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FIFTY MEN WITH FOUR LORRIES

The National Arsenal, known as the Magazine Fort, in the Phoenix Park, Dublin, was broken into by armed men on Saturday night, and over 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition removed.

During the raid, which was carried out by between forty and fifty men, a serious head injury and is in a critical condition in St. Stephen's Hospital. These men, who were arrested later in the Park by military forces from Islandbridge Barracks, and who are alleged to have had revolvers in their possession, are being held in Arbour Hill Prison.

The military guard at the Magazine Fort had been placed under detention. Several shots were fired following the raid, but no one was injured by the fire.

The affair was perfectly planned, and the precision with which it was carried out enabled the raiders to use four lorries to carry off the ammunition—over two hundred cases of it, with five thousand rounds in each case—and get away before any alarm was raised.

FOUR HOURS' WORK

And this, after over-powering the guard—other ranks—with quiet efficiency and within a few seconds, possessing themselves of the keys of the ammunition store, and labouriously loading the heavy cases into the lorries. It took the men the greater part of four hours to carry out the whole task—from about midnight—and during that pe-

iod there was nothing to arouse the slightest suspicion on the part of the military authorities in the Islandbridge Barracks, little more than 300 yards away.

HOW SENTRIES WERE DISARMED.

A notable feature of the raid was the exceptionally clever manner in which one man disarmed all the sentries. This man, dressed in uniform, walked up to the gate and told the military policeman on duty that he had a parcel for the officer in charge. The military policeman opened the gate, and was immediately disarmed and handed over to two others of the raiders.

The uniformed raider then walked leisurely along the wall inside the fort until he came to the first sentry post. The sentry, a Volunteer, did not pay any particular attention to the uniformed man, and the first thing he knew of the raid was when he looked down the muzzle of a revolver. The sentry was disarmed, and in the same manner the three guards—the military policeman and the two sentries—disarmed the fort was virtually at the mercy of the raiders, who found it comparatively easy to round up the rest of the military and herd them into a room. The alarm was raised after the raiders had departed by a guard who broke free and fired rockets which were answered from Portobello and Islandbridge Barracks.

A strict watch is being kept all along the border and at each frontier post.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND WAR

INTERNATIONAL LAW NEEDS TO BE BASED ON CHRISTIAN MORALITY

A FEW weeks ago the clear voice of the Vicar of Christ pierced the discordant babel of belligerent propaganda. Issues hidden beneath a mass of diplomatic ambiguities were revealed and the present chaos was reduced to its simplest terms. Rolling back the years we can hear the gentle and fatherly voice of his illustrious predecessor, Pope Benedict XV, re-echoing the same message in strikingly similar circumstances. His counsels were ignored but for the rejection the world has paid dearly. The way to peace is again clearly indicated by Pope Pius XII—it is the only way!

The grim significance of the events actually taking place in the war zones has caused the origin of the conflict to be forgotten. Yet if the belligerents were to concentrate a fraction of the zeal with which they prosecute their war effort on examining the cause of war they would be taking the first step to universal and permanent peace.

Radical Cause of Chaos

In his first Encyclical, his Holiness probes right to the core, and in unequivocal terms denounces crude materialism and the denial of Christian morality as the radical causes of the chaos which engulfs the nations.

"International Law cannot be torn away from the Divine Law without abandoning it to the caprice of private interests or collective egoism, thus opening the door to the domination of force, giving legal standing to the accomplished fact, which is inconsistent with treaties, and doing away with reciprocal confidence among nations. These are the conceptions which have brought the world to the present horrible abyss." This masterly summary of Pius XII accurately indicates the genesis of the disorders which overwhelm the nations at the present time, and the events which brought about the wars now raging bear grim testimony to the soundness of his diagnosis.

Many nations are at the moment in the throes of relentless war and the propaganda machines are working at full pressure to prolong hostilities. Nevertheless, it would be unreasonable and unchristian to subscribe to the fatalistic doctrine that War is essential or inevitable. The desire for Peace is natural to man irrespective of nationality. The trouble is that between the desire and its realisation there is a wide gulf, caused by extreme Nationalism. Extreme Nationalism is the historical development of the disintegration of Christendom caused by the Reformation. Its manifestation is seen in the adoption of power politics, in the rejection of the old methods of settling international disputes by conferences and conciliation, and in the ever-recurring crisis consequent on the unilateral flouting of solemn treaties. The catastrophic sequel to this mad policy is to be seen in the terrible events now taking place.

Mutual Distrust

Various peace plans have been formulated and submitted to the belligerents only to be cynically rebuffed. The failure is attributable to the mutual distrust which exists between the nations, and until that distrust is removed there will be no peace. In 1914-18 a parallel situation existed. Pope Benedict XV proposed the solution containing the only thing which could create a common trust, but his counsels fell on deaf ears. The statesmen preferred to perpetrate a man-made peace of which the post-war history is sufficient condemnation. No solution based on purely materialistic principles can restore peace to a stricken world. The only way to peace is that indicated by the Holy Father. The only way to restore the sanctity of treaties is to invest them with universal sanctions acceptable to all nations; in other words, to make Christian morality the basis of International Law.

The League of Nations lacked this basis, and its tragic history is the strongest indictment of the utilitarian morality which inspired it. It was created at a time when the desire for peace was dominant in the hearts of the nations emerging from blood bath of the Four Years' War. The statesmen responsible, however, ignored the opportunity, and with the sound of the "Cease Fire" still ringing in their ears, they began to set the stage for an even greater calamity than that just ended.

The League of Nations was, naively, given to the world as an instrument and symbol of peace. It

was, so they said, an effective piece of political machinery which would practically eliminate war. Time has revealed the emptiness of the assertion and, ironically, convicts the League as being directly responsible for the wars now taking place. Its post-war record of failure is due to the fact that from its inception it lacked the moral force necessary to supplement its decision. No effective international code to ensure universal acceptance was formulated because national selfishness instead of the Christian principle of human solidarity motivated the creators. They refused to refer their rights as unit states to any supreme moral authority and were predetermined to exploit the articles of the Covenant in their own interest and to resist their application when their own interests were affected.

Lack of Sincerity

The treatment accorded to the Minorities at Geneva strikingly exemplifies the League's lack of sincerity. The Minorities were officially under the protection of the Greater Powers but actually, in many cases, they were suppressed to an intolerable degree by their so-called guardians. Their plight, however, received scant consideration from the League and the denial of justice made the minorities regard the League as a mockery. Similarly, the moral bankruptcy of the League is shown by its indifference to the standards of justice, religious toleration, or internal practice of government operating in any nation. The persecution of religion in Russia, and the atrocities which accompanied it did not bar the Soviet from becoming a member nor from being elected to the Council itself.

National self-interest was the dominating factor which influenced the members. Certain of the Great Powers were determined to exploit the Covenant to maintain the status quo by preserving existent frontiers and economic divisions, without regard to the changing needs of other nations. Some of the latter demonstrated their unwillingness to be sacrificed and protested strongly. Finding this to be ineffective, they broke away from the League and began to redraft the map of Europe in their own way. Inherently weak and without a unifying moral basis for concerted action, the League yielded bit by bit until the rebellious nations began to look for more than they had originally demanded and the doctrine of Might is Right was adopted. Significantly, the first real opposition to this new method of politics came from the more important members of the League only when they began to see that their own interests were in danger. From that moment they threw off their inertia and the drift to war began to gather momentum.

Basis of a New League

The need for international unity has become accentuated, and every nation in the world, including belligerents, must—if they wish to preserve their national life—sink their differences and combat the common enemy—Communism. The League as it exists cannot effect this unity. It can, if it is rebuilt on the firm moral basis of universally accepted principles. With the establishment of this sound basis the actual functioning of the League would be directed to the abolition of international anarchy. The dynamic principle in national and international life would receive just consideration and attention would be given to the need for treaty revision consequent on changing conditions. Territorial adjustments would be made whenever justice would demand that they be made. Efforts would be made to bring about a more natural and just distribution of economic resources than that which exists at the moment and new currency laws would be formulated to facilitate freer trade. Sanctions would be applied to nations refusing to obey and the offenders would be diplomatically and economically ostracised by the member states. Sanctions would be supplemented by an International Police force ready to act if necessary.

The adoption of Christian morality would automatically limit the membership. States which trample on the fundamental rights of humanity would be excluded. The influence, however, of the federated nations would through time effect radical changes in such outlaw states.

—J. P. McKeown in "Irish Catholic."

POPE MAKES HISTORY

Visit To Italian King And Queen

FOR the first time since 1870, when the Pope voluntarily became the "Prisoner of the Vatican," a visit paid by the Italian Sovereign was returned by the Supreme Pontiff in person when Pius XII, wearing a white cassock, surplice and stole, drove to the Quirinal Palace yesterday. He was preceded by cross-bearers and accompanied by his Secretary of State, Cardinal Maglione; the Dean of the College of Cardinals, Cardinal Belmonte, and more than 40 high dignitaries of the Church and Papal Court.

Royal gun salutes were fired when the Pope left the Square of St. Peter's to enter Italian territory. Detachments of troops of all arms lined the two-mile route, which were be-flagged with the colours of Italy, the Vatican, the City of Rome, and the Fascist Party.

At the Vatican City frontier an address of homage was read by the Governor of Rome, and greetings conveyed to his Holiness by a delegation of the Royal Household and by Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister.

Two battalions of Household Guards rendered homage inside the royal palace.

Greeted by Sovereigns Their majesties greeted the Pope in the Hall of the Cuirassiers, whence all proceeded to adore the Blessed Sacrament in the adjacent Pauline Chapel. Formal conversations took place in the Hall of Ambassadors, now transformed into a throne room.

A throne had been brought down from the royal palace at Naples for his Holiness, who sat between the King and Queen.

The visit is everywhere hailed as



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many of the evil effects of the dislocation which war inevitably causes. The Government has naturally many anxieties, but in achieving their present position our people have had the inspiration of a long national tradition and the strength of knowing that the Irish race throughout the world forms a great

settling for all time the thorny Roman question regarding the Papacy and the Italian Government. The exchange of official visits between the Pope and the Italian sovereigns, Mr. Roosevelt's friendly message to the Pope, and his appointment of a personal representative to the Vatican, are thought in Italian political circles to foreshadow peace efforts from this quarter.

branch of the human family. This inspiration and this strength will remain with us to help us to meet whatever may befall.

JUSTICE AND CHARITY

"We are facing the future, then, with courage and with the faith that there is a Providence Whose Will shall finally determine all the issues."

"I wish you, and the great country to which you belong, and its rulers happiness and prosperity in the New Year. In speaking to you as I have done, I have been urged by the belief that you also desire that a just peace may soon bring the agony of this war to an end, and that hour of the suffering of the nation, a more noble and Christian world order may be born, in which Justice and Charity will find their due place."

"Anois, a chairde chair, in mór don shan agus beannacht a fhaigáil againn. Sonas na Nollag orraibh fá shiothchám is fá rath Dé, agus go dtuag Pá go mbuidh shiothchám agus rath againnse agus ag sibhseacham an domhain uile san Aithibhladhain. Go mbuidh seacht míle fear a bheas sibh an tráth seo lais."

The Mystery Woman Tells You All About FORTUNE TELLING FUN

The next game, asking them to make the peel in one long spiral. This is thrown into the "Wishing Well" with closed eyes, and is then supposed to indicate the initial of a future sweetheart or the number of years before marriage.

CUPID'S MAGIC ARROW

FOR "Cupid's Magic Arrow" cover an empty pop bottle with red crepe paper and paste a long red and gold arrow up and down one side of it. The one who is the Fortune-Teller (yourself, for instance) lays the bottle on the floor in the circle of guests and asks the magic arrow which one present will be married first, or in the case of the married—which one will get their wish first. He then spins the bottle and the one towards whom the arrow points when it stops spinning is of course, the lucky one.

Fortune-telling by cards is always popular and makes you appear really professional. Deal each guest a few cards each—more if there are only a few of you—and examine all their "hands" in turn. When there are more Hearts than other suits, the guest will find romance and married happiness. A lot of Diamonds stand for an easier time in money matters in the near future. Clubs speak of foreign travel of yourself or one close to you. Spades in excess are not so lucky for they often foretell of disappointments and delays.

THE ACE OF HEARTS ANOTHER way is to see which single girl has drawn the Ace of Hearts. This is a very lucky card indeed for unattached people as it means a very happy love affair ending in a happy marriage and the realisation of many high hopes. More than two red Royal cards (Kings, Queens or Knives) indicate happy surprises in the coming year.

A method popular with everyone present, is to deal them all a hand of cards (as many each as will go round) and ask them to give them to you face downwards while you are blindfolding them. You then choose one at random out of each pack, and look at each in turn. Supposing you draw the Two of Hearts from one guest's hand—this you reveal to them as meaning that their special wish will be realised in two months, that is in February 1940. The next card drawn may tell the next person (if it is a Six of Spades, for instance) that their wish will be delayed for six months. A small Diamond card, like the four, would reveal money luck in four months (April), or a gift that is expected. The

