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THE TABLET • 15 JUNE 1968

The assassination of Robert Kennedy “Makes you sick in the stomach.” The Australian Prime Minister’s comment may not have struck an elevated note but it had economy and humanity and was infinitely preferable to the assassination of the American character which a large section of our mass media instantly perpetrated ... People from smaller, ingrowing, homogeneous nations – with their own typical virtues and vices – will always

find something extravagant and absurd, if not monstrous, in the American scene. But if they go below the surface of the great social and political movements, they will discover a great people that knows sin and sorrow, violence and kindness, that has inventive energy in all the arts and sciences, that provides for everything from the grossest materialism to the contemplative life. America is neither Norman Mailer nor Thomas Merton but contains them both.

100 years ago

THE TABLET • 15 JUNE 1918

A letter home from a corporal of the 38th Canadian Infantry before the advance of the Canadians on Lens, shows the importance attached by them to the Sacraments ... “as we were to engage the Hun for a week we wanted an opportunity of going to our church and performing our duties ... we were told to parade to this little village where a priest would be in attendance ... it took three priests from 1 o’clock until

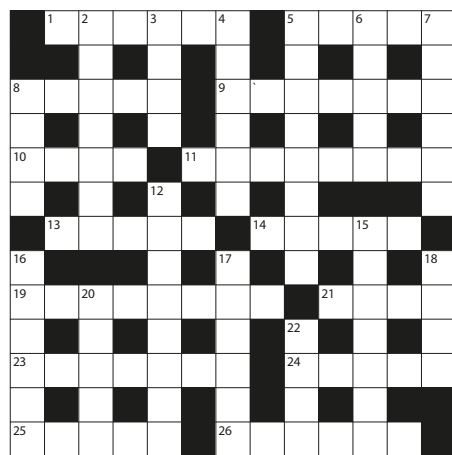
5 o’clock to hear our confessions and administer Holy Communion. These thousand men realised that in a few hours they would be going over the top, facing bullets and shells, gas and boiling oil; and over they did go for five successive mornings, with a smile on their faces and a happy heart, realizing that they had done their duty to their God and Church, and were doing their duty towards liberty and humanity.”

PUZZLES

PRIZE CROSSWORD No. 612 | Alanus

Across

- 1 ----- Reinhardt, legendary jazz guitarist actually christened Jean Baptiste (6)
- 5 Commander of Deborah’s army raising 10,000 troops with her at 7 Down [Judges 4] (5)
- 8 ----- *secundus*, second to none (5)
- 9 Son of Phineas, priest at Shiloh [1 Samuel 14] (7)
- 10 Playwright whose works include *Pygmalion* and *Saint Joan* (4)
- 11 Early Pope (d. 896), bizarrely his body exhumed for trial after his death but his papacy later approved (8)
- 13 & 14 Acr: Scarlet cloak and lengthy train worn by cardinals and archbishops (5,5)
- 14 See 13 Across
- 19 Benedetto ----- (c. 1150-1230), leading Italian sculptor and architect of his time (8)
- 21 A small platform serving as a pulpit (4)
- 23 Jan --- ----, artist of the famous Ghent Altarpiece (3,4)



- 24 Tree associated with Lebanon in Books of the O.T. (5)
- 25 “Get thee behind me -----”, Jesus to Peter (Matthew 16) (5)
- 26 Book of the O.T. more commonly known as Ecclesiasticus (6)

Down

- 2 St ----- Falconieri, feast day 19 June, foundress of the Order of Servite Nuns (7)
- 3 Where Jesus raised young man from the dead at his mother’s plea [Luke Ch.7] (4)
- 4 A prayer, from the Latin for “to pray” (6)
- 5 National of country ruled by “Good King Wenceslas (I)” (8)

- 6 Plant genus including black and red currants and gooseberries (5)
- 7 City in Naphtali, Galilee, where 5 Across raised an army (6)
- 8 Richard “Beau” ----, famous dandy, or Paul, official war artist of First World War (4)
- 12 The Angel of the Abyss [Revelation Ch. 9] (8)
- 15 Nature of the existence of the Israelites for forty years in the wilderness (7)
- 16 Group of Expressionist painters including Matisse and contemporaries (6)
- 17 As an ignited thurible or pipe does! (6)
- 18 Niels, Danish scientist awarded Nobel Prize for physics, as was his son over fifty years later (4)
- 20 Principle or doctrine held to true (5)
- 22 Genus of trees to which the maple belongs (4)

Please send your answers to:

Crossword Competition 16 June
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Please include your full name, telephone number and email address, and a mailing address. Three books – on Paul, Theology and Christian Ethics – from the OUP’s Very Short Introduction series will go to the sender of the first correct entry drawn at random on Friday 29 June.

● The answers to this week’s puzzles and the crossword winner’s name will appear in the 7 July June issue.

Solution to the 26 May crossword No. 609

Across: 7 Truth; 8 Head Off; 10 Abridge; 11 Heist; 12 Carmelites; 16 Pentateuch; 20 Notus; 21 Belts Up; 23 Dominus; 24 Death.

Down: 1 Attai; 2 Curry; 3 Chad; 4 Phlegm; 5 Catholic; 6 Society; 9 Fetish; 13 Amassing; 14 Spined; 15 Anatomy; 17 Emboss; 18 Aslan; 19 Spohr 22 Ludo.

Winner: No correct entries were received.

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