

FIRST FRIDAY: adoration all day--Mass, main church, 6:25. Confessions tonight and tomorrow morning.

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Current Cant About Spain.
By Arnold Lunn.

Cant No. 3: There are atrocities on both sides. (Cont'd.)

Before exposing the Badajoz Massacre myth, I shall introduce the following from the pen of Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr. Nobody will suspect this gentleman of sympathy with Catholicism or with Fascism. Indeed, many of those who have read his Farewell to Fifth Avenue have accused him of Communist leanings. In a recent issue of Liberty he writes:

"One night at Palou, near Barcelona, I heard a howling mob around a bend in the road. A few minutes later there came straggling down the road way a tattered rabble brandishing sticks and knives and rusty rifles. Some of them were bel-
lowing the 'Internationale.' With them were two oxen, and behind the oxen, chained and roped together, were three or four cowed monks, one of whom they had already beheaded.....Once I saw two monks who had already been crucified. Their faces were twisted as if the pain had been unbearable. Large railroad spikes had been driven through their shriveled stomachs, and dried blood covered their legs...At Molins del Rey I saw a lot of tonsured monks being carried in a manure wagon pulled by a raving mob, of ragged boys and girls, mind you, through the village streets. Running along beside the wagon were little girls with pointed sticks which they savagely jabbed into the monk's flesh. At Marquina held by the governmentalsists, I saw nuns shackled to one another's ankles being dragged by lively mules through the cobblestone streets, the whole tops of their heads ablaze. I was told they had been dipped in kerosene and touched off with long white church tapers." Horace W. Abrams, photographer for the Keystone View Company contributes this picture along with others: "I also photographed a little girl. The Reds chopped off her leg by the thigh because they found out her father was fighting with the rebels. You can guess what they did to the mother, who was quite young. She died."

(3) Exposure of the myth of the Badajoz atrocities, taken from the Michigan Catholic of October 22, 1936:

"Some weeks ago the Chicago Tribune and the New York Daily News published a special article by a reporter, Jay Allen, in which he described the slaughter of 2,000 men, woman and children in Badajoz, after the Nationalists, or so-called rebels, captured the city. No other writer in Europe or America apparently saw the 'slaughter.' The Daily News editorialized on the killings and Westbrook Pegler, in the World-Telegram, wrote an article praising Jay Allen's enterprise and the independence of American newspapers for printing the disclosures.

"Time, the news weekly, for October 5, says no such slaughter ever took place. The article in Time is in part as follows:

"The day of the capture of Badajoz (by the Whites)," declared World Trend Features, "the figure of 2,000 Reds shot was given by the French Havas correspondent who was not there but in Portugal. All over the world this figure was taken up and printed. Next day John Elliott, of the New York Herald Tribune, was the first American correspondent and probably the first non-Spanish correspondent to enter Badajoz. He saw no signs of the shootings, so didn't report them. By some of his own Herald Tribune colleagues he was promptly condemned for 'having sold out to the Fascists.' Each of the great international press services is faking in its Paris bureau and each says it has to do so to keep up with the 'colorful competition' of the others."

PRAYERS: (deceased) Ann Murphy, friend of Bert Smith (How.). Ill, brother of student. Two special intentions.