

## Foreign Mission News

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### RUSSIANS TURNING TO ROME.

The Church is about to reap another rich harvest of souls, this time in Russia, hitherto closed to the Catholic apostle.

Rev. George Calavassy, who has been sent to the United States by the Propagation to further the cause of the Greek schismatics, is authority for the statement that three large districts in Russia, comprising about 10,000,000 souls, have acknowledged the supremacy of the Pope.

The Most Rev. Count Szeptycki, Archbishop of Lemberg, Galicia, now in the full enjoyment of his liberty, has lost no time in exercising it for the benefit of the Church. Having recovered from his severe illness, caused by his imprisonment by the Russians, he has consecrated Mgr. Theodoroff as Bishop of the Catholics of the Ukraine. If the new government endures, the next few years may see remarkable happenings in Russia.

### HOW THE GOOD WORK IS CARRIED ON IN JAMAICA.

Rev. J. J. Williams, S. J., knows some of the hardships of apostolic life, as we see from this letter:

"Every mission field has its own particular kind of work to do. Here, in Jamaica, it is not a question of rescuing abandoned infants, as it is in China, and other countries of the East. No, our chief work, attended by no end of difficulties, consists in long, weary journeys after lost sheep or in answer to sick-calls.

"Here the missionary has to scramble over 'rough' mountain paths, at times clinging to the edge of yawning chasms or again risking swollen torrents that not infrequently bear horse and rider beyond the ford, leaving both to swim ashore as best they can—and for what? To reach some poor sinner before he is summoned to render an account of his stewardship before the Great Judge.

"Only last week I spent a few days wandering through the depths of the 'bush' after lost sheep. At night I stopped in the homes of the Blacks and said Mass the next morning on an improvised altar. Despite the rainy weather, I was able to distribute, in all, 154 Communion, eleven being First Communion of adults. I heard twenty-four first confessions of grown men, and received four converts.

"I have nearly 5,000 baptized Catholics in the hundred square miles that comprise my district. Of these, not fifteen per cent. come to church, want of clothes being the chief difficulty. The only way to reach the rest is to go after them."

### BRINGING IN THE SHEEP THAT WAS STRAYED.

Conversions, as a rule, are lasting in the mission countries, but now and again pagan surroundings are too much for those new to the Faith.

Father Frassen, a Holy Ghost Father in Africa, tells of the recent death of one of his former mission schoolboys, Joseph by name.

This young man, after leaving the mission school, unfortunately forgot the good advice that he had received and drifted from bad to worse. At last he was taken seriously sick, and Father Frassen happened to hear of it, although the young man was living in a village a great distance from the mission.

He at once decided that he must go to Joseph and try to win him back before it was too late. The neighbors, however, endeavored to persuade the priest not to go, telling him that the journey was a very dangerous one and that he was not strong enough to attempt it. They agreed to go themselves and bring Joseph to him, and to this arrangement the Father consented.

They started off in a heavy rain, and two days later returned with poor Joseph, who lived just long enough to make his peace with God. He now lies buried near the little church in which he was baptized.

The first Catholic to New Zealand was Thomas Poynton, an Irish Catholic.

A new Sacred Congregation is to be established having sole jurisdiction over all the church of the Orient.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS.

Results of the Examination Held at the Catholic University of America.

The following candidates were successful in the examination held April 14, 117, for the vacancies in the Knights of Columbus Scholarships at the Catholic University of America:

Paul Hanly Furfey, Patrick Wilfrid Thibeau, Othmar Solnitsky, James Joseph Gallagher, John Prosper Eckert, Edward Rayson Roche, Raymond E. Rielag, Gerald James Murphy, John Flavin Cox, Charles A. Hart, James Vincent Walsh, James Ambrose Lusty, Peter H. Ruvalo, Fulton J. Sheen, Daniel Charles Regan, Robert F. Milde, Jr., Leo Vincent Jacks, John Richard Dolan, George William Schmucker, John Sylvester Harrington, Fred Goebel Rabold, Robert Hugh Mahoney.

According to States the candidates are divided as follows: Connecticut, 4; District of Columbia, 1; Iowa, 1; Indiana, 1; Illinois, 3; Kentucky, 1; Massachusetts, 1; Nebraska, 1; Ohio, 1; New York, 3; Pennsylvania, 1; Texas, 1; Vermont, 1; Canada, 1; Nova Scotia, 1.

### THE POPE ON BELGIUM.

Amplifying at one point his peace proposals, Pope Benedict says that in respect to "condonation of damages caused by the war there is an exception applying particularly to Belgium."

The sense of that is that the damage inflicted upon Belgium by invasion should be made good by reimbursement. Upon that a usually well informed correspondent remarks:

"If the Pope is able to secure endorsement of this principle by Germany the end of the war is in sight."

Was not the principle virtually endorsed by Germany at the very outset? On August 4, 1914, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg said to the Reichstag of the already begun invasion of Belgium territory:

"That is a breach of international law \* \* \* the wrong we thereby commit we will try to make good as soon as our military aims have been attained."

So both the wrong and the principle of moral liability to reparation seem to have been admitted in advance.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

### "THE WORLD IS AT A CRISIS."

We need to be informed. We need the best guidance. We need to keep our balance. Sensation and hate, and alarm and the anger of war fill the world. We can be patriotic and yet be Christians. We can be effective for the right and yet be ruled by duty, not rancor.

It is what we read that will most influence us in this world crisis. Unless the daily message of the sensational press is wisely moderated by the calmer tone of the religious weekly, neither our minds nor our tempers will be wisely ordered. There are other things than war in this world, and there are saner outlooks that enable us to see over and beyond the conflict.

Let us have these standpoints constantly before us. We shall find them in the columns of our Catholic paper. Such a weekly visitor is an absolute necessity in these troublous times.—Catholic Citizen, Milwaukee.

### THE CATHOLIC "SLACKER."

Catholic slackers are Catholics who, while attending strictly to essentials and unwilling to be cut off from church membership, are continually and habitually finding fault with the doctrines, practices and policy of the Church and the conduct of its members among the hierarchy, the clergy or the laity. They do what they must to avoid censure, but they do it under protest and grudgingly, fearful of the consequences of disobedience.

The Church, to them, is wrong in multitudinous ways and so many things might be remedied if they had a voice in the matter. If the Pope only called a council to the Church and summoned them in consultation, he would learn much to his advantage. The trouble with Catholics of this sort is that they are worldly. They have associated so much with people who have no real concept of religion or things spiritual that they have become pretty thoroughly saturated with materialistic ideas.—Michigan Catholic.

### PIPES IN CHURCH ORGANS REQUISITIONED.

Bohemian papers announce that the congregation of St. John's, Austrian churches, as well as organ builders, have been notified that all organ pipes in all churches of the Bohemian monarchy will soon be requisitioned for, on his transfer to St. Stephen's, Dalmuir.

## Late News of Ireland Catholic News Notes

Carlow.

While haymaking, P. F. Byrne, J. P., Park Tullow, became suddenly ill and died within half an hour.

About 3,000 persons attended a Gaelic sports at Bagenalstown in aid of the Irish Volunteers' Dependents. Ald. Kelly and M. Walsh, Dublin, addressed an enthusiastic gathering, which included contingents from Kildare, Wexford and Queen's County.

P. J. Griffin, Grange, Tullok, has been appointed a magistrate.

Very Rev. Canon McInerney, P. V. G., Kilrush, has been appointed dean of the Diocese of Killaloe, in succession to the late Very Rev. Dean Scannlan, P. V. G., Birr.

Died—At his residence, Beechlawn, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Dr. E. W. Frost, J. P., aged 73, at his brother's residence, Killaloe, James Buckley, 151 Clonliffe Road, late of Dublin, Cork.

Mr. O'Leary, M. P., in a letter to Schull Guardians, refused to comply with their demand for his resignation, saying he will fight the next election on the same principles that he won the last.

Kanturk Sinn Feiners marched in procession order at the funeral of Michael Fitzpatrick (late of Clergy and County Dublin), who was accidentally drowned at Killiney while bathing. His remains were buried in Kilbrin.

### Donegal.

Rev. C. Tierney, C. C., presided at a large meeting in Ballyshannon, when a Sinn Fein club was established. B. J. Maguire was the principal speaker. Bands were a feature of the street demonstrations on the occasion.

Thomas McGroarty, Glack, Inch, cooped to Derry No. 2 R. D. C.

Rev. E. J. Mullan, eldest son of I. Mullan, N. T., Frosses, and nephew of Very Rev. Canon Maguire, D. D., was ordained a priest recently by Most Rev. Dr. O'Donnell in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenney. Rev. M. McMullan, late of Southwark diocese, has been appointed C. C., Milford, replacing Rev. R. Reynolds, C. C., who is recovering from serious illness.

### Dublin.

The site of Messrs. Lawrence's destroyed premises in O'Connell Street, Dublin, has been sold for a substantial sum to Peter Donnelly of Messrs. Donnelly & Sons, coal importers, Dublin.

Hay to the amount of 10,000 tons and of estimated value of £50,000, was destroyed by fire at the Alexandra wharf, North Wall, Dublin, recently.

### Limerick.

Owing to failing health, Rev. D. R. Shanahan, P. P., has resigned the pastorate of St. Mary's parish, Limerick, after fifty years of faithful service to the Church. Father O'Connor, Adm., St. Michael's, was appointed successor to Father Shanahan.

P. Fitzgerald was presented with an address and a purse of gold on transfer from Cleve's Bros., Elton, to be assistant at the firm's Bruree mills.

### Mayo.

Father O'Hara, P. P., Kiltimagh, has purchased farm land and is having it vested in trustees for the benefit of the poor, either to be let in allotments or grazed with milk cows which Father O'Hara intends to purchase, the milk to be given to the poor. He is also having an up-to-date corn mill (the 'Gloire mill') vested in the same trustees for the benefit of the parish.

### Tipperary.

E. Gavin, J. P., Glenahilly, has been elected president of the Clough Jordan Sinn Fein club; Thomas McCormack, vice-president, and James Lewis, honorary secretary.

Miss Margaret Riordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riordan, Bessborough Arms hotel, Carrick-in-Suir, has been professed a member of the Ursuline order at Chudleigh, Devon.

Rody McGrath of Puckane lost an arm when it was accidentally caught in the wheel of an engine he was oiling.

### Waterford.

Frank Brohan, treasurer, Waterford County Board, G. A. A.; Frank Cooney, Patrick Lawlor and George Kiely were arrested at Kilmacathomas on a charge of unlawful assembly. At a special court they were remanded for eight days on bail.

## ARCHBISHOP HANNA ON "ABIDING PEACE"

The Catholic Federation convention at Kansas City, Mo., opened with a notable address by Archbishop Hanna of San Francisco.

"We had hoped," he said, "that the wave of blood might not reach our peaceful shores, but those who guide the destinies of our great nation have decreed that in this struggle there is a question of human rights so appealing, so sacred, so imperative, that we may not stand aside."

"After months of painful thought, we have come to our task, but we come not as men without hope. We take our place in the world's struggle with warmth of spirit because we feel that if we are true to our great spiritual inheritance, true to the inheritance which the last century rejected, we may bring the world again to a realization that only in Christ and his teaching can there be victory for human rights, only in Christ can victory bring enduring peace."

"The purpose of war is peace, and men engage in just war to the end that peace may come—enduring peace."

"In God's own time, peace must come to our embattled earth, and when carnage is no more and peace enfolds the land, then will come the real test of strength, then will be seen the power of the truth we preach that only in Christ is the hope of democracy."

"There will be no permanent abiding concord of princes and rulers until the men who sway the destinies of nations recognize the great moral sanctions of life, recognize that the human being is more valuable than all earthly possessions; recognize that higher code taught by Christ in accordance with which men are ruled by moral force; recognize and listen as the age of faith listened, to him who, in the ways of Providence, represents Christ upon earth, and who, by his very place in the world's economy, is by divine appointment mediator of peace."

The United States regular army is said by some to be fifty per cent Catholic.

The Furst Memorial Chapel dedicated at Baltimore is presented to the Redemptorist Fathers. It is marble, 51 feet deep, 40 feet wide, approached by three terraces, and will contain the Furst family and 60 members of the Redemptorist Order.

Five hundred and sixty-one converts were received into the Church in the Diocese of Columbus, O., last year.

St. John's Church, Newark, N. J., will, on special dispensation, have a Mass on Holydays at 12.25 p. m.

The Catholic University has a growing Museum—growing constantly in the number and kind of articles given-it by distinguished personages.

The Archbishop of Philadelphia has purchased for \$20,000 a house for his Cathedral Day Nursery.

Rear Admiral Fechteler, U. S. N., was born in Prussia and is a Catholic, educated by the New York Christian Brothers.

The Bishop of St. Cloud, Mgr. Bush, has erected at a cost of \$100,000 a social center.

About sixty years ago, the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda, by Decree, gave the precedence to the Archbishop of Baltimore in all councils and meetings of the Bishops of the United States of every kind.

The Catholic schools of Fort Wayne contributed \$115.60 towards an ambulance fund.

Cardinal Gasquet is a Benedictine now for over 50 years.

In Granada, Spain, the members of the Third Order of St. Francis tacitly agreed among themselves not to purchase anything in stores on Sundays and holidays. Very soon this led to a general observance of Sunday in that large city.

Surmounting and crowning the Albert Cathedral in France, was a statue of the Blessed Virgin holding the Divine Child. It fell over, was caught in the masonry, and now appears in a horizontal position in the open, holding with outstretched arms the Divine Infant.

The process for the Beatification of the Ven. Geronimo, Martyr, a native of Algiers, Africa, has been re-opened in Rome.

About thirty miles from Shanghai, China, is the Shrine of Our Lady of Zocce. Every year in May, thousands of Christians go in pilgrimage to it.

In the city of Bahia, Brazil, over 3,000 men belong to the Third Order of St. Francis.

The Holy Father has conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on the layman prefect of Westminster Seminary, Mr. Alfred Herbet.

The present Archbishops of Adelaide and Brisbane, in Australia, were former pupils of the Christian Brothers.

Christianity in Persia dates from the days of Pentecost. The Church now is slowly increasing there.

## ORDER OF THE ALHAMBRA

Programme of Meeting of the Supreme Council in Syracuse Next Month.

The official notice to all the officers and delegates of the various caravans of the Order of the Alhambra, concerning the meeting of the Supreme Council to be held in Syracuse, has just been sent out by the Acting Supreme Commander, George R. Repetti of Washington, and the Acting Supreme Scribe, Anton B. Neuhaur of Albany. Supreme Commander William J. McMahon of Albany died recently.

The convention will be held in Syracuse, September 23, 24 and 25, the grand commanders and the delegates as the guests of Navarre Caravan No. 31 of Syracuse.

The convention will be opened Sunday, September 23, with the unveiling and the dedication of a memorial tablet on Indian Hill marking the spot where was celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the first time in the State of New York on Sunday, November 14, by Father Joseph Chaumonot, S. J. The oration will be by Dr. John G. Coyle of New York and there will be addresses by other prominent Catholics and civil officials. The benediction will be by Right Rev. John Grimes, D. D., Bishop of Syracuse. There will be a parade, appropriate music by a male quartette and a banquet.

The first business session of the convention will be held on Monday, September 24, in Yates hotel. There will continue all day, and in the evening the Alhambra ceremonial degree will be worked with a large class of candidates with a banquet to follow.

Tuesday will be devoted to sessions of the delegates with a clambake at the final adjournment, followed at 9 o'clock with a full dress reunion under the auspices of Navarre Caravan.

This is one of the most elaborate programmes ever prepared for a supreme convention of the Alhambra and it is expected that there will be an unusually large attendance of delegates from the thirty-one caravans from various sections of the United States.

### CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

Thomas P. Flynn, of Chicago, was elected president of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. Other officers elected are:

J. J. Hines, Buffalo, N. Y., first vice-president; J. A. Collier, Shakopee, Minn., second vice-president; John Frey, New York City, third vice-president; George Reinhardt, Kansas City, fourth vice-president; Joseph McLaughlin, Philadelphia, fifth vice-president; E. J. Cooney, Louisville, Ky., sixth vice-president; Anthony Maize, Chicago, re-elected secretary; C. N. Schulte, Detroit, treasurer; Frank Reising, of Kansas, marshal; Chief Shooting Hawk, Yankton, S. D., chief bearer.

"The Executive Board includes: Edward Feeney, Brooklyn; Daniel Duffy, Pottsville, Pa.; C. W. Wallace, Columbus, O.; H. V. Cunningham, Boston; F. W. Mansfield, Boston; J. Ennis, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and John Whalen, New York City.

"The convention sent a cablegram of felicitation to the Pope as follows: "The convention of Catholic Federations offers Your Holiness heartfelt love, filial obedience and fervent prayer for happy success of your noble peace efforts and humbly begs for apostolic blessing."

### 400 CATHOLICS ON ONE AMERICAN WARSHIP.

Rev. Thomas S. Regan, recently appointed a chaplain in the navy, has taken a religious census of the U. S. S. Minnesota, to which he is attached. Father Regan was in Washington recently and reported that of the thirteen hundred men aboard the big warship 800 are Catholics, or 61 per cent.

The highest percentage reported in any one group previous to this was from the United States Naval Training Station at Port Royal, S. C., where Rev. Edward Duff reported 55 per cent Catholic.

### THE ALTAR BOYS REWARD.

A material help for boys to prepare for future life is to serve at the altar. He who sacrifices his morning sleep, overcoming sloth, to minister to the priest at Mass, is already by a privilege fulfilling the functions of one of the minor orders. The devout server at Mass shares in its graces next to the celebrant, and more than the ordinary faithful who assist at it, and many an altar boy, as he glided about the sanctuary, mingling with the invisible angels who hovered around the Victim of the Sacrifice, has felt the seeds of vocation sprouting in his soul.—Rev. Francis Casally, S. J.

## AMONG THE NEVERS.

Never betray a confidence.

Never wantonly frighten others.

Never leave home with unkind words.

Never laugh at the misfortunes of others.

Never send a present hoping for one in return.

Never pick the teeth or clean the nails in company.

Never fail to be punctual at the time appointed.

Never fail to give a polite answer to a civil question.

Never present a gift saying it is of no use to yourself.

Never question a servant or a child about family matters.

Never fail, if a gentleman, in being civil and polite to ladies.

Never look over the shoulder of another who is reading or writing.

Never associate with bad company.

Have good company or none.

Never refer to a gift you have made or a favor you have rendered.

Never appear to notice a scar, deformity or defect of any one present.

Never arrest the attention of an acquaintance by a touch. Speak to him.

Never punish your child for a fault to which you are addicted yourself.

Never answer questions, in general company, that have been put to others.

Never call a new acquaintance by a Christian name, unless requested to do so.

Never lend an article you have borrowed unless you have permission to do so.

CHURCH EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1917.

September is the month of the Seven Dolours or Queen of Martyrs.

Holy days of obligation: None.

Days of abstinence, besides Fridays: Wednesday, September 19, and Saturday, September 21 (Ember days).

Note well: Wednesday, September 12, Holy Name of Mary.

Friday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Saturday, September 15, Seven Dolours Blessed Mary.

Friday, September 21, St. Matthew the Apostle.

Saturday, September 29, St. Michael the Archangel.