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The original Soviet intention was to drag the Chinese by hook or by crook to Budapest or somewhere else and then brand them before the Communist world as dangerous deviationists. But what might once have seemed a clever manoeuvre today appears simply naive, for Moscow can no longer call the tune. The satellite countries are playing it cautious, for they see no reason why they should antagonise China just to please Moscow. They have

nothing to gain by aggravating the rift between Russia and China, nor are they willing to do Moscow's dirty work for nothing ... Looking back, the Russo-Chinese clash now seems to have been inevitable, for Russia was determined to remain the Marxist Mecca—and the Medina to boot ... China was and still is a very proud country, conscious of her ancient history and looking down rather contemptuously on the rest of the world.

100 years ago

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The Papal Peace Note, dated 1 August last year, was addressed to all the belligerent Powers. Great Britain was the first to acknowledge it, and at the time we were able to congratulate the Government not only on its courteous promptitude, but also on the fact that the British Note contained an undertaking that careful consideration should be given to the suggestions which had been put forward by the Holy See ... And yet from that

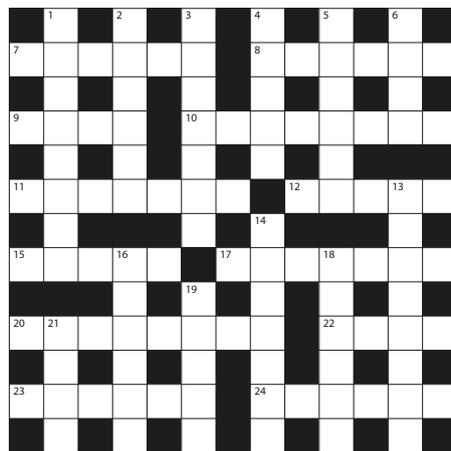
day to this not another word has been sent to the Vatican. It was open to the Foreign Office to explain that the Government ... felt unable to accept its suggestions. To promise that the proposals of the Holy See should receive "the closest and most serious attention," and then never to say another word, is conduct difficult to justify. Apparently the Holy Father's Note was acknowledged respectfully, put into a pigeon-hole, and then forgotten.

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD
No. 596 | Enigma

Across

- 7 "Life's but a walking -----" (*Macbeth*) (6)
- 8 Modern German town the Romans called Aquisgranum (6)
- 9 American university, founded 1701, originally called The Collegiate School (4)
- 10 Ancient name of several Asian cities, called after mother of Seleucus I Nicator (8)
- 11 In Lough Derg, Donegal, each set of penitential exercises is called a ----- (7)
- 12 Largest deposits of this beautiful tree resin are in sand on shores of Baltic Sea (5)
- 15 "The ----- lands question" confronted US government on takeover of Philippines; 1898 (5)
- 17 "And this was all the ----- that I reaped", *Rubaiyat*, Fitzgerald, St.28 (1859) (7)
- 20 ----- dialects; minor dialects, central and southern Italy, related to Tuscan (8)



- 22 Used for separating textile fibres (4)
- 23 Coarse sandstone composed of quartz, feldspar and mica (6)
- 24 Shelter made from canvas stretched on a frame (6)

Down

- 1 ----- Gates; designer of "Sanctum" inside Bristol's ruined medieval church (8)
- 2 The ----- Christian Church organised in 1860, evolved from teachings of William Miller (6)

- 3 Any of the species of the family *Hirundinidae* (order *Passeriformes*) (7)
- 4 Rank immediately below that of Viscount (5)
- 5 The Donatists caused one in the fourth century (6)
- 6 Member of the Indo-European people who entered ancient Iran (Media) seventeenth century BC (4)
- 13 In law, right granted by landowner to another to use his land for a special purpose (8)
- 14 Pertaining to Easter (7)
- 16 Richard -----; one of America's leading twentieth-century photographers: first famous sitter was Sergey Rachmaninoff (6)
- 18 Wild relative of the llama (6)
- 19 Tree of birch family, almost immune to non-fungal diseases (5)
- 21 Sir George Biddell ---- was Astronomer Royal 1835 to 1881 (4)

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Solution to the 3 February crossword No. 593

Across: 1 Mayhem; 5 Clung; 8 Wheel; 9 Directs; 10 Spar; 11 New Mitre; 13 Peter; 14 Scrap; 19 Ephemera; 21 Live; 23 Unaware; 24 Above; 25 Aisle; 26 Sestet. **Down:** 2 Average; 3 Helm; 4 Madmen; 5 Ceramics; 6 Uncut; 7 Gospel; 8 West; 12 Permeate; 15 Adipose; 16 Beluga; 17 Creeks; 18 Fete; 20 Heats; 22 Ears.

Winner: Mrs Margaret Stanton, of Garforth, Leeds.

SUDOKU | Beginner

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