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## "Religious Liberty" La Mexico.

### The Constitutionalists Attempt Some Explanations.

#### The Irony of It All.

The Constitutionalists of Mexico, followers of Senor Carranza, are attempting some explanations. They are anxious to educate the American people on affairs in their country. To the almost inexhaustible supply of literature on this subject which the past five years has provoked they have added a little organ of their own. "The Mexican Review" is its name, "a journal devoted to the enlightenment of the American people in respect to the hopes, ambitions, and accomplishments of the Constitutional Government in Mexico." The first issue of October 1916 bears the name of Washington, D. C., as its place of publication, and appears most opportunely at the same time that the Mexican-American Commission is meeting to solve the Mexican problem.

There are many items of interest in the contents of this initial number. There it, for example, describes the Constitutional movement and the plan of Guadalupe. There is a tortuous explanation of how Carranza can run again for President without violating the Constitution. There is a story of the Mexican Indian, which strives to curry favor with the Yankee by telling how sublime our policy was in regard to the Indian in comparison with that of the Spaniard—our wonderful scheme being to kill off the Indians as fast as possible and seize their lands when convenience allowed. But more important at the present moment than all else is the statement on page 5 as to "How the Constitutionalists keep their pledges." That part in regard to the religious question is particularly worthy of attention.

"Highly important," we read, "among the reforms pledged by the Constitutionalists is absolute religious freedom to all—no matter what sect, cult or faith. It is a great mistake to accuse the present Government of anything whatever savoring of religious persecution. Nothing of the sort is true. Every form of religious belief is recognized and receives the protection of the law without discrimination or favor—something that has been absent from Mexican administration for many years." And, it is added, "religious organizations engaged in the performance of religious duties are as safe in Mexico as in the United States."

Now that sounds very pleasant, indeed, and one would almost take heart for the Constitutionalists themselves—were there not alas! another paragraph which has some further things to say upon the subject. "It must be borne in mind in this connection," this paragraph begins, "that all former church property in the country is the property of the people, and that religious organizations are permitted to utilize buildings of this character subject to regulation by law. Also it must be remembered that religious communities, such as monasteries, convents, etc., are contrary to law in Mexico as in many other countries, and those persisting in maintaining them do so at their peril. This inhibition was enforced under the reform laws of Juarez and it is one of the laws again being enforced by the present Government."

That is "religious liberty" as Carranza and his followers understand it. Not the kind we have in America after all, as the apostles of the present regime have been endeavoring to tell us. Of course, it may appear like liberty to those religious organizations which have no communities, no monasteries or convents, and which have never made enough headway among the people to have many churches of their own. When its words are coupled with the acts of the followers of the Chief of the Constitutionalists, we get a full understanding of its real significance. Religious liberty will not come in Mexico under the rule of Senor Carranza—and Washington, with all its Puritanical righteousness and John Lind advisors, must assume its full share of responsibility for that fact.

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## Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by The Propagation of the Faith Society, 313 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Important changes have taken place in the administration of the Philippine Islands. Official English-speaking countries, and he states asked His Eminence to appoint on the national council of the Actors' Church Alliance, a priest to represent His Eminence in the work of looking after Catholic actors. His Eminence accepted the suggestion, and named Rev. John Talbot Smith to the position.

The following nominations have also been made in other parts of the missionary world: Mgr. Joseph LeGrand, C. S. S., has been named Bishop of Dacca, India, filling the place of the late Mgr. Linneborn.

Mgr. Hippolyte Teissier, P. F. M., has been named Bishop of Mysore, Hindustan, India. The Very Rev. Laurent Gior-dana, Salesian, has been named Prefect Apostolic of Rio Negro, Brazil.

A new vicariate has been created in China. It is called East Honan, and comprises the civil province of Kou-te-fou, Chen-cheu-fou and Kaifong-fou. The vicariate has been confided to the Foreign Mission Society of Milan.

Asking for help, Fr. Joseph Shipman, the Superior of the Belgian missions at Baguio, P. I., says: "Next to the good Lord, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith should be our Providence, but I fear that it is over-loaded with demands. Our works have suffered very much from the war. We closed eight of our schools and do not see the end of the suffering."

## An Old Friend Heard From.

Fr. Merkes, E. F. M., of the Madras Mission, is one of the apostles who visited the United States about a year ago. He has undergone serious illness since that time, but, happily, regained his health and is back in Madras. He sends an account of his present condition: "I am quite fit again and hard at work, not only as secretary to the Archbishop, but also as parish priest of this new parish. My schools are both doing well. I have two hundred and fifty native children under the guidance of devoted little Tamil Sisters, who conduct the school, but of course send the bills to me. "I am still without a church. The Archbishop is very anxious that I should start building again. The foundations were finished two and one-half years ago. I hope to be able to finish part of the church and to take it in use, whilst the other part can be undertaken later on. But even for this part construction my funds are not yet sufficient and a little help would be most welcome."

Sister Rose, a Benedictine religious, was instantly killed in an automobile accident near Lake Waha, Idaho.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab, it is said, has given St. Francis College at Loretto, Pa., about \$500,000 for the re-grouping of its buildings.

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A few years ago the Secretary of the Actors' Church Alliance, Rev. Mr. Wheeler, had an interview with Cardinal Farley and laid before His Eminence some figures and facts illustrating the work of the Alliance among the people connected with the stage and with professional entertainers generally. He declared that Catholics make up at least half of the dramatic profession in English-speaking countries, and he asked His Eminence to appoint on the national council of the Actors' Church Alliance, a priest to represent His Eminence in the work of looking after Catholic actors. His Eminence accepted the suggestion, and named Rev. John Talbot Smith to the position.



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Later on the Actors' Church Alliance requested Father Smith to establish a Catholic branch of the organization. Already a Catholic Theater movement had been in existence in Europe for two decades, and in England and the Catholic Stage Guild had been founded and carried on with great success under the patronage of the Cardinal Bourne and the Archbishops of England and Scotland. Feeling that it was the proper time for the Catholic actors of the United States to take part in the movement, Father Smith called a meeting at the Hotel Astor on March 31, 1914, among the first to join the Guild were many well known members of the profession including the following ladies and gentlemen: Messrs. Donald Brian, Joseph Brennan, Emmett Corri-han, Jere Cohan, George M. Han, Robert Cain, William Court-leigh, Harry Connor, Dwight Dana, Robert Emmett Fagan, Joseph R. Garry, Francis X. Hope, Daniel Jerritt, Wm. J. Kelly, Frank Keenan, Frank Lalor, Wilton Lackaye, Andrew Mack, Don-malek, Frank McIntyre, Joseph Miron, Chauncey Olcott, James O'Neill, Mark Price, S. Z. Poli, Thomas Tracey, Fritz Wil-liams and Fred Niblo. Misses Mary Boland, Eva Condon, Edna Archer Crawford, Elizabeth Mar-bury, Florence and Mary Nash, it takes to "found" a new post-India

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## Irish Press and News Service. Ireland Facing Conspicuous Struggle.

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The total British army is estimated at 4,000,000 of which 3,000,000 are engaged on all fronts, leaving 900,000 at home. Of this 900,000 fully two-thirds are being drilled and made ready for service. There are some 300,000 under arms prepared to defend England from attack of which 45,000 are held in Ireland, guarding that island against possible rebellion.

Of the 3,000,000 sent to all fronts there have been approximately 1,800,000 casualties based on the usual average officer's losses. Army officers now in Dublin state that the British casualties, chiefly on the Somme, since July 1 have not been less than 500,000. They claim that fully sixty per cent of the wounded are returned to the ranks but those gains are partly offset by the large number invalided home, not counted as casualties, and the number of furloughs granted. The army officers are grumbling Grace, over the vast number of 3,000,000 men engaged in alleged munition and transport and ship work of at least 106 Rathgar road, County Dublin.

## Gaelic Association Opening Night.

The Gaelic Literary and Music Association will open its fifth season on Friday evening, October 13, at the "Fitzhugh" No. 31 South Fitzhugh St.

Last season, owing to condemnation proceedings, the Association had to vacate the Conservatory of Music, but these premises have now been taken over by Mr. W. W. Chapin and remodelled and beautified as an annex to "The Fitzhugh" and the president, D. C. Ryan has been enabled to bring the association back to its old home this season.

At a recent meeting of the Board of management, the Secretary, Miss Elsie Cole, and the Treasurer, Miss Rose McAweeney, were able to announce that the Association would be in a position to begin the new season with a balance in the treasury equal to the total expenses for the year and that, being relieved from financial matters, the Board would now be in a position to devote all its energies to the intellectual and social advantage of the organization.

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## News From Ireland

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In the Presentation Convent, Cork, the profession took place of Miss Mary O'Riordan (Sister Mary Paul), daughter of John O'Riordan, Lyragh, Milford.

Miss Kathleen O'Connell, niece of Rev. P. O'Connell, C. C., Banntry, was one of the successful candidates for nineteen vacant places in Kilmacud Training College of Domestic Economy.

The bench in Cork being evenly divided, a summons against Thomas Doherty for an offence under the Realm act was adjourned. It was alleged that defendant in the Palace Theater hissed when a picture was shown of the Lord Mayor of London entraining wounded soldiers.

Died—On August 22, at her residence, Ard Kitt, Enniskeane, Margaret, beloved wife of Michael Manning.

The death has taken place at John Hunter, one of the most extensive cattle breeders and farmers in County Donegal.

While cycling at Stranorlar, James Lyttle, a farmer, of Drum-mey, Donegal, was killed by a fall from his bicycle.

Mrs. Catherine Clancy, a visitor, met her death by falling over the cliffs at Bundoran.

Downpatrick technical committee have appointed John Adamson, Southwell Down school, to teach the introductory course and commercial arithmetic, and John McBride, a student of the school, to teach business methods, book-keeping and typewriting.

Married—August 21, at the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, by the Very Rev. Canon P. P. Malone, P. S., Raymond Oliver Grace, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Grace, 124 Coombe Mrs. Joseph, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Perry, met her death by falling over the cliffs at Bundoran.

The deaths are announced of Sister Mary Teresa, Presentation Convent, Dingle, daughter of T. Walsh, Strand street, Youghal, and of Sister Mary Berchmans, Convent of the Holy Family of Nazareth, London, daughter of the late J. Cahalane, Timoleague. John McEnery was unanimously elected chairman of the Kerry insurance committee.

Kilarny Guardians have passed law under way in sympathy with the relatives of Dr. Dillon, M. O., to enforce the Irish in Australia to join the army. There is a large Irish population in the Australian colonies who are considered re-calculant on the war and extremely opposed to enlisting in the British army, especially since the executions of the Irish prisoners of war, which news horrified the Australian Irish as many of their leading men had fathers who were expatriated Irish political prisoners.

Mr. John Redmond has assured his supporters that he will continue to lead the party in opposition to any plan of enforced military service that includes Ireland. If Australia votes for conscription in the coming referendum the difficulty of keeping Ireland out will increase but Mr. Redmond's defense will be that Australia is a self governing colony while Ireland is not. Mr. Joseph Devlin has started a campaign against enforced service among the Nationalists in the North.

But it is admitted that the purely Irish regiments have about disappeared and, as the military authorities point out, there will soon be none unless the wastage is filled from Ireland. Casualty lists show an amazing number of non-Irish names for Irish regiments. What November will bring forth no man can tell. The people will revolt rather than be forced into the army but they have few arms with which to defend their homes when entered by the military who will drag out the un-armed men and carry them to military prisons.

The Thomastown Guardians have decided to postpone consideration of the question of the amalgamation of the Union with Kilkenny Union until such time as the Home Rule act be put into operation.

The Kings County Council adopted a resolution of sympathy with M. Egan, Ballydonagh, on the death of his wife, which occurred suddenly while Mr. Egan was on his way to a board meeting.

At the Birr sports J. J. Horan, G. A. A. champion, while running the one-mile, broke a tendon of the leg. He is in Dublin under special treatment.