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## Socialist Congressman Receives Special Favor

### Committee Memberships Increased To Assist London.

### Why This Compromise with Radicalism?

Socialism once more has a representative in Congress. This time it is Meyer London from the East Side in New York. He is to take up the work in the legislative halls where Victor Berger left off and to raise the cry of Radicalism in the national assembly. He is not merely to protest against the evils of the present day, but to champion revolutionary and destructive measures.

His task in this regard is not to be so difficult as at first might be imagined. He is in fact to be assisted in a special manner by the controlling forces in the body of which he is a member. A special to the New York Call of December 9th informs us of this fact. "Representative Meyer London," it says, "becomes a member of the House Committee on Labor by virtue of a special amendment to the rules, agreed upon by the House in its session on Monday, increasing the membership of the committee by one for his benefit."

London, it appears, had been overlooked or neglected by the minority members of Congress in Committee appointments. But the controlling forces hastened, on his request, to make special provision for him by the addition of another member to the committee of the House. "As a result, Representative London, alone in the House as a Socialist, is now a member of the Committee on Labor, the Committee on Mines and Mining, and the Committee on Expenditures of the Department of Labor." Great enough opportunity indeed to bring forward his ideas and to exert some appreciable influence!

All of which leads to some questionings. Why do we see in Congress this eagerness to provide a means of activity and propaganda for this apostle of radicalism? Why is this compromise made? Can it not be wondered if a Catholic representative coming into the House of Representatives on a Christian social platform would receive such special favors? And at the present time, in striking contrast to this action in behalf of Meyer London, is the manner in which Catholic proposals for justice in the matter of Mexico and the mails have been received. Organs attacking the character and reputation of Catholic priests and sisters in the most vile manner have been allowed to proceed unmolested in their work. The forces in the southern republic which have destroyed churches and injured and mistreated the representatives of the Catholicism have been assisted in their nefarious activities.

And in addition to all this, we now see a man, championing doctrines which mean the destruction of stable government and the substitution of tyranny or chaos, granted special privileges by the politicians in control. Certainly Catholics have no cause to be pleased with the present state of affairs in Washington.

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## Father Whalen's Story Filmed.

Father Will W. Whalen's strong story of the Pennsylvania coalfield, entitled "Ill Starred Babbie", as filmed by the Balboa Company with Jackie Saunders in the title role, has proved one of the most interesting screen attractions of the year. The talk being true to life, has a peculiar gripping quality of its own. So adequate was Miss Saunders' conception of the role of the heroine, that Father Whalen wrote her a most commendatory letter on viewing the screen version of his story. It is one of the Balboa girl's most valued treasures. She receives many notes of appreciation from all parts of the D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, has the world. But this letter has come the enterprise at heart.

to be the most treasured of all. Father Will Whalen is the beloved priest who presides over a parish in eastern Pennsylvania. He wrote "Ill Starred Babbie" on the basis of actual observations made in the course of his spiritual work. As a book, it had wide circulation; but in the photoplay form the story has reached out even farther. Before taking holy orders, Father Whalen was an actor. His career has been happily described as going from footlights to candle lights.

Jackie Saunders is one of the most gifted of the younger women of the films. Only recently has she been hailed as "the Maude Adams of the screen", by one of the most discerning cinema critics. Born in Philadelphia a score of years ago, she was educated in St. Joseph's Convent, Chestnut Hills. After some stage experience, Miss Saunders went into pictures, just when they began to become popular. She has been with the Balboa Company at Long Beach, California, for the past two years. In that time, the little player has been featured in no less than fifty different pieces. But none of them has appealed to her more than Father Whalen's story.

## Christmas Gifts Now in Order.

Christmas will not bring much good cheer to the missionaries this year. The people dependent on the priests can give practically nothing, and to repeat what has become a hackneyed phrase, "other resources are diminished by the war."

Fr. A. Genty, P. F. M., feels the difficulties of the situation in a special manner. Ten years ago he arrived at Shekshing, near Canton, China. Without knowing a word of Chinese, he started on his apostolic labors with a nucleus of thirty Christians. Many things made difficult his path. Every year the pest appeared, spreading death and misery among the poverty-stricken natives.

Floods were also frequent, but the Christians increased in number, though somewhat slowly, until now his flock numbers eight hundred. One hundred and fifty of these live near the mission and come morning and evening to the chapel, which holds only eighty. Besides being too small, the little structure is falling in pieces. Fr. Genty, therefore, is another of the many priests who long to see their Christians properly housed. Perhaps Christmas will, after all, bring something to start a building fund.

The large mural painting executed by Rev. P. Raphael, O. S. B., in Manchester, N. H., is now in St. Benedict's College auditorium at Newark, N. J.

The new St. Mary's (Greek) Church, Trenton, N. J., Rev. Joseph Kovalchik, rector, was dedicated Nov. 25th.

The Brooklyn diocesan Union of Catholic Young Men's Societies will establish near the main entrance of the Navy Yard a home for Catholic sailors.

Five beautiful new altars, the gift of individual members of St. Peter's parish, Memphis, Tenn., have been presented to the Dominican Fathers in charge.

The Sisters of St. Chrestienne will establish their first house in the United States at Salem, Mass. Ground has been broken in Alexandria, Va., preliminary to the erection of a combination church and school for Negro Catholics.

Rt. Rev. A. F. Schinner, D.D., has blessed St. John's Academy, at Colfax, Wash., one of the largest schools in the eastern part of the State.

Great Falls, Mont., is to have town. For eighteen years a Cathedral school to cost about \$75,000. Rt. Rev. M. C. Lenihan, England National Bank of Kansas City. Mr. Jordan is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.



## Foreign Mission News Is This Missionary Life?

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

### Starving Babies.

We have received a letter from Sister Agnes, Sister of the Order of Charity, of Ning-po, and ask our readers to interest themselves in her behalf and do what they can to aid her in her work of saving Christ's helpless little ones. She writes:

"We have just got word from Paris that the Propagation of the Faith Society can send us this year only one-fourth of our regular allowance. Now what are we going to do? We have no less than 530 little ones depending on us for their support. The offering from France is not enough to pay for our 200 babies that are being brought up by native nurses. It is hard to have to be begging for rice for the children of our orphanage instead of asking your help to purchase the little foundlings that are not yet baptized, but we cannot see our own starve before our very eyes.

"Fifty cents will buy rice enough for one child for a month, and we have 530 children. How many will come forward in God's Name and say, I will be glad to feed one of these little orphans for a month. Thank God, although I am poor, I am not starving, nor am I depending upon charity. But I do not know what the future may have in store for me, so, while I am able, I shall do something for those poorer than myself."

"I promise that our children will say the Rosary in their native tongue for every donor of 50 cents. It is the only way they have of showing their gratitude to their benefactors. But I can assure you their innocent prayers will not belacking in fervor when they thank our Blessed Mother for sending them food when they were starving.

The life insurance carried by Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Conaty, D. D., is to be devoted to the education of priests for the Diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles.

An architect is preparing plans for the erection of a Cathedral at Superior, Wis., to cost \$150,000. It will be of stone 80x165 ft., seating 1,000. At present there are in Superior nine parish churches.

John P. Jordan has bought the Jamestown State Bank of Jamestown, Kan. For eighteen years he was connected with the New England National Bank of Kansas City. Mr. Jordan is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus.

## Dedicate \$50,000 Church at Dansville.

Dansville, Dec. 19.—The members of St. Mary's congregation met last Sunday morning at 7.30 o'clock for the last services in the old church in Franklin street. The low mass was said on an improvised altar by the pastor, Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, and despite jubilant thoughts of the beautiful new church in Elizabeth street to which the congregation was soon to repair, there was sadness in leaving the old building. Despoiled of its sacred belongings it was like a dear parent from whom the spirit has fled and many members lingered to say a good bye prayer in the old church, the corner stone of which was laid in 1845 by a few Catholics from Germany and Ireland.

The bell which had been transferred from the old church and hung in the new tower was rung for the first time Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. At 10.30 the solemn high mass was said and the dedicatory services held.

The procession formed in the vestry. First came the cross bearer and acolytes—followed by the clergy. Bishop Hickey and his assistants. They proceeded to the main entrance where prayers were said and blessings given. The procession then proceeded around the church and the main walls and altars were blessed. Immediately after the dedication there was solemn pontifical high mass with sermon by Bishop Hickey, which was an eloquent and appropriate one.

The celebrant of the mass was Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., of Rochester; assistant priest, Rev. M. J. Krichel, of St. Francis Xavier's, Rochester, a former pastor of St. Mary's who started the new church fund; deacon of honor, Rev. M. J. Hargather, of St. Michael's, Rochester, and Rev. Ernest Ziegler, of Perkinsville; deacon and sub-deacon, Rev. D. J. Eschrich, of St. Peter and Paul's, and Rev. Otto F. Geiger, of Holy Family Church, Rochester. Both these latter priests are Dansville boys, members of St. Mary's Church. Rev. John Ball of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Rochester, was master of ceremonies. The cross bearer, Albin Gerber, and acolytes, John Lyons and Sylvester Ott, are boys of St. Mary's parish, at present students in St. Andrew's Preparatory Seminary, Rochester.

Other priests assisting were: Rev. Ernest Ziegler, of Perkinsville; Rev. Joseph H. Gefell, of Wayland; Rev. Michael C. Wall, of St. Patrick's, Dansville, and Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider, of St. Mary's. Special music had been prepared by the choir. In the evening there were vespers, sermon and benediction at 7.45 o'clock.

The cornerstone of the new church was laid on June 6th.

### Musa Caravan To Play Santa Claus

Musa Caravan, of the Order of Alhambra, will play Santa Claus next Sunday afternoon, December 26th. It has undertaken the big task of furnishing Christmas happiness to about 1,800 children members of the Sunday-school classes conducted under the supervision of the Catholic Charity Guild by seventy-five women of the guild.

About 1,000 children will be entertained at Our Lady of Sorrows Hall, in Niagara street, 100 at Mount Carmel Hall, in Ontario street, and 660 at Cathedral Hall in Frank street. There will be a big tree laden with Christmas sweetmeats at each of these schools, in charge of members of Musa Caravan.

Very Rev. Mgr. M. G. Flannery, rector of St. Paul's church, has been appointed director of the Holy Childhood Association for the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The United States Bureau of Education gives \$38.31 as the per capita cost of public school education for the year 1912.

Philadelphia has a Catholic Choral Club of 250 voices.

## News From Ireland

Charles Smyth, of 30 Eliza St., Belfast, whose death is announced, had been for 30 years in the National movement and organized the Wolfe Tone branch of the U. I. L. in 1888.

The late James Jackson (of Anott & Company, Belfast) left personal estate valued at \$4,214.

A Carlow student, Thomas MacDonal, Slaney Quarter, Tullow, has succeeded in securing his veterinary certificate at the Irish College.

The death of Very Rev. Monsignor Burke, P. P., V. F., has occurred at the parochial house, Bagnalstown. Monsignor Burke typified the best traditions of the Irish priesthood.

The death of Mrs. Ross McKeete, which took place at her residence in Reaghan after a long illness, caused much regret over a wide district.

Rev. Thomas O'Moaluide presided at an important conference of Clare Irish-Irelanders recently held at Ennis. The business of the conference was to review the work done for the language revival in the past year, and to frame a scheme for co-operating with the Coiste Gotha in its efforts to avail of the turn of the tide in favor of the language movement.

The reception has taken place at the Convent of Mercy, Malloy, of Miss Margaret Leahy (Sister Laxarian), daughter of W. D. Leahy, Demesne, Brossna; Miss Anne Hudron (Sister Mary Ignatius), daughter of Joseph Hudron, Freemount, Charleville, was received on the same day.

Rev. Brother James J. Crowley, youngest son of the late John Crowley, Clancoolie, Bandon, has died at St. Patrick's hospital, Cork.

The death has occurred of Rt. Rev. Mgr. McLaughlin, P. P., Killygordon, and the news of the sad event has caused deep regret throughout the Derry diocese.

The solemn profession took place at the Convent of Our Lady of Mercy, Caryfort Park, Blackrock, of Miss Bridgid Doran, in religion Sister M. Kevin, youngest daughter of Patrick Doran, 78 Manor street, Dublin, and sister of Sister M. Aloysius, Convent of Mary Immaculate, Rock Ferry.

The death has occurred at Loughrea of J. J. O'Keefe, inspector Congested District Board.

The Athy committee appointed J. J. Bergin, C. E., as technical commercial teacher. Died—At Miltown, Athy, November 9, after a long illness, Bridget, wife of Thomas J. Hickey, J. P.

Women postmen are now engaged delivering letters in some of the rural districts about Athy.

Rev. John Doody, P. P., Mullinavat, has been appointed P. P. Slierve in place of the late Canon Phelan, P. P. Rev. John Madden, C. C., Rathdowney, has been appointed P. P., Mullinavat.

Rev. Father Dermody, P. P., St. Louis, U. S. A., a brother of T. Dermody, J. P., Co. C. Cloncaron, Birr, has retired through ill health, and is returning to Ireland.

Married—At St. Mary's R. C. church, Westport, by the Rev. R. Canavan, Adm., Michael C. Tobin, Church avenue, Drumcondra, Dublin, to Bee, eldest daughter of Patrick Malone, Westport.

The death in his 89th year has occurred of James T. Donovan, J. P., at Parsonstown, Slane County Meath.

Died—At Templemore, Patrick Fogarty, late of Fogarty Lane.