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The Latest Move Of Radicalism.

Campaign Begun To Legalize "Birth Control."

An Echo of the Chicago Baby Case.

Radicalism is showing itself in many ways in these days. It has, in fact, begun to run wild. In Chicago some few days ago, as everyone was well informed in the general newspapers, a doctor refused to attempt to save the life of a child because it was defective. He then issued a statement and wrote an article for the Socialist paper, the New York Call, in which he declared that "the case is a strong argument for birth control" and that "if it could be legally prevented the birth of the child would have done it. Then he proposed sterilization as his universal remedy for the situation. 'Sterilize defectives in this generation and we will have 50 per cent less defectives in the next. Sterilize defectives for three generations and we will have a nearly normal race.' These sweeping statements did not take into account, as Radicalism never takes into account, the great moral evils which would result from such measures and their final inadequacy in the line of the physical improvement of the race.

As a result of the whole episode in Chicago, it had been announced, a movement is to be set on foot to legalize the practice of "birth control." At the present time any physician who aids in this matter is subject to a fine of \$5000 and five years in prison—a most deserved punishment. The aim now is to have this law repealed. Dr. Robinson, the Socialist writer on medical topics, is the prime mover in the matter. In the New York Call of November 23rd, he announces that a "band of reformers has already been selected to assail the legislators when they assemble in the capital."

"Three years ago," he goes on to say, "we were treated like criminals when we attempted to get the matter before Congress. But the wide discussion of the (Chicago) case has made it impossible for the law makers to ignore the subject any longer."

"The case has no direct bearing on birth control, for the mother had two healthy children. But the publicity which the case has received has at least swept away those barriers of silence which hitherto have kept the subject of child birth from consideration by our great American public."

And so we have the whole meat of the story. The pernicious practice of artificial birth control is to be taught to the people and encouraged. What brutality of thought and action will such a violation of the natural law bring forth! Even in this particular instance the representatives of "science" are at odds, for one thinks that birth control could have been practiced to advantage in the Chicago case and the other thinks otherwise. The radical organ, "The New Republic," (Nov. 27), while it champions birth control and thinks the Chicago doctor "a pioneer" is doubtful as to whether we could trust any one with the "ultimate decision" as to what children are unfit and what children otherwise. If we cannot trust medical men with the decision as to the unfit in early life, how can we have them decide the status of a child as yet unborn?

Catholics should use every means to combat these radical and unhealthy proposals, leading to sinful and destructive violations of the natural law. Race suicide and sterilization will not assist us in the solution of the problem of the feeble-minded and defective. Segregation of those undoubtedly defective and advice as to the abstention from marriage for others who may rear defective children is the way we suddenly encounter amid surmount meet this matter. The de soundings that call forth their stultive ideas of irresponsibility wonder and admiration. Praise of and selfishness, leading to so this kind for the Jesuits in China much greater evils, must be stamped out and discouraged in an essay entitled "Religion in

Against this latest move of Radicalism we must emphatically and decisively pit our energies.

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Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by The Propagation of the Faith Society 318 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Announcement has been made of the promotion of the venerable Salesian missionary, Bishop Mgr. Jean Cagliero, Vicar Apostolic of Northern Patagonia, to the Cardinalate.

Archbishop Cagliero, who is also Apostolic Delegate for the Central American States, has been informed of the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, and has left Costa Rica for Rome, where he will receive the red hat at the next Consistory.

Born in 1838, and entering early in life the Congregation founded by Dom Bogo in 1846, the future Cardinal was one of the first group of missionaries sent to South America in 1876. Since that time he has labored continually in Central and South America.

Indians In Fiji Will Soon Outnumber Natives.

A new-born work in Fiji is the spiritual care of the Indians who have come to settle there. Driven from India by the hard condition of their lives they have sought the islands of Oceania in the hope of bettering themselves. This invading army already numbers 50,000 in Fiji alone, and there is every prospect that it will eventually exceed the native population.

Two years ago Bishop Vidal, S. M., sent Fr. Oveve to India for the purpose of studying the language and customs of the people in order that he might take charge of the Indians in Fiji. Fr. Oveve is now in Suva, but the Bishop can go no farther with his plans for the conversion of these poor pagans, and Fr. Oveve feels stranded. He ends his letter by saying:

"In these troubled times all those who work for the propagation of the Gospel turn their long-lingering eyes toward America, whence alone can come relief."

A Marriage in Zululand.

At a marriage in Zululand, the young girls, with the bride hidden among them, sing the first songs on their arrival at the kraal of the bridegroom. These introductory songs and dances, performed by the bride's party, are called isingeniso. The action in these dances consists of gradual slow movements forward and backward with a clapping of the hands.

Then the bridegroom's party follows; the dancers become more and more excited, and, after a time, complete confusion reigns. Everyone endeavors to make the greatest possible noise.

The regulation time for Zulu marriages is from about 1 or 2 p. m. to sunset, when the eating and drinking begins. Late in the evening another noisy dance is performed by the young people, accompanied by the beating of a drum. The personal friends of the bride and bridegroom are not satisfied with one day's feasting, and they may remain for a second or even a third day. The dances on these days are more private in character, and are led by the bride. When the friends are taking leave, the bride distributes presents of beadwork among those of her own age.

Praise For the Jesuits.

It is no unusual thing for Protestants traveling in remote corners of the world to pay tribute to the Catholic priest whom they suddenly encounter amid surmount meet this matter. The de soundings that call forth their stultive ideas of irresponsibility wonder and admiration. Praise of and selfishness, leading to so this kind for the Jesuits in China much greater evils, must be stamped out and discouraged in an essay entitled "Religion in

China," published in the Churchman's Magazine, London. He says:

"I cannot but admiringly record the fact that however deeply one may penetrate to the interior of China there will be found a Jesuit or traces of him, where other sects of Christianity are not, never have been and never will be, unless, in deed, they go to work in a different manner from any procedure at present practised. Many a time have I been pleasantly surprised at the out-of-the-way parts in the far inland regions of the vast Middle Kingdom by suddenly stumbling upon a priest of Rome, with shaven head, but wearing an orthodox pigtail ala Chinese, which, however, was usually somewhat scant and undignified. Dressed in the costume of the natives and speaking their difficult language, regardless of exposure, persecution, danger and disease, these zealous men devote themselves to the sacred objects of their calling with a self-abnegation and heroism never surpassed.

"The Jesuit gives his every thought and energy to the work before him, giving up kin, kindred and country forever, to labor on among the heathen such time as He who gave him life shall take it back again. Truly this martyrlike sacrifice of self in its glorious if passive devotion is sublime."

Weekly Church Calendar

Third Sunday of Advent.

Gospel, St. John i., 19-28.

S. 12. Our Lady of Guadalupe.

M. 13. St. Lucy, V. M.

T. 14. St. Nicasius, Abp. & Comp. M. M.

W. 15. St. Florence, Ab. Fast.

Th. 16. St. Eusebius, B. M.

F. 17. St. Lazarus, B. C.

S. 18. Expectation of the B. V. M. Fast.

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would like to have the Catholic Church, become members of Branch No. 238, and have the pleasure of playing Indoor Baseball, Basket Ball, Bowling and Pool. See C. J. McCarthy, 98 Field St., in regard to it.

Sheriff Attaches American Citizen

A writ of attachment was served last Saturday afternoon by Under Sheriff Frank Hawley on the chattels of the American Publishing Association, which produced a weekly publication at 305 St. Paul Street for about a year.

The attachment was based on an action to recover \$234.63 rent which it is claimed the company failed to pay and still owes the W. P. Davis Machine Company, owner of the building.

Knights' of St. Eustace Elect.

The following officers were elected at a meeting of Knights of St. Eustace: Spiritual adviser, Rev. F. Reichert; president, F. J. Wegman; vice-president, H. Wirshoren; second vice-president, F. J. Kleinhaus; recording secretary, A. J. Groh; financial secretary, Arthur DeRoller; treasurer, F. Kleinhaus; physician, Dr. Cormier. Trustees, K. Eckert, J. Engler, G. DeRoller, F. Hofer, P. Dittman. Captain, Joseph DeRoller; first lieutenant, O. Merkeld and second lieutenant, E. A. Becker.

The Rev. Thomas W. Wallace.

S. J., pastor of St. Peter's church Jersey City, died last week in St. Francis' Hospital, Jersey City, of heart disease after an illness of two days. He was born in Roscommon county, Ireland, in 1847.

Mother Mary Cecilia, prioress of the mother house and novitiate of the Sisters of St. Dominic, Racine, Wis., died on November 11. Mother Cecilia, known in the world as Miss Barbara Fox, was born at Green Bay, Wis. in 1848. She was a sister of the late Bishop Fox, of Green Bay.

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News From Ireland

Belfast.

The public generally will be pleased to learn of the appointment of Mr. Philip Ward, Commissioner of National Education, to the commission of the peace for the city of Belfast. Mr. Ward is particularly qualified for the duties his new position will involve, and in the Police Courts he will have many opportunities of lending the aid of his experience and judgment. As a further mark of public confidence, the magistracy conferred on Mr. Ward will be hailed by his many friends all over Ireland and by the Irish teaching profession not alone as a personal compliment, but as a signal honour to which he is entitled by the many excellent qualities which have placed him amongst the foremost of the educationists of Ireland.

Miss Johanna Kelly, daughter of M. Kelly, Bagnalstown, was solemnly professed at the Convent of Mercy, Trim, by the Very Rev. M. Woods, assisted by the Rev. P. Casey, the Rev. D. Dunne and Rev. C. Carrick. The Rev. M. Brophy and many other friends were present.

The reception has taken place of Miss Nora O'Donnell (in religion Sister Mary Cecilia), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. O'Donnell, Knock James, Tulla, County Clare, and sister to Sister M. Thomsina, Convent of Mercy, Carysfort Park, Blackrock, Dublin.

The death has occurred in his 64th year, of Rev. Dr. John O'Mahony, a native of Bandon, who had for nearly a quarter of a century been connected with the Church of the Apostles, in Launceston, Tasmania. He was educated at Cork Diocesan Seminary and at Maynooth; became a professor in Cork, and filled various chaplaincies there before going to Australia. Dr. O'Mahony edited "The Monitor." He was an ardent supporter of the Irish movement.

Subscriptions amounting to \$71 15 6d. have been received to a fund, since it was started on October 17, for a memorial to the late Very Rev. Canon Murphy, of Macroom.

A bright and impressive picture was witnessed in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, when the sacrament of Confirmation was administered to 581 children by his lordship Most Rev. Dr. McHugh.

Married.—At St. Eugene's Cathedral, Londonderry (with nuptial Mass), by Rev. W. Hegarty, C. C., John J. Carolan, N. T., Dungiven, to Bride Aylmer, teacher Dowlaish schools.

Rev. Joseph Boyle, ecclesiastical inspector of Raphoe diocese has been appointed parish priest of Termon, to fill the vacancy created by the lamented death of the late pastor, Rev. John McNulty.

An elderly man named Matthew Duncan, was killed on the Dublin & Blessington tramway.

Mrs. Anne Flood has died at her residence, Thomastown, Rathangan. The deceased was the mother of the Rev. Brother Ignatius, principal of the De La Salle College, Waterford.

Rev. Father Dermody, P. P., St. Louis, has returned through ill health and is returning to Ireland. He is a brother of T. Dermody, J. P., Co. C., Clonbarrow, Birr, and is well known in South King's county.

Father Crotty, O. S. A., formerly of Limerick, has been appointed Prior of the Order of Drogheda, in room of the late Very Rev. Father St. George.

Died—At St. John's hospital, Limerick, Richard C. Flynn, second son of James Flynn, of Limerick, aged 24 years.

Roscommon, Died. At Hillview House, Roskey, Mrs. Patrick J. McConville.

Schwab Re-elected Colonel For 5 Years.

Frank J. Schwab was re-elected colonel of the Knights of St. John at a meeting of the First District Commandery of New York in St. Joseph's Hall. Colonel Schwab already had served for ten years and the membership was unanimous in its decision to make him serve another term although he asked for retirement.

The other officers elected were: Chaplain, Rev. M. J. Hargather; lieutenant-colonel, Joseph H. Weis; first battalion major, Chas. F. Holman; second battalion major, Michael H. Weismiller. The First District Commandery comprises ten companies. They are as follows:

Knights of St. Mauritius, captain, J. F. Wendelgaas; Knights of St. George, captain, Joseph C. Kolb; Knights of St. Eustace, captain, H. Bauman; Knights of St. Boniface, captain, Albert Goldbach; Knights of St. Michael, captain, Matthew Maier; Knights of St. Peter and Paul, captain, F. Grennauer; Knights of St. Louis, captain, William Warth; Knights of St. Theodore, captain, Charles Claus; Knights of St. Bernard, captain, Edward Bott; Knights of Sacred Heart, captain, Edward Bach.

Celebrate Opening of St. Mary's Church Transept.

Marking the occasion of the formal opening of the new transept addition to St. Mary's church pontifical Mass was celebrated by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey at 10:45 o'clock last Sunday morning.

Rt. Rev. Dennis J. Curran, V. G., of Corpus Christi Church, an assistant priest; Rt. Rev. Andrew B. Meahan, D. D., J. U. D., was master of ceremonies; Rev. Patrick Kelly was deacon, Rev. Joseph Griffin, sub-deacon and Rev. Arthur LeMay, of Auburn, and Rev. John M. Sellinger, of St. Mary's Church, Bishop Hickey delivered the sermon.

Vespers were sung in the church at 7:45 o'clock in the evening by Rev. Dr. A. M. O'Neill, M. R., of Immaculate Conception Church, the sermon being delivered by Rev. P. J. Phalen, O. M. F.

Governor Walsh To Speak Here Next Sunday.

Governor David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, will come to Rochester Sunday and deliver an address in Convention Hall that evening under the auspices of the Catholic Men's Charity League. A large attendance is assured, as 4,000 invitations have been distributed.

Order of Alhambra.

When Christmas is past and gone, some 1,200 children will feel especially grateful to the Order of the Alhambra, for because of the manifestation of Christmas spirit by the organization, the children will be given three Christmas trees.

Joseph P. McSweeney, commander of the Caravan, has requested Angelo Newman, master of the oasis, to appoint a committee for the events, and the members will be announced later. All that goes with a Christmas tree will be provided, and it is planned to make the affair an annual one.

Church Events For December.

Saturday, Dec. 25, Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord.
Friday, Dec. 3, St. Francis Xavier; Sunday, 5, second Sunday in Advent; Monday, 13, St. Lucy; Wednesday, 15, Octave of the Immaculate Conception; Tuesday, 21, St. Thomas the Apostle; Sunday, 26, St. Stephen; Monday, 27, John the Evangelist; Tuesday, 28,

Holy Innocents; Wednesday, 29, St. Thomas of Canterbury; Wednesday, 31, St. Sylvester.
Wednesday, 15; Friday, 17, and Saturday, 18, are Ember Days.

The C. M. B. A. Rates.

Considerable comment has been made on the article appearing in The Catholic Journal of Nov. 19th, concerning the revision of rates in the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

For the benefit of those interested we will state that the revision of rates was made necessary owing to the fact that within recent years the assessments paid by the older members who joined before 1904, (Class 1) were not sufficient to meet the death claims, with the result that within the last four years the reserve fund of the organization has been drawn upon to the extent of \$400,000. Those who have affiliated since 1904 (Class 2) have by their assessments adequately covered death claims and accumulated a surplus of \$800,000.

The total reserve fund is \$1,500,000, \$800,000 of which represents the surplus of Class 1. That the surplus of the class would disappear in the event of a disaster, at the present rate of disbursement of death benefits, is a matter of simple arithmetic. The plan now is to have those members pay the assessments as hitherto until such time as the entire reserve of \$800,000 for that class is exhausted. The additional assessments at the new rate will be imposed to meet this obligation.

Provision is also made for the transfer of a member of Class 1 to Class 2 by several methods. He may either pay in future the rate fixed by actual age, or on his birthday, at time of changing, he may transfer on the basis of the rate attained on January 1, 1904, but he will have to make good the difference, with interest, between what he would have paid on this rate since then and what he has actually paid. To illustrate the latter, an example: A member who joined the organization at the age of 35 and had attained the age of 55 at the end of 1903, had been paying \$3.00 since that time at the rate applying to the age of 32. If he desired to transfer from Class 1 to Class 2, he will have to pay the rate applying to the age of 55, or \$4.53. Instead, therefore, of paying a monthly assessment of \$3.00 or \$36.00 a year, he will have to pay \$4.53 per month, or \$54.36 per annum for each \$1,000 of insurance. In other words, it actually cost the insured \$17.36 a year more for each \$1,000 policy he carries in the C. M. B. A. In addition, he will have to pay the difference in rates since Jan. 1, 1904, which amounts to \$353.00, or \$1,000 insurance. This will secure full protection for him. If the sum is not paid in cash, it will be charged against his policy.

In addition to these options the by-laws now provide an age benefit, which matures at 70, and takes the form of paid-up protection of \$900 on each \$1,000 that is, without paying any more assessment from that time, the eventual death benefit will amount to \$900 instead of \$1,000 which the policy originally called for. Cash amounting to \$18 on each \$1,000 may be secured instead of the certificate at that age, if the funds permit.

The present plan is made necessary because of the adoption of the so called Mobile law. Under the terms of this law all fraternal orders are obliged to submit valuations of their certificates. Any fraternal society doing business in any state governed by this law is required to allow, upon actuarial examination, at least 90 per cent. of solvency in 1915. If this percentage of solvency is not shown, then the society is required to make up its deficiency at the rate of not less than 5 per cent. in the triennial term. If the society is unable to show the improvement, it is subject to notice from the superintendent of insurance and to proceedings for dissolution and liquidation.

We should support a law that demands our attention.