

Social Problems Still Pressing.

Great World War Has Only Irritated Situation.

The victory of Finland's Socialists.

In the midst of the hurly-burly of the great international conflict now raging, the social problems of the various countries, belligerent and neutral, have almost been forgotten. Those which have been of absolute consequence to the immediate safety of the different commonwealths have, of course, received some consideration; but the people at large have greatly lost sight of the many urgent questions which are still demanding solution. This, at least, holds true of America, where the superstition seems to exist that the war will better conditions in some indescribable way because it has aided us at the present.

A recent happening in Finland should remind us that this is far from correct. The problems which the war has already produced have been of such a character as to cause a remarkable stimulus to the organized forces of radicalism and discontent in that country. Today, as a result of the last elections, 103 seats in the Parliament of Finland are held by the Socialists, while but 100 are held by all the other political parties. And this, too, in face of the fact that this movement only began in 1899 in that region, the local organization being united to the International in 1903.

It was in this latter year that the radical political movement received its greatest stimulus in the refusal of the higher classes of Finland to listen to the demands for industrial changes which were made. The "refusal of the Finnish bourgeoisie", a Socialist paper tells us, "to grant the very humble desires of the workmen reacted like oil upon fire on the Finnish labor movement. From that day on the labor party grew by leaps and its stand became more and more aggressive. Also, it strengthened its organizations and established a strong labor press." Thus did it grow, until the great world crisis of the present it astonished us all by the capture of the Landtag or Parliament. Just at the time, too, when so many were telling of the disappearance of European Socialism!

This little story from the northern land has a very good moral for us. The conservative forces in Finland were not awake to the needs of the hour; the forces of radicalism triumphed. The forces of conservative progress in our own country must let this enlighten them. Our Catholic people must not go to sleep over the pressing and irritating questions which are already beginning to appear to challenge our attention. Our interest in the outcome of the conflict, or our efforts to make the most of the present-day harvest must not blind us to the things that are to come at the conclusion of the struggle. Finland gives us a hint that all is not going well economically and socially, and the people are beginning to want to know why, and unless an answer is given to them, based on correct principles and leading to true reform measures, they will turn to the armies of radicalism and espouse that cause.

Is the United States assured at all of a better condition of social affairs after the war has ceased than at the present or during the time prior to the outbreak? Decidedly not. On the other hand, the portents point to a period of disorder and industrial anarchy. A happy and speedy readjustment will have to be made to escape evil consequences. The shut down of many industries, now more or less artificially maintained and developed; the lessening of work in many manufacturing- fever quarters; the general shifting of the workers, means the creation of a state that will require the most able measures. There will be many other difficulties of a like character, growing out of all this. Catholics must realize this fact. They

must interest themselves in these matters and in the things that they demand. The Church requires this; their country requires it; their own interest, too, makes it imperative. It is time now that they attend to this important duty.

THE CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOOL

(Special to the Catholic Journal.)
Cliff Haven, Aug. 11th. The observation of New York Week was ushered in with all due solemnity last Sunday. As was fitting in the absence of His Eminence Cardinal Farley, the Rt. Rev. Patrick Hayes, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York, opened the ceremonies, being the celebrant of the Pontifical High Mass at 10:30. Assisting Bishop Hayes were the Rt. Rev. Mgr. John P. Chidwick, D. D., president of the Summer School, Archpriest; the Rev. John J. Sheridan, Deacon; the Rev. Arthur Kiffin, D. D., Subdeacon; and the Rev. Joseph Dineen, Master of Ceremonies.

It was also peculiarly fitting that the preacher of the day should be the Rt. Rev. Mgr. J. J. Lavelle, V. G., for of all the devoted unselfish men who gave to the great cause of the Summer School so generously and unstintingly of themselves their time and their energies and capabilities, Monsignor Lavelle must be ranked among the foremost.

The Family Gathering took the form of a reception to the Rt. Rev. Patrick Hayes, D. D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York; the Rt. Rev. Mgr. John P. Chidwick, D. D., president introducing the distinguished speakers with his customary eloquence and grace. Bishop Hayes made the principle address of the evening mentioning especially the appropriateness of the New York Week to celebrate the labors and achievements of New York and New Yorkers in building up the Summer School. Short addresses were also made by Elbridge Colby, Ph. D., of the University of Minnesota; Joseph J. Reilly, Ph. D., of Boston and the Rev. T. Gavin Duffy of Maryknoll Seminary. The musical program was furnished by Mr. Camille W. Zekwer, Mr. Hugh A. Cronin, and Miss Laura Nemeth. At the close of the program the Bishop gave his blessing to the large audience that had assembled to do him honor.

Several excellent lecture courses were given during the week. Of great interest was the Boston Cottage Jubilee Course on John Henry Cardinal Newman, by Joseph J. Reilly, Ph. D., Chief Examiner of the Civil Service Commission, Boston. Elbridge Colby, Ph. D., of the University of Minnesota, gave five splendid lectures on an extremely timely subject, "Religion and Modern Fiction". The Almanac course was given by the Rev. Walter Drum, S. J., of Woodstock College Maryland on the "Poetry of Israel".

On Monday and Tuesday evenings Miss Grace Hofheimer, New York City gave two splendid pinnings and recitals; and on Thursday and Friday evenings Miss Katharine Hinton Wootten of Atlanta Georgia spoke on "The South's contribution to American Literature", giving an excellent appreciation of "Some Southern Stories and Story Tellers" and a delightful series of reminiscences on a very typical plantation character, Uncle Remus.

The annual Mens' Golf Tournament held during the week, was won by Mr. George Gillespie Jr. from a field of over a half a hundred. Dr. James E. Buckley was runner-up. The qualifying round medal was won by Mr. Charles Murray, second honors going to Mr. George Gillespie Jr., Mr. F. Watts Forman was the winner of the gold watch presented by Mr. Charles Murray for competition among the beaten eight of the first sixteen. The runner up in this section was Dr. J. F. Turner.

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Former Mayor James K. McGuire of Syracuse, Head of Irish Friends of Freedom, Demands Investigation.

Telegram Delayed In Reaching London.

The Hon. James K. McGuire, former Mayor of Syracuse and widely known by reason of his writings and as head of the Executive Committee of the Irish Friends of Freedom of New York, sent from Utica to President Wilson at Washington a telegram asking that an inquiry be made into the delay charged in the transmission of the President's message of the British Foreign Office in an appeal for clemency for Sir Roger Casement.

Whether through carelessness, by accident or design the message was not received by the British Foreign Office until after the execution of Casement and burial in quicklime of his body. Mr. McGuire makes no charges against anyone in connection with the delay of the message, but he insists that there was something wrong somewhere—delay at Washington in sending it, or at the coast cable station, or in London. Mr. McGuire points out that the despatches of the British press indicate that Sir Roger Casement's life might have been spared if the message had not been delayed four hours, or until after sufficient time had elapsed for the conduct of the execution and the disposition of the body.

The telegram in full was sent from Utica this afternoon—read as follows:
"Hon. Woodrow Wilson, White House, Washington, D. C.

Mr. President: United States Senate resolutions asking you to present to the British Government appeal for clemency to Irish political prisoners were signed by you at the Cabinet meeting last Wednesday morning around 10 o'clock. There appears to have been a delay of four hours in coding the telegram and we understand the transmission by cable failed to take place either in the State Department or elsewhere until late Wednesday afternoon, that is 8 o'clock London time.

"Sir Roger Casement was executed at 9:07 a. m. Thursday. The British Foreign Office failed to receive your message and resolution until after the body was buried in quicklime. We ask that an inquiry be instituted as to the causes for delaying the message in Washington, the coast cable station and London, as British despatches infer life of condemned patriot might have been saved if U. S. Government appeal for clemency has been received in time.

James K. McGuire, Chairman, Executive Committee Irish Friends of Freedom, New York.

Foreign Mission News

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

"The task of a Missionary Bishop is less to urge his priests forward than to restrain them within reasonable bounds."—A Vicar Apostolic in China.

The Holy Father has appointed Rev. John Murphy, C. S. Sp., Bishop of Port Louis, Maurice Island. Mgr. Agapit-Auguste Fiorantini, O. F. M., has been made Vicar Apostolic of North Shen-Si, China, and Mgr. Eugène Massi, O. F. M., has been transferred from that post to become Vicar Apostolic of Central Shen-Si.

Anxious To Do Big Things.

Fr. Henry Westropp, S. J., who used to labor among the noblest men of our own great West, was transferred to India a while ago, and he has sent us his first letter from the burning land wherein he is seeking another harvest of souls. That he finds the task almost overwhelming may be gathered from his communication:

"India is an immense empire and of the pure native, I suppose only one in five hundred is a Christian. The bulk of the native population is untouched. The Protestants have poured millions into the city in which I labor, but practically nothing. Help us all you can. The time is now coming, I believe, when old customs will pass away; then we can do big things."

What Thirty Dollars Is Supposed To Do.

We know that funds are short in the mission world, and that many apostles are at their wits' end trying to keep things going. One of their number is Fr. Silvestri, a Franciscan Friar, who has done much good work in his district. His letter is as follows: "In the entire territory assigned to me," writes Father Silvestri, O. F. M., "which is some seventy miles in length and thickly populated, I have only three schools. I had fond hopes of opening a fourth school, but when I put the matter before the Vicar Apostolic, this is the reply I received: 'Far from opening a new school, we may have to give up one or two or even all three of the schools already opened in your district. The funds of the Vicariate are simply not sufficient to continue the existing works of the mission, much less start new enterprises.'

"That reply almost broke my heart, but I might as well face the situation as it really is. The Vicar Apostolic has put into my hands just \$30 for the coming year, and with this I must support a dispensary, three schools, three teachers and catechists for my numerous stations. Not possessing the gift of miracles, in place of multiplying the loaves, I must diminish the number of mouths—in other words put an end to a great part of the good work which is being accomplished here, unless—the Providence of God sends some Angel of Charity to help us. And this Angel of Charity can wing its flight from no where but from generous America."

Weekly Church Calendar

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost.
Gospel, St. Luke xix., 41-47.
S. 13. SS. Hippolytus & Cassian, M. M.
M. 14. St. Eusebius, C. Fast
T. 15. The Assumption of Our Lady.
W. 16. St. Joachim, Father of Our Lady.
Th. 17. St. Hyacinth, C.
F. 18. St. Agapitus, M.
S. 19. St. Clare of Montefalco, V.

Catholic Notes of Interest.

Domestic

At Westbury, Long Island, is an imposing church—St. Brigid's—recently built of stone excavated from the rocks of the new subway in New York.

Rev. Charles Staff, of Cambridge, Neb., died from a fall down the stairs of his residence.

Rev. Daniel A. Buckley, pastor of St. Raphael's, at Springfield, Ohio, telegraphed Archbishop Moeller that he and his congregation had raised \$10,000 for the new Archdiocesan Seminary, St. Raphael's congregation has 556 children in its parish school, in charge of 16 Sisters of Charity.

Ten thousand dollars was paid on the debt of the Wichita, Kas., Cathedral, last year.

This year's collection in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, for the Negro and Indian Missions, was \$10,692.32.

The late Mr. James J. Hill endowed the seminary of the Archdiocese of St. Paul with \$500,000 long before his death.

Mgr. Mesamer, Archbishop of Milwaukee, is an honorary vice-president of the Irish Relief Fund Committee, New York.

The Church in our country is prospering and extending as never before. It is difficult to chronicle its many-sided growth.

Rev. Father A. T. Connolly, of Jamaica Plain, has been appointed a trustee of the Boston Public Library.

In photographs of them, there is a striking resemblance between Bishop Denis O'Donoghue of Louisville and Bishop Dennis J. Dougherty, of Buffalo.

St. Mary's parish school at Wausau, Wis., will cost \$45,000.

There died in Utica, N. Y., Sister Loretta Vaughan, a relative of the late Cardinal Vaughan and lineal descendant of Daniel O'Connell. She was a golden jubilarian Sister of Charity.

Very Rev. T. V. Tobin, rector of the Cathedral of Little Rock, Ark., has been made a Domestic Prelate, with title of Monsignor.

Cardinal Gibbons visited and congratulated the venerable Father John H. Greene on his 95th birthday.

The first Diocesan Musical Institute of Cincinnati opened on July 31st, and will close August 12th. At the opening were present Archbishop Moeller, Bishop Schrembs and Bishop Brossart.

Foreign.

The Holy Father has enriched with indulgences a special prayer for the union of Christian peoples of the East with the Roman Church.

The Capuchin Father, Rev. Jean Damascene has been appointed Bishop of Port Victoria, in the Seychelles Islands.

The Austrian Supreme Court has decided that Christians may not marry non-Christians, even outside of Austria. The Court held invalid the marriage of Count Rudolf Schirding and a Protestant woman of Berlin.

The Pasteur Institute of Paris has just made the declaration that one of the most powerful stimulants known is milk.

We should support a paper that defends our religion.

News From Ireland

Carlow.
Died—July 4, at Rockview House, Borris-in-Ossory, Catherine, daughter of the late John Baneks.

Clare.
W. P. Wilson-Lynch, Belvoir Park, Sixmilebridge, has been appointed a D. C.

Cork.
Mrs. Ellen Cashman, who has died aged 103 at Kildonoghue, Riverstown, near Cork, lived under the reign of eight Popes and six English kings. She was mother of Rev. T. F. Cashman, P. P., St. Jarlath's, Chicago, and of Rev. Mother Margaret, former Superioress of the Presentation Order, Cork.

Martined—July 1, at St. Mary's church, Mallow, by the Rev. R. Ahern, C. C. R. Callaghan, to Anna, youngest daughter of the late James Boland, Mallow.

Dublin.
The death is reported of Joseph Graham at Tullyvallen, near Newry. For the past 37 years he has been in receipt of a pension from the Newry Guardians of £12 a year.

Married—June 27, at the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, by Rev. Richard Bowden, B. A., Adm., Richard F., second son of the late Matthew Smyth, of 8 North-William street, Dublin, to May, elder daughter of the late Joseph Boylan and Mrs. Boylan, 108 Sumner hill, Dublin.

Kerry.
The death is announced of T. P. Fitzgerald, Inchamorra House, Broona—prominent figure in the agricultural life of North Kerry.
Mrs. Kate Lovett, a mother of J. Lovett, Gorbrookstown, Kenmare, whose death is announced, was 104 years old.

Kildare.
The death is announced of Mrs. Humphreys, who had been postmistress of Castledermot for 21 years.

Sligo.
Married—June 28, at the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, by the Rev. Joseph Guinan, C. C., Ballycallan (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by the Rev. Father Ronan, C. C., Kieran—Guinan, Mount Pleasant avenue, Dublin, to Mary C., eldest daughter of the late Edward Brereton, Clonlea, BIRR.

Limerick.
Most Rev. Dr. Hackett has appointed Very Rev. Canon W. Sheehy, P. P., V. F., Ardinnan, to be P. P., Carrick-on-Suir, and Rev. M. Walsh, C. C., Ballybrickan, P. P., Ardinnan. His Lordship has appointed Rev. Dr. Sheehan, D. D., Ph. D., Maynooth, a member of the Chapter.

Limerick No. 1, D. C., on the motion of P. Hasset, seconded by D. O'Brien, passed a vote of condolence with the relatives of deceased.

Longford.
Married—At Sheild chapel, Longford, with nuptial Mass, by the Very Rev. Canon Reynolds, Adm., Bartholomew J. Higgins, of Belview House, and Lisglassick County Longford, to Lillian Blanche, eldest daughter of William Boyd, C. P. S. N. P., of Silchester, Longford.

Mayo.
The authorities have prohibited holding of Mayo Feis, fixed for Westport in August.

Monaghan.
At the competitive examination for free places in St. McCarter's College, Monaghan. Master Joseph Duffy, pupil of Drumacoon, N. S., Newbliss, obtained first place, beating the second best boy by over 100 marks.

Tipperary.
Mother Louis, for fifty years a member of the Community, has died at the Ursuline Convent, Thurles.

Married—At St. Mary's, Clonmel, by the Rev. P. Hearn, C. C., with nuptial Mass, Pierre McGuire, Oliver's Hill, Waterford, to Cissie, daughter of the late Patrick Nugent and Mrs. Nugent, Greenane, Clonmel.