the interests of the race is bad. It is the same with justice: whatever benefits the race is just, and whatever injures it is unjust. Clearly, that morality is absolutely incompatible with Catholic morality. The latter lays down the absolute rules and common laws, applicable to all men, the same for all races; just as the metre serves as a common measure . . ."

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Donald was a prosperous Scots farmer. Much to the annoyance of his better half, he was very fond of a "wee dram." Determined to try and cure her husband by giving him a good fright, she resolved to meet him in the garden on the occasion of his next late night. The time arrived, and, disguised as a ghost and muttering low moans, she glided forth to meet him.

Donald staggered up to her, and, imitating the ghostly moans, enquired: "Who are you?"

"I'm the devil and I'll have you," replied the "ghost" in an uncanny voice.

"Oh, are ye?" replied Donald. "Pleaseeet ta meet ye. I'm marrit to yer sister!"

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"Anyone else get up, too?" he was asked.

"Oh, yes, mother. She gets my breakfast and gets dad's at 6.30."

"And your dinner?"

"Oh, mother gets that, too; and then she gets father's."

"Has she the afternoon to herself?"

"Oh, no! She cleans up, looks after the children and gets tea for dad and me when we come home. Then we have a smoke and go to bed."

"And your mother?"

"Well, she does a bit of sewing then."

"What wages do you get?"

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"And your mother?"

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"What party?" asked the man.

"The party of fifty you spoke about."

"Oh, I'm the party. I'm fifty today."

Mother: "Pansy, you should close your eyes at morning prayers, as every one else does."

Pansy: "Yes, Mummy, but how do you know I don't?"

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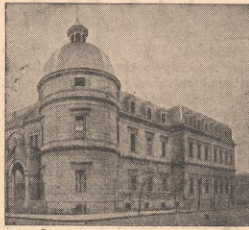
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