

Facts That Cannot Be Overlooked.

The Devious Channels By Which Radicalism Spreads.

Labor Organizations and the New York Call.

That Radicalism is spreading quietly but persistently through devious and unexpected channels in this country has been stated at several times. It deserves frequent re-iteration. For many of our Catholic people seem not to realize the fact at all. They seem perfectly satisfied to imagine that "Socialism is dead" and that all other forms of radical propaganda have gone up in smoke. They are prone to believe that since radicalism has become "respectable", it has become less dangerous; when as a matter of fact, the very opposite is true. When a glimpse of the real meaning of radicalism is obtained, also, there is but a feeble recognition of how to deal with the problem thus presented.

Radicalism is in truth to-day very much alive. It is getting in good work in every possible way for its own advancement. It is using every means that present themselves. It is continually in action. The evils of the time furnish it splendid feeding grounds on which it quietly grows fat. While other forces are at sleep, it is up and doing in its cause. Readers of any one of its organs soon learn this fact quite well, and have it forcibly impressed upon them. It is surprising indeed to see the continued persistency with which its followers apply themselves to the propaganda work of destruction.

The New York Call of August 26th gives us some further information on this point. The Federation of Labor of the Empire State had been meeting at Glens Falls, N. Y. It cannot be said to be an entirely radical body. And yet, we read the following in the Call of the date mentioned: "The New York Federation of Labor just before closing its convention here to-day indorsed the New York Call for the good work it has done for the labor movement of the State, and informed all the local unions of the State that the Call merits moral and financial support."

"This makes the eleventh big organized labor body", the Call tells us, "to back the paper within a year. It means the biggest boost that has been given, for the New York State Federation is the largest of its kind in the United States and speaks for the organized toilers within the boundaries of New York." The other federations of workers which have endorsed the Call are: The New Jersey State Federation of Labor, the Central Federated Union of Greater New York, the Brooklyn Central Labor Union, Essex Trades Council, Paterson Trades and Labor Council, the White Plains Central Labor Union, the Central Federated Bodies of Greater New York and Vicinity, Associated Building Trades of Paterson, Central Labor Union of Hudson County and the Union County Trades Council.

It is significant that the man who reported out the measure favorably for the committee is a conservative trade union leader, now holding an official position in the Empire State. That is a fact, together with the endorsement itself, which is worth taking serious notice of. The Socialist organ of New York is endorsed by the trade unionists of that state. What have Catholics done to counteract such an action and others similar developments? What have they done to show their friendship for and belief in legitimate labor organization? Radicalism cannot be cured by merely shouting at it! This criticism should not be considered as unjust—but should rather stir Catholics to positive, constructive action. In that way will Radicalism be effectively checkmated.

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News From Ireland

Married—At South parish church, Patrick J. Hegarty, Kilrush, County Clare, to Katty Higgins, Frankfield, Villas, Cork.

Died—August 6, at his residence, Maryville, Ennis, Matt O'Dea, draper.

At the Town Hall, Youghal, the Misses Ruth and Lillias Orpin, aged 16 and 18, daughters of Dr. Cecil Orpin, received the bronze medals and certificates of the Royal Humane Society for saving a little boy from drowning in the Blackwater last May.

Middleton U. C. passed a vote of sympathy with D. I. Murphy on the death of his daughter, Miss Rita Murphy, who was a niece of the Rev. Father Murphy, C.S.Sp., Blackrock College, Dublin.

Dr. T. Williams, Toomevara, and E. Grace Bleah, Toomevara, have been appointed magistrates.

Recent storms did over £2,000 damage in the Derry rural district, and £1,000 damage in the Innishowen district, according to the reports of the county surveyors.

Married—At St. Kevin's Roman Catholic church, Dublin, with nuptial Mass by the Right Rev. Mgr. Fitzpatrick, P. P., V. G., Bernard, eldest son of Thomas FitzPatrick, Kiltrea, County Derry, to Josephine Agnes, daughter of late John Howard and Mrs. Howard, Ashgrove terrace, Dundrum, County Dublin.

A shoemaker named Christopher Nolan, aged 42, of 5 Little Mary Street, Dublin, was drowned at Booterstown.

Nicholas Granville, employed by M. Sheehy, merchant, Listowel, was found dead in bed. He had complained of illness earlier in the day.

Glin District School Board passed a resolution of sympathy with, respectively, D. O'Brien, chairman, U. D. C., on the death of his wife, and Mr. Meany, a member of the board, on the death of his mother.

Kildare—Died—At the Railway hotel, Kildare, Gertrude Mary, last surviving daughter of the late James Hynes, Kilmoney, Kildare.

Kilkenny—Died—At his residence, Ballinacart, William Curry, aged 80 years.

Married—July 31, at the parochial church, Lisdowney, with nuptial Mass by the Rev. Father Brennan, P. P., Michael Bryan, Balleen, Freshford, County Kilkenny, to Miss Mary Renehan, N. T., Balleen.

H. F. Brennan has been gazetted crown solicitor for Kings County; also to hold office of C. S. and S.C.S. for the county.

Died—At Abbeyfeale, Denis Moloney, native of Newmarket, County Cork, late of San Francisco, Cal.

Married—At the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, Dublin, by the Rev. D. O'Keefe, M. A., assisted by the Rev. Father Byrne, C.C., Patrick J. Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Duffy, 44 St. Lawrence road, Clontarf, to Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Dooner, Curry, County Longford.

Clonmel Guardians have conveyed sympathy to the family of their late colleague, Con. O'Donnell.

Married—July 31, at St. Andrew's, Westland row, by Rev. T. Ryan, C.C., Philip H., eldest son of Philip H. Giddings, Shepherd's Bush, London, to Frances, fourth daughter of William Scully, Ballaghmore, Roscrea, County Tipperary.

A man named Cassidy from Cray was recently drowned while bathing off Bray Head.



Noted American Prelate Very Ill in Rome

Archbishop Thomas F. Kennedy of Philadelphia, rector of the American College at Rome, is reported dangerously ill.

National Conference of Catholic Charities.

In reply to inquiries which have come in from all parts of the country, the Executive Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Charities makes the following announcements concerning the meeting which will occur at the Catholic University September 17 to 20.

All Catholics who are in any way interested in social work may attend meetings and take active part in deliberations. An invitation to attend the Conference is not necessary. Credentials are not required. Many Catholic relief organizations select delegates to represent them but individuals may come on their own initiative.

Most Reverend Archbishop John Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate, will hold a reception to those in attendance at the meeting in the parlors of Trinity College, Sunday, September 17, at 5 p. m. The reception will be informal. The Sunday afternoon meetings will be adjourned in time to permit the delegates to go from the University directly to Trinity College for the reception.

The women's section of the Conference will hold a preliminary meeting Saturday, September 16, at 3:30 p. m. at the Catholic University.

It has been found impracticable to make any arrangements with railroads about reduced rates. Inquiry should be made at railroad stations before tickets are purchased, as there might be rates otherwise, of which delegates may take advantage. In cases where a number come from one city, party rates may be obtained.

A special meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Sunday, September 17, to elect the President of the Superior Council of the United States, to succeed the late lamented Thomas M. Mulry. A second meeting of the Society will be held on Tuesday, September 19, at 4:30 p. m. for the discussion of general matters. Opportunity will be offered to other Catholic relief organizations to hold special meetings during the days of the Conference, if found desirable. The program of the Conference will be so arranged as to avoid conflict with special meetings of this kind.

The following will hold special meetings during the Conference. Delegates from smaller cities; nurses guilds; Diocesan Directors of Charity; Christ Child Society.

Indications point to greatly increased attendance at this year's meeting. In all probability the attendance of two years ago, 440 representing 53 cities, will be greatly increased. The later opening of many schools on account of the prevalence of infantile paralysis will give a number of school teachers, welcome opportunity to attend this year's sessions.

Any inquiry for information should be addressed to the Secretary, National Conference of Catholic Charities, Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

Auto Tours

The ideal month for a motor trip is September, and the auto service afforded by C. & B. Line Steamers from Buffalo makes the delightful touring territory adjacent to Cleveland in Ohio particularly available for the tour of two days or longer.

The New \$5.00 Auto Rate takes your car by steamer from Buffalo to Cleveland and back for a two days' motor trip, this very low rate being made for all cars less than 128 inches wheelbase. You may leave Buffalo any evening at 9:00, arrive in Cleveland at 7:30 next morning, spend two days in touring to Akron, Canton, Toledo and other points in the historic Western Reserve and return from Cleveland the evening of the second day at 9:00 reaching Buffalo 7:30 the following morning, thus making an ideal outing trip at a small cost. Adv.

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by The Propagation of the Faith Society, 138 Lexington Ave., New York City.

A very pitiful request comes from Fr. A. Monteiro, of the Nagori Mission, Dacca, British India, for a chalice and paten. He says that the people among whom he works are literally starving and not one penny can they contribute to their poor chapel. Fr. Monteiro has hardly the means of saying Mass for them, and earnestly begs a few necessities for the altar.

Sister Benedicte from the Hawaiian Islands is at the mother house of the Franciscan Sisters at Syracuse attending the provincial chapter. Sister Benedicte has had charge of the children of leperous parents for the last thirty-one years. Although she has passed the three-score milestone, she is still active and in good health.

In all their foreign missions, the Protestants number some four million followers, that is, natives who adopt in a greater or lesser degree the doctrines called Protestant. There are three things of note in these missions: First, their large number of schools, with an attendance of about a million children and youths. Second, their press, which floods the Far East with bibles and tracts. Third, the army of helpers, such as teachers, physicians, etc., at their disposal. All these are based upon the great monetary contributions of Europe and America, amounting to some \$25,000,000 yearly.

Fr. Montel, O. M. I., writes from Samaria, Basutoland, Africa, to say:

"Here am I in quest of rosaries and crucifixes for my neophytes! The past year was rich in conversions, more than three hundred persons having been received at Samaria alone, and it is these good souls who wish to provide themselves with religious armament. Founded in 1907, the mission has over a thousand Christians. Its church was built by a native, assisted by one of the high chiefs."

A French savant and anatomist, 300 years ago, maintained that Adam was 123 feet 9 inches high, and Eve 118 feet and 9 inches; that Noah was only 27 feet and 13 inches, the human race, since their time, having slowly decreased in height.

India's Indispensable Palm Tree.

What the banana tree is to Africa and the coconut to Oceania, the palm is to India. A missionary, commenting on its usefulness, says:

"Of all the trees the palm is certainly the queen by right of its beauty and utility. From it the native secures sugar and vinegar, water and liquors, oil and milk, soap, wax, condiments, rope and cloth. From the trunk he builds his hut, makes the roof of its leaves, and fashions his furniture and utensils from its branches."

"To the weary, thirsty traveler seeking respite from the sun's hot rays the palm offers an alluring retreat under its plumed or fan-like foliage, so invitingly conducive to an Indian philosopher's musings. Were it not for the snakes, scorpions and leeches ever ready to disturb his most profound meditation, such siestas would be perfect."

Keeping the Gods Busy

Pagans attribute much power to their gods, but their fear of these deities is greater than their love for them. Gifts and sacrifices are constantly offered in order to avert catastrophes, and many curious devices are made use of to win the favor and protection of some hideous god or goddess.

A priest newly come to India well relates that the first night he was there he was considerably annoyed by the incessant ringing of a bell in a nearby pagan temple. On inquiry, next morning, he learned that this was the way they kept their gods awake, lest some great calamity should happen if they fell asleep.

Irish Picnic Successful.

The committee in charge of the A. O. H. picnic and field day which was held at Johnson's Grove, on Labor day, in connection with the Friends of Irish Freedom, wish to thank their many friends and donors who were so kind in helping to make the day a memorable one.

They also extend a vote of thanks to O'Connell's Own Band and the Ladies Auxiliary, of the A. O. H. A ladies' gold ring was found on the grounds. Owner can have same by calling on Owen P. Smith, 1033 Lyell Ave.

Bishop Appeals For Aid For Seminaries.

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey's annual letter was read in all the Catholic churches of the diocese Sunday, in behalf of the work of the two diocesan seminaries, St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's. Besides many private donations, of large and small amounts, there was collected among the various parishes of the diocese for seminary work, last year, a total of \$18,298.39.

The Bishop makes a special mention of a gift of \$5,000 by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kreag and also one of \$1,000 by Colonel N. P. Pond.

The Bishop in his letter, urges co-operation and generous support on the part of the priests and people to supply material aid and provide education and training for those whom God calls to the sanctuary.

Condition of Irish Rebel Prisoners.

Dublin.—One of the Irish prisoners recently released from Frongoch Detention Camp, Wales, interviewed by a member of the National Irish Relief Committee, said:

"The camp is an old brewery, with very bad sanitary arrangements and while I was there it was terribly overcrowded, as many as 250 lying in one room, as well as a large number of rats."

"Visits were only allowed once a month, and for that one had to give notice and the name of a bell in a nearby pagan temple. On inquiry, next morning, he learned that this was the way they kept their gods awake, lest some great calamity should happen if they fell asleep."

Glasgow, Scotland.—At this season of the year agricultural laborers from the poor fields in the West of Ireland are accustomed to crossover to England and Scotland to be employed as harvesters. A considerable number of these men have been seized in the vicinity of Glasgow, handcuffed together, paraded through the streets amid the jeer of by-standers, crowded into cells and, in some cases, pounded with sticks by the police. Later they were driven to the military barracks for enforced army service.

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