

THE GATE CRASHERS

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MAJORCO is a gay and romantic city at any time of the year.

But gayest and most romantic of all days is Dia Conmemorative de Somjesta, a day of feasting and merry-making; a day of celebration and of paying homage to the memory of the nation's most revered hero—El Miguel de la Somjesta.

It is a day of solemnity, also. For it is on this day, at the hour when daylight merges into dusk and dusk into darkness that the coffin of the honored and celebrated El Miguel de la Somjesta is removed from its tomb and paraded slowly about the walls of the inner temple.

It is a rite that has become a tradition, the most sacred of all functions to be sponsored throughout the year, attended and participated in by the nation's nobility.

It is a moment at which the most distinguished personages in all the nation bow to the admitted superiority of the great Somjesta.

The procession itself takes place within the walls of the temple. It is as secret as it is sacred.

Only a chosen few have ever witnessed the spectacle, and those having first pledged their solemn oaths to maintain the trust down through the ages.

Thirty minutes before the procession is scheduled to get underway, a hush falls over the city.

And until a half hour following its conclusion the hush remains.

No word is spoken, no band blares from the carnival stands, no dancers hold gayly forth in the street. It is an hour of silence and of worship.

The hour for silence had come. Young Jerry Murdock and equally young Slim Darrell stood across the street from the temple gates and watched the chosen few file past the guards, with bowed heads and solemn looks.

Occasionally a guard reached out and tapped a spectator on the shoulder.

There followed a moment of delay while credentials were displayed and scrutinized.

Fifteen minutes passed, and Jerry Murdock nudged his companion.

"We'd better make a try now, if ever. The crowd's getting thicker."

Slim Darrell nodded.

"Righto. Got your pass ready?"

"Yes. Listen, Slim, it's pretty risky business. If we're caught they'll treat us badly."

"Should have thought of that a month ago. Too late to turn back now. Besides, if we get the pictures, the Post will jack our salaries to the limit. Come on."

He started across the street.

Jerry followed.

Both young men were dressed in long flowing robes, their faces almost obscured in peaked hoods of the same material.

They looked for all the world like visiting monks.

They mingled with the crowds surging through the gates.

Slim was breathing a silent prayer of thanksgiving when suddenly he stopped.

A guard had seized his arm. Jerry, following directly behind, stopped also.

"Senior, your pass."

Slim did not lift his head.

Feigning a meditative state of mind, he reached carefully beneath his robe and produced the square of cardboard that he and Jerry had so carefully prepared on the night previous.

Breathlessly he waited what seemed like an eternity, while the guard, his face a mask of bewilderment, studied the card, turning it one way and then another.

Behind, the crowd was pressing forward.

"Gracias, Senior."

Slim felt the card pressed back into his hand.

He moved forward, interrupted.

"Boy, what a close one! The old man ought to double our pay for this."

"Better not crow till we get the pictures."

Slim stopped suddenly, looking around.

"Say, you don't suppose that Express Reporter got inside, do you?"

"Not a chance. Whoever he is, he's new at the game. We've been trying to crash that gate for three years. It doesn't seem likely a cub could do it on his first attempt."

Reassured, they mounted an iron staircase to a balcony overlooking the street.

There were others there ahead of them—a girl and two old men.

It was an excellent observation point, and the youths found vantage points close to the railing.

Up at the street's end the procession was getting underway.

Slim, concealed from those behind by his own bulk, removed a compact motion picture camera from beneath his robe, adjusted it between the railing bars and waited.

It was a tense moment.

They could hear the deep, measured roll of drums, they saw fantastically dressed figures leaping and cavorting in the street below.

Solemn high priests, wearing weird, hideous head dresses and masks and carrying beautifully carved wands, marched far in the lead of a litter, carried by eight handsomely costumed footmen.

The tiny movie camera was purring. Jerry leaned over and spoke tersely.

"Save your film, Slim. This is only the beginning."

Slim grinned.

"No need to whisper."

"These jiggers can't speak English no more than that guard could read it. Here, get another film ready. I'm going to catch the whole of this if I have to hold them up with a gun."

Hastily he snapped open the camera lid, removing the used film.

Jerry thrust forward another, which was deftly inserted.

"Eet would be best that the Engleesh take care. To be detected would mean death."

Both youths whirled.

It was the girl.

She was looking at them without turning her head.

Her expression revealed nothing, though they knew she had both heard and understood, was aware of their purpose.

"Queeck, zee priest!"

Some one was coming up the stairs. The girl's hand was extended.

Without hesitation Slim relinquished camera and film and turned away.

Behind them the priest had stopped. And in that moment an icy fear clutched at the hearts of the two reporters.

They saw vividly, mental pictures of the horrors of a Majorco dungeon prison.

Footsteps sounded on the stairs.

"He ees gone. Zee camera."

Slim stared dumbly at the girl.

He wanted to say something, wanted to tell her how much they appreciated what she had done.

But already her eyes were back on the procession.

"Say, that girl was a little bit of all right, eh?"

"Saved us from a nasty mess. Wonder if we could find her again? Like to express our thanks. If it wasn't for her, we'd probably be rotting in one of those dungeon prisons."

They were back in their hotel room. The procession was over, and they had successfully got past the guard coring out.

Slim was opening the camera. Suddenly his eyes bulged.

He opened his mouth and started.

"What's eating you, feller?"

"The film! It's gone. It couldn't have been there when we shot those scenes!"

Jerry leaped off the bed and came across the room.

"Well, I'm a . . ." An idea came to him. "Slim! Do you suppose . . . Say, where's that first film?"

"I gave it to you!"

"You did not! You gave it to the girl, and she still has it! Moreover, she removed the second roll when you handed her the camera. She didn't want us to get any more shots!"

Slim was staring like one in a stupor. "Jerry! That girl was from the Express!"

"Of course, idiot! The cub reporter! And did she play us for a couple of suckers! Oh, sure, she helped us out of a nice mess and got us in a worse one. I can see the old man's face now!"

"So can I. And there's not another parade until next year!"

In another room in the same hotel, a young girl removed a roll of film from her handbag, looked at her own reflection in a mirror and said, "Queek! Zee camera!" And laughed merrily.

Originated Campaign Song

The campaign song, "Tippecanoe and Tyler, Too," which was to the Harrison campaign in 1840 what the Marseillaise was to the French Revolution, was thought out in the mind of its author, A. C. Ross of Zanesville, Ohio, as he sat in the choir loft listening to the Sunday sermon. As the preacher started the sermon, Ross, choir director, began to think out the composition and when the services closed he had the entire song completed—words and tune.

Zoo's Hungry Population

The following is an estimate of what the London zoo needs for animal food yearly: Apples, 8 tons; grapes, 2 tons; currants, 10 cwts.; sultanas, 52 lbs.; oranges, 14,689; meat, many tons; egg yolk, 140 lbs.; eggs, 20,000; sirup, 201 lbs.; condensed milk, 18,000 lbs. and 456 gallons; dates, 18 cwt.; nuts, 15,000 lbs.; biscuits, 15 tons; honey, 51 lbs.; bread, 6 tons; vegetables, 30 tons; fish, 45 tons.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for March 25

CONFESSING AND FOLLOWING CHRIST

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 16:13-26.
GOLDEN TEXT—And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matt. 16:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter's Answer to Jesus' Question.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Question and the Answer.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Putting Christ First.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What Think Ye of Christ?

In order to obviate a break in the studies in Matthew and still have an Easter lesson, the review should be omitted and the lesson for April 1 taken instead.

I. Jesus Christ the King, Taking Account of His Ministry (vv. 13-17).

1. The place (v. 13). It was at Caesarea Philippi, the northern limit of Jewish territory. It was significant that the announcement concerning the Church should take place in this region.

2. The time in Christ's ministry. It marked a turning point. His ministry was largely restricted to his disciples after this. The cross was a short time ahead. The Messiah had already been rejected. They had already charged him with being in league with the devil and sought to kill him. It was highly important that the disciples should have clear views as to Christ's person in order to stand the test of the trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

3. Peter's confession of Jesus (vv. 13-16).

a. The occasion (vv. 13-15). Two questions asked by Jesus provoked this confession.

(1) As to the opinion of the people concerning him (vv. 13, 14). They recognized him as a teacher and prophet of more than human authority. Today, as then, there is a diversity of opinion concerning Jesus. Some think that he is only a man; others that he is a great teacher but nothing more. It was his persistent claim to be the Godman, the very Son of God, that sent him to the cross.

(2) As to the personal opinion of the disciples (v. 15). It was not enough for them to be able to tell what opinion the people held concerning Jesus. It was necessary that they have clear personal knowledge.

b. The content (v. 16). It consisted of two parts.

(1) "Thou art the Christ." This means that Jesus of Nazareth was the Messiah, the fulfiller of the Jewish hopes and expectations.

(2) "The Son of the living God." This acknowledged him to be divine. It was the recognition of his glorious person in keeping with the Jewish hope (Isa. 9:6, 7).

4. Christ's confession of Peter (vv. 17-19). Peter had made a noble confession. Now Jesus confesses him. Those who confess Christ shall be confessed by him (Matt. 10:32, 33).

5. Christ's charge to the disciples (v. 20). He asked them not to tell any man that he was the Messiah. The time was not ripe for such testimony.

II. The New Body, the Church, Announced (vv. 18, 19).

Following the confession of Peter, Jesus declared his intention of bringing into existence a new body. To the members of this body he promised to give the keys of the kingdom. Peter was to have a distinguished place in this body. The keys entrusted to him were used at Pentecost and again in the case of Cornelius. Christ has the keys of Hades and death.

III. The King Predicts His Death (vv. 21-23).

This prediction was no doubt startling to the disciples. They did not yet realize that redemption was to be accomplished through the passion of the cross. So unwelcome was this announcement that Peter cried, "This shall not be unto Thee." Later Peter saw through the darkness the sunlight on the hill tops beyond the cross. Redemptive victory through Christ's death is yet the stumbling block to many.

IV. The Cost of Discipleship (vv. 24-26).

To follow Christ means suffering. To follow him is to turn one's back upon the world.

1. There must be denial of self. There is a wide difference between self-denial and denial of self.

2. "Take up his cross" (v. 24). This cross is the shame and suffering which lie in the path of loyalty to Christ. To do our whole duty will bring suffering (II Tim. 3:12).

3. Follow Christ (v. 24). This means to have the mind of Christ, to be like Christ. All such shall be rewarded when Christ comes in glory.

Cleaning Cistern, Ready for Spring

Suction Attachment to Pump Will Remove Sediment, Save Water.

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Soft water is both a labor saver and a money saver for the home and it need not be lost or wasted in order to clean out the cistern and get it ready for the spring rains.

To be sure it may be desirable to clean the cistern thoroughly before the soft water supply for the home is collected during the early spring rains. However, if the cistern is reasonably full of water, the problem of cleaning becomes a difficult one, especially if the water is needed and must be saved.

Under such circumstances, it is necessary to use a special pump so that the accumulation at the bottom may be removed without disturbing the contents of the cistern, except just at the bottom. This is accomplished by having a pump with a special funnel-shaped suction attachment at the bottom of the pipe. As the pump is operated, the suction unit is moved around over the floor so the material which has settled at the bottom may be pumped out. In this manner, much of the waste and foul material may be removed and the water made more satisfactory for use without losing or wasting the present supply.

If it is not necessary to save the present supply in the cistern, a more thorough job may be done by pumping out all the water. In this case the walls may be brushed down, the cistern floor scrubbed and all refuse removed completely.

Little attention need be given the cistern, if proper precaution is taken in collecting and filtering the supply.

Heated Water Treatment Kills Disease in Seed

Putting cabbage seed in heated water for 25 minutes kills black leg, black rot, leaf spots, and other cabbage-destroying fungi, according to Dr. Charles Chupp, specialist in vegetable diseases at the New York state college of agriculture.

An 18-minute bath in water at 122 degrees will also kill diseases common to cauliflower, brussels sprouts, and turnips, he says. The one objection to this treatment is that old seed will not sprout well later. Seedsmen and growers, according to Professor Chupp, may lose by this process for a short time, but the loss, he says, is more than offset by development of disease-free plants.

He states that most seedsmen in New York state are having their seed treated and tested, and adds that canneries and creameries are permitting seedsmen to use the cannery water heating equipment to make the treatment.

Work on cabbage diseases began in this state four years ago, when farmers in Ontario county asked for help in saying one-tenth of their cabbage crop which they were losing by plant diseases.

Dehydrating Hay

There is gradually coming into use a method of dehydrating hay which promises to provide very satisfactory feed. Those using this method report splendid results. Legumes and grasses may be cut earlier, thereby increasing their digestibility and palatability as well as increasing the percentage of protein. While this method of handling the hay crop is very promising and provides an excellent feed, it has not gone far enough to be a factor in dairy farm operations. The silo is still in extensive use. New methods may cause something else to take its place but this will be some time in the future.—Hoard's Dairyman.

Weed Seeds Have Long Life

In pointing out the longevity and vitality of weed seeds, the University of California agricultural extension service warns that planting clean seeds will aid in getting crops free from weeds, but if ever there were weeds on the ground, the practice cannot prevent them from sprouting and growing. Morning glory, smartweed, broad-leaved dock, red clover, Jimson weed, black nightingale, plantain, ragweed and curled lambsquarter seeds will live for thirty years, and then grow. Reed canary grass, purslane, black mustard, sugar beet, burdock and Canada thistle will live for twenty years.

Grading Laws

Ohio now has a new grading law requiring grade named on the container, the weight or numerical count, and the growers' name and address. Many Ohio fruit growers have been working under government regulations for a number of years and will have little difficulty in adjusting themselves to the labeling operations. Those who have not kept abreast of the times will find hardship in these new requirements of Ohio law.—Ohio Farmer.

MANCHU BIBLES USELESS

One hundred years ago the English Bible society, at great expense, put an edition of the Bible in the Manchu language, then the official language of the Chinese court and government. When sent to China the books were found useless, as the Manchus were able to read Chinese, preferring Chinese to their own language, which had become almost confined to official use only.

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Verse From the Bible

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life.—Proverbs 13:3.

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Think It Over

Time spent in getting even would be better spent in getting ahead.

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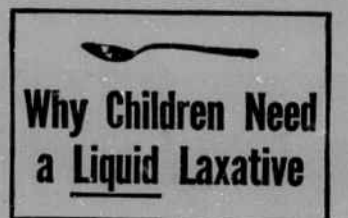
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Canadian Butter

The butter exports in 1933 from Canada amounted to about 4,000,000 pounds, most of which went to the British Isles.



The temporary relief children get from unwise dosing with harsh cathartics may cause bowel strain, and even set up irritation in the kidneys. A properly prepared liquid laxative brings a perfect movement. There is no discomfort at the time and no weakness after. You don't have to give the child "a double dose" a day or two later.

Can constipation be safely relieved in children? "Yes!" say medical men. "Yes!" say many mothers who have followed this sensible medical advice: 1. Select a good liquid laxative. 2. Give the dose you find suited to the system. 3. Gradually reduce the dose until the bowels are moving regularly without aid.

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