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Organized Labor And The Americanization Committee.

News Letter Not Satisfied With Newly Formed Body.

Governmental Support Should Cease.

Sometime ago it was pointed out that the National Americanization Committee had received the official support of the United States Bureau of Education in its work of educating the newcomers and the governmental agency had joined with the -new organization in the publication of posters advising immigrants on the steps to be taken toward Americanization. This method of procedure on the part of the Bureau of Education, it was shown, was quite objectionable in that the Americanization Committee in its work and the posters thus sent out recommended the public school to the immigrant and said nothing of the parochial schools for his education. A great percent of the people of this country could not agree in the views of the committee which the bureau had officially endorsed.

This, it seems, is not the only fault to be found with the Americanization Committee to justify objection to its connections with the government. The American Federation of Labor News Letter of January 8th, in speaking of the campaign to be inaugurated in Pennsylvania and of the national conference held in Philadelphia on January 19 and 20 under the auspices of the committee, says:

"The National Americanization Committee was recently organized in New York by the Astors, the Vanderbilts, railroad officials and other influences whose swollen fortunes have been made possible by the exploitation of immigrants and the lowering of American workmen's standards. These influences are alive to the danger of increased agitation against immigration, and the committee is preparing the stage for a general movement which it terms, 'Americanize the immigrant,' while totally ignoring the evils of stimulated immigration so necessary to cheap labor advocates."

"Despite the praiseworthy declarations of the National Americanization Committee, trade unionists and other advocates of immigration restriction are sceptical of the announced purposes of the backers of this organization, who, it is shown, make no reference to closing the floodgates of eastern and southern European immigration." And it is added that a large number of men who were supporting the National Liberal Immigration League are reported to have transferred allegiance to the new organization because of the exposure of the former body by President Gompers of the Federation of Labor.

There can be no doubt in view of these facts that the United States Bureau of Education erred in supporting the campaign of the Americanization Committee, and that it should now withdraw its support from this organization. The governmental departments should not officially assist associations which are thus likely to advance ideas and to carry out plans which are not satisfactory to great sections of the people.

C. B. of C. V.

Sister Mary Adrian Rudolph, who was for more than forty-nine years connected with the orphan asylum of St. Peter's Church, Newark, N. J., died recently. She was seventy-five years old. Sister Mary was born in Germany and was brought to this country as a baby. Her family settled in Belleville, Ill. She entered a convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame at Milwaukee and went to Newark shortly after the orphan asylum was opened. In 1912 she celebrated the golden anniversary of her profession. She is survived by a brother and a sister, the latter a nun of the Notre Dame Sisterhood. Sister Mary Wilhelmina Rudolph.

A Priest's Work in the New York Courts.

The work in the New York Courts of the Catholic Protective League, is managed by the Rev. Thos. J. Lynch, who offered himself and was appointed by Cardinal Farley to take charge of it and who is an official of the diocese and under its supervision. His appointment is parallel in Church circles to the civic Commissioner of Correction, as his work covers the same ground in a spiritual sense.

In a word, his appointment was to take charge of all correction work relating to crime in the archdiocese, and he was specially authorized to establish a society for the furtherance of this object, which, as has been said, he has done.

Father Lynch has some interesting stories to tell of his work. Here is one as related by him to a Sun reporter:

"A man called at my house nearly five years ago," he said, "and finding I was not at home left word that I ought to be attending to my job instead of wasting my time, saying that he would call the next day. You may imagine that I promised myself to give him a warm reception, but when he appeared again next day I did not have the heart to go to him, he looked so woe-begone, so I simply said:

"Are you the gentleman who left such a polite message for me last night?"

"Yes, Father, I am, and I'm very sorry," he said, "but I was desperate. I was discharged from prison some time ago and ever since I have been down and out. I have no food, no clothes, no place to sleep and no friends. I can't get work and don't know what to do. I have tried hard to get a job, and I've been around to several organizations that I know about and got absolutely nothing from any of them but hot air. You see I am an old-time crook."

"He certainly was, really desperate in earnest. So I took up matters at once with him and talked about like this:

"You say you have no food. Well, we can remedy that. You say you have no clothes, no place to sleep, no job. That's all true, I'm sure, and we can attend to all that too, but when you say that you have no friends that's not so, for I will do all I can for you, and how much that will depend entirely on yourself."

"Here is some money to get food and a room, and after you have had a good rest (he had been on the streets for a couple of nights) come to my office tomorrow morning and I will get you a job. But you must be either a man or a mouse. If you are a man you must play fair with me and I will play fair with you, but if you are a mouse you will scuttle away into the first hole you find, and when you come out again you're sure to land in some trap. It's up to you to show which you are."

"The poor fellow broke down and told me his story. They never lie to me, even if they swear to anything they think will help them in a court of justice. He certainly had been a crook."

"A poor neglected boy, such as we see thousands of in this great city, he had spent twenty of his forty-five years in jails and prisons and I believed him when he said that he was sick of his crooked life, wished he had never entered on it and was determined, in his own words, to 'chuck' it. Two things he said which to me were very enlightening."

"I asked him why it was that in the face of all his suffering from evil doing he did not sooner recognize that it was a losing game. He said he had realized it had occasionally tried to lead a straight life, but evil company and the ease with which he could get in a few moments by them in what it would take him months of hard, honest work to accumulate always got the better of him. "But," I said, "didn't you remember that the jail yawned for you if you were caught?" He said:

"Yes, I did, but only fully after I had done the wrong. Like a bird dog I went after the game and I was very often sorry when I had it secure."

"Did he succeed in doing better? Yes, I am glad to say he did. He got work and I saw him regularly for a time, but all of a sudden he was missing. I felt very badly about it, for I had put faith in him and had not as much experience at that time as I have now."

"Then one day I received a letter from him. He said that some of his former associates had found him out and had tried hard to get him to join them again. To avoid them he had to leave town or they would 'get him in bad,' as he expressed it. So he left the state telling no one where he was going. He was a painter by trade and some time ago wrote me a very funny letter from a distant state where he was honestly employed, telling me that he had moved on, and he said: 'Who do you think I am working for? I'm putting up a great front. I'm working for the chief of police. 'Of course there are some that do not respond, but what percentage of those that come to me for help do you suppose turn out badly while in my care?'"

The reporter refused to guess. "Year by year," said Father Lynch, "it averages almost exactly 7 per cent, according to the figures of the Prison Department at Albany."

"And what becomes of the other 93 per cent? Do they turn out to be respectable men?"

"Yes," was the emphatic reply, "as far as I can trace them in this state I should say that fully 90 per cent. of them do well. You must remember that every man that commits a crime is not a criminal and most of the offenders who are foreigners are in state prison for the first time. One dose is enough for them."

Speaking of juvenile offenders, Father Lynch said:

"A child should not be taken into court and branded as delinquent for doing what a child's nature bids him do. 'Anybody connected with the Children's Court will tell you that the abolition of the old time shingle discipline which warned into life the spirit of obedience in the boys of bygone years in the cause of the insubordination of children nowadays in our homes and in our schools and is the first step toward criminality for a boy or girl of strong tendencies of evil.'"

"What percentage do we find to lapse into evil and abuse the mercy shown by the courts? Well, last year, 1915, we had something over 9 per cent., and we had over 500 adults on probation, so you see that probation is a great boon to the individual as well as to the state, for if the taxpayer had to support those 500 extra men it would come to a round sum of money, and remember this is all done gratuitously by our society."

Nuns In The Mission Field.

The value of nuns in the mission field cannot be over-estimated. As soon as the priests have blazed the trail, they send for a community of Sisters, and these take upon themselves the manifold duties that cannot be performed by the missionaries.

Japan owes much to the nuns. The Sisters of St. Paul, of Yatsushiri, during the past year have helped 2,010 patients at their dispensary, sixty of whom were lepers; they have visited 2,949 at their own homes and cared for 1,397 at the catechumenate; at present there are 137 pupils in their school and thirty-five little ones in the orphanage; 146 persons have received baptism at the point of death, while the number of other baptisms amounts to 154.

Sergeant Dhorme, a French infantryman, has been mentioned in an order of the day for conspicuous bravery at the Dardanelles. The sergeant is the learned Dominican Father of the Biblical Institute, Jerusalem.

News From Ireland

The death has occurred at Ballymena of Jarvis Weir, an extensive and respected farmer.

The death is announced of P. McShane, Ashgrove, Portadown, who was for many years the secretary of the local branch of the A. O. H.

The death has occurred in Armagh of E. Short, the well known monumental sculptor.

The Rev. C. Hickey, (Denver) and the Rev. J. Foynes (Kildare and Leighlin) were ordained to the priesthood by the Most Rev. Dr. Foley at Carlow College on Sunday.

Died—At Tullow street, Carlow, Mrs. Travers.

The Ennis Guardians have adopted a resolution calling for the release of Messrs. Fitzgerald and Monaghan, who had been imprisoned under the Defence of the Realm Act, and approving of the letter of the Most Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, on the motion of Mr. Quinn, seconded by Mr. Conaidine.

Votes of condolence were passed by the Cork corporation recently with the relatives of Captain O'Meagher Condon and D. Madden.

The past pupils and friends of M. Linehan, late principal of Buttevant Boys' school, have presented him with an address.

The body of a deaf mute, Hugh Donnelly, of Newry, who had been missing for several weeks, has been found in the Newry canal.

Married—At St. Mary's Haddington road, Dublin, by the Very Rev. Richard Colohan, P.P., Bray, assisted by the Very Rev. James F. Colohan, P. P. Howth, and the Rev. Francis Wall, C. C., Dr. John Sydney Colohan, of Malahide, to Julia C. Cartan, widow of the late John J. Cartan, 8 Ragin road, Dublin.

The death has taken place of William Hurst, J. P., of Drumderg, Tempo, at the age of 86. He held the commission of the peace for over thirty years.

The Callan Guardians, who initiated the Kilkenny conference, have passed a resolution inviting the seven unions in the County Tipperary to send delegates to a conference in Thurles next month to consider the question of union amalgamation in the county.

All societies and councils in Kings county have passed resolutions protesting against the lowering or withdrawal of educational grants in Ireland.

A country woman named Mrs. Farry was killed by the Limited mail while returning along the line to her home between Drogheda and Drumana.

After 52 years' railway service, Mr. Coughlan, stationmaster, Kilmoran, near Limerick, has retired. He acted as stationmaster previously at Foynes, Adare, Patrickswell, Cratloe, and Clarecastle.

Died—At his residence, 6 Lower Mallow street, Limerick, John O'Donnell, father of Very Rev. Eugene O'Donnell, C. S. S. R., Rathgar, Dublin.

Died—At her residence, Seaton place, Dundalk, Emily A. Duffy, beloved wife of Charles A. Duffy, J. P.—At Beamore road, Drogheda, Mrs. Bridget Kehoe.

J. Spollen, stationmaster at Castlebar, has been transferred on promotion to Westport. P. Hogg, stationmaster at Ballymoe, County Galway, has been promoted to the charge of Woodlawn.

Died—At Roonith, Louisburgh, Miss Bridget O'Malley.—At Belcarra, P. Nestor, N. T.—At Letter, Mrs. Mary Cawley.

Died—At Clonagh, Grennard, John McCormack.

K. OF C. SCHOLARSHIPS

Conditions Required of Those Desiring to Compete.

The competitive examinations for the Knights of Columbus graduate scholarships in the Catholic University of Washington will be held on May 6. The applicants must be, preferably, Knights of Columbus or sons of members who have received the degree of bachelor of arts, science or laws or an equivalent academic degree.

All applications must be made on a form to be obtained from the Very Rev. Edward A. Pace, D.D., of the Catholic University. The application must be accompanied by these certificates: one from the grand knight of the council to which the applicant belongs, attesting the right to compete; another from his pastor, attesting the applicant's moral qualifications; and the third from the president or secretary of his college, stating that the applicant is a student in good standing and qualified to take up graduate work.

Applicants who are eligible will receive from the University a circular of information explaining in detail the selection and defining the requirements in each subject. The forms must be returned to Dr. Pace not later than March 20. These graduate scholarships to the number of fifty, were provided by the Knights of Columbus endowment fund of \$500,000 given to the University two years ago. They provide board, lodging and tuition during the time prescribed for the degree that the candidate desires to obtain. All other expenses are to be borne by the student himself, who is required to pursue courses of study for the master's or the doctor's degree in philosophy, letters, science or law.

Holy Redeemer Alumni Dinner.

The annual banquet of the Holy Redeemer Alumni Association will take place Wednesday evening, February 9th, at Holy Redeemer Hall, Clifford street, Hudson Avenue. The dinner will be served by Oscar Hoffman. The music will be furnished by Richard Streb's orchestra. Alderman Edward Dentinger will act as toastmaster, and among the speakers and clergymen, who are members of the Association and others who



GEORGE F. LORENZ,
Member Arrangement Committee.

were formerly affiliated with Holy Redeemer church who are expected to attend are the following: George J. Werner, president of the Association; Charles E. Welch, Rev. Edward Edelman, St. Michael's church, city; Rev. Ferdinand Bogner, Hoboken, N. J.; Rev. Frederick Zwierein, St. Bernard's Seminary; Rev. George Snyder, C.S.S.R., Esopus, N. Y.; Rev. Joseph Miller, Webster, N. Y.; Rev. Leopold Hofschneider, Dansville, N. Y.; Rev. J. E. Chapuis, Newark, N. J.; Rev. Wm. V. Gruenauer, Penfield, N. Y.; Rev. Louis Edelman, Pittsford, N. Y.; Rev. Jacob F. Staub, Rev. Francis Xavier G. Kunz, Rev. John Baler, rector and assistant rectors of Holy Redeemer church, requested to make reservations at

once. The committee in charge of the dinner consists of John Mattle, chairman; Edw. Schneider, George F. Lorenz, Elmer J. Schoepfel, John Schoepfel, Chas. Knapp, Misses Lucy Gardner, Mary Schlueter, Mary Lang, Madge Lill, Mary Vander Linden and Agnes Ropp.

Foreign Mission News

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Civilization and Christianity are certainly making strides in the Fiji Islands. The news now comes from Fr. Thomas Fox, S. M., that the Association for the Propagation of the Faith has been established at Suva, and that he has been appointed Diocesan Director. May the good work flourish among the erstwhile savages and cannibals, and may the example be followed in many other mission centres.

Fr. Birraux, P. F. M., of Tanu, Japan, wishes to acknowledge at the beginning of 1916, the help he received during the past year. To this help he owes the success of his undertakings at the little post of Tanu and the fact that he was able to baptize thirty-three converts. He assures us that these newly-made Christians will not forget their American friends.

The war is testing the fibre of Christians in mission lands, and proving that there new brothers in the faith are made of good stuff. Instead of deserting in time of stress, they are rallying more firmly around the priests and joining the fold in large numbers. This is especially the case in Africa, where the negro Christians are striving to make up for the deficit of priests.

The Rector of the Puttampally Seminary, Travancore, India, is Fr. John Joseph, O.D.C., and he earnestly begs for assistance to keep open this most important educational institution. It is under the immediate protection of the Propaganda, and has been sending out about fifteen native priests each year, to work in different parts of India.

The nomination of Mgr. Christopher Legasse to be Bishop of Oran, Africa, draws attention to the Islands of Miquelon and St. Pierre, of which he was Prefect Apostolic for fourteen years.

This interesting mission, belonging to France, yet so near the continent of America, has 8,000 Catholics in summer and 4,000 in winter, most of the fishermen residing on the mainland during the cold season. Nine priests, seven chapels, four stations and six schools constitute mission property. The soil of the islands is arid and the permanent residents depend wholly on fishing as a means of livelihood. They are of old Norman and Breton stock and are fundamentally very religious.

Another Good Word for The Priests.

An English Protestant traveler in Africa gives this testimony regarding the priests he encountered:

"I never once met a gloomy or depressed character among the West African missionaries. When down with fever or any other climatic misery they were still cheery and amusing. The vocation of a missionary keeps him happy and cheerful through everything."

"I have seen them under every form of trial, but I never saw them give way to despondency. "For a time, when I thought of their apparently wasted, hopeless work, I found it difficult to believe that Christianity could be intended for the negro of Africa. But the priests entertained no such thought and have gone cheerily on, and I have been given good proof that I was wrong in thinking so."