

K. of C. Fund Donors Blessed by Pope

General Pershing and Marshal Foch Cable messages to Knights—
Col. Roosevelt awards \$4,000 of Noble Prize to Order—
Bishops urge one joint drive for funds.

Replying to the message sent to him by Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty of the Knights of Columbus at the Supreme Convention of the Order in New York, His Holiness Pope Benedict sent the following cable from the Vatican:

"Rendering heartfelt thanks for the solemn sentiments of homage, fidelity and attachment tendered by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, the august Pontiff blesses with all his heart the members of the Order and all charitable persons co-operating in your noble work. SODALIZIO."

President Wilson, also, through his secretary, Joseph Tumulty, replied to the pledge of unwavering loyalty made to him by the Supreme Convention of the K. of C. His reply reads:

"My dear Mr. Flaherty:

"The President genuinely appreciates the heartening assurances that you give him in your telegram of August 7th in the name of the Knights of Columbus of the United States. Such messages do much to keep him in heart and he asks me to convey to you and all an expression of his cordial thanks."

Pershing and Foch Cable Knights

General Pershing, responding to the pledge of devotion and increased efforts sent to him and his troops by the K. of C., cabled the following cordial reply:

James A. Flaherty, K. of C. Headquarters, New York City.

I wish on behalf of the troops under my command to thank your organization, not only for its generous and inspiring message, but for the substantial service it is rendering the army in France.

JOHN J. PERSHING.

And Marshal Foch, being apprised of the fact that the Knights of Columbus had awarded him a baton inscribed with the names of the victories that have rendered his name immortal in the military history of the world, sent this reply through the French High Commission at Washington:

"I beg you to accept my personal thanks for the testimony of approbation and sympathy which you have addressed to me. Confident in the victory, we are all working with the same heart for the success of our common cause."

Colonel Roosevelt's Gift

Besides which Ambassador Jusserand has written the Supreme Knight, thanking him for the generosity of the K. of C. towards the French Nation.

To even more accentuate the proud position the Order occupies in the eye of the Republic, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, distributing the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to him some years ago, and which, it will be recalled, he turned over to Congress for disposal, has awarded the K. of C. the sum of \$4,000, an equal sum going to the Y. M. C. A., the Salvation Army and the Jewish Welfare Board, while the American Red Cross is given \$6,900 and other relief work for our fighting men and the fighting men of the Allied nations, is generously remembered.

This practical appreciation on the part of the illustrious ex-President of the great work being conducted in the name of the Catholic people of America by the Knights of Columbus will be relished by Catholics everywhere. It stands as another singular item of testimony to the manner in which the Order is regarded by all Americans great and small.

Bishops Telegraph Fostick

The Order has clearly defined its position in the matter of further appeals to the public for funds to support its work and it is cordially supported in its attitude by Bishops Muldoon and Hayes of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic War Council. On hearing of the decision that two separate drives be made for funds, one by the Y. M. C. A. and kindred organizations and the other by the K. of C., the Jewish Welfare Board and the Salvation Army. Bishops Muldoon and Hayes jointly telegraphed Chairman Raymond B. Fostick of the War Department's Commission on Training Camp Activities, their telegram reading:

"We most sincerely hope that the announcement of the divided drive does not reflect the final judgment of the Government. For unity, economy and Americanization, let us have only one drive which, without doubt, would be an immense success from every viewpoint. One drive prevents any possible misinterpretation."

This telegram puts the case for a joint drive in a nutshell. Following Supreme Knight Flaherty's recent statement in the press it crystallizes American Catholic opinion on the subject. And the whole situation has nowhere been better expressed than in a leading editorial in the current issue of America:

United Effort Needed

"The great results obtained by the agencies engaged in helping the men behind the guns are attributed to united effort. From the front-line trenches to the camps at home a chorus of approval has greeted the work done by the different organizations occupied in soldier and sailor welfare work. All have labored together as one man. The first menace to this splendid union has come with the announcement that there are to be two separate drives for funds to finance the work of the different organizations. According to the press notices from Washington the reason given for separate drives is due to different financial year periods. This is all the more surprising, as the fiscal-year difficulty was not mentioned at the recent meeting of the representatives of all the organizations in Washington when the Knights of Columbus put themselves on record as favoring a joint drive at such a time as seemed best to the Government.

"This official protest against two drives has been entered by Bishop Hayes and Bishop Muldoon in the name of the National Catholic War Council, the body that directs all war-work in America:

"We most sincerely hope that the announcement of the divided drive does not reflect the final judgment of the government. For unity, economy and Americanization let us have only one drive which, without doubt, would be an immense success from every viewpoint. One drive prevents any possible misinterpretation."

"The Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus has also voiced the opinion of the Order deprecating the separate-drive proposal in a telegram to the Secretary of War."

Foreign Mission News

The Propagation of the Faith Society
343 Lexington Ave., New York City

WE ASK WEALTHY CATHOLICS TO GIVE TO THE FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In these days of big figures it is not surprising to find that the various Protestant mission boards have aimed at raising larger sums than ever for their work. One organization announces that it will gather a million dollars more during the coming year than it did during the previous months and giving as a reason the necessity of seizing the opportunity presented to its workers in the foreign field.

It is well known that the combined Protestant offering has been for a half a decade of years more than \$20,000,000. Since the beginning of the war this sum has been increased by almost a third, and now they are reaching out for more. They are not waiting until after the war, for they realize that the work of the Lord should not and can not wait. The reason why we have not followed this splendid example is that the work of the foreign missions was not sufficiently known to our Catholic people. They were busy with their own home needs, building schools, churches and houses of charity.

Another reason is the apathy of our wealthy Catholics whose interests were involved in matters of a secular nature. Rarely has the name of a very wealthy Catholic been found on a list of foreign mission contributors. Protestant men and women of wealth are unflinching in their support of their own works. This war is going to make so many changes that perhaps we will notice a change in the contributions of Catholics of wealth.

CHINA'S MILITARY SYSTEM.

During and preceding the T'ing dynasty military officers in China retained their positions by flattery their superiors and giving them valuable gifts. After the Republic was proclaimed civil functionaries made use of this simple means of procedure, but the military, become arrogant, no longer feared for their positions.

Did the new government decide to drop an officer, the latter retaliated by gathering a few recruits about him and sacking the villages nearest at hand. Terrorized, the inhabitants besought the government to reinstate the individual, and to spare the suffering communities this was sometimes done.

Thus the soldiers of China alternate between preserving and breaking the law—between militarism and brigandage. It is a strange state of affairs, and as usual, the peaceful public suffers.

"You, who are blessed with good health and have the use of all your faculties and sense, did you ever think that the least you might do would be to thank Almighty God for these wonderful blessings that He has lavished upon you? Suppose you were to suddenly lose your sight or your hearing! O how earnestly you would pray to have it restored to you! Why not show God that you appreciate His gifts by helping along a work that is especially dear to Him—the work of the missions—the work of saving countless immortal souls!"

Our holy religion constantly gains ground in the Australian Continent. This vast country, which one hundred years ago had only three priests, now possesses twenty-five dioceses or vicariates apostolic, with six archbishops and seventeen bishops. Catholics constitute one-fourth of the population, and are divided among all classes of society. The President of New South Wales (whose capital is Sydney) is a fervent Catholic.

Mgr. Arpiarian, who visited America some years ago, is alive and residing in his diocese of Marash. The faith has been subjected to terrible persecution in Armenia and the afflicted Christians are sadly in need of our prayers and our aims.

Interesting Notes Of Catholic Affairs.

Marquette University has purchased property to the extent of about \$200,000, on which to erect a college of medicine and a school of dentistry.

Mr. Clarence Mackay has tendered the Red Cross the use of his splendid estate of 600 acres with house, swimming pool, and tennis courts, on Long Island, N. Y.

St. Joseph's Hospital, of the Franciscan Sisters, at Minto, N. D., has been dedicated by Bishop Wehrle.

Holy Rosary parochial school of Lawrence, Mass., has received a donation of \$50,000, from the Manufacturers' Association for Welfare Work.

President Wilson, Cardinal Mercier and the Italian Premier Salandra, have been honored with membership in the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences.

It is asked of the citizens of Washington that at the noon hour of every day they suspend activities and supplicate God for one minute for "victory and peace."

St. Patrick's Church near Philips, Wis., was totally destroyed in a recent storm.

The Church of St. Joseph, at Goshen, N. Y., was destroyed by fire, at a loss of \$75,000, covered by only \$19,000 insurance.

Mgr. John E. Burke, director general of the Catholic Board of Mission Work among the Negroes of the United States, celebrated the fortieth anniversary, or ruby jubilee of his ordination, on August 4th.

Louisville enjoys the distinction of having the only training school for chaplains.

The new Provincial of the Order of St. Augustine in this country is the Very Rev. Nicholas J. Vasey, O. S. A.

The War Department has selected Lieutenant Mary M. Murphy, of Lynn, Mass., to go to France as nurse of the regular army.

The new St. Anthony Church at Cedar Rapids, Neb., will cost \$70,000.

The Carnegie Foundation has allotted each of four Sisters in a hospital at Udine, Italy, a gold medal and 400 lire for heroic self-sacrifice under bombardment of their hospital.

The celebrated Trappist monastery of Mont des Cats in Flanders, has been leveled to the ground by shells.

His Holiness the Pope protested effectually against the requisitioning of all church bells by the Austrian authorities.

The new Archbishop of Lima, Peru, is Mgr. Emilio Lisson.

The French Government has assigned 50 English-speaking French soldier-priests to assist the Knights of Columbus in France.

In England 10,000 school boys are at work on farms rationed by the Government.

The report that the Holy Father intended to issue a "White Book" is not true. The Holy See has no intention of doing this at this juncture of affairs.

The American flag has been placed in the Church at Demerly, France, which is opposite to the house once the home of Joan of Arc, and in which the Blessed Joan daily prayed.

The New Bracelet-Rosary

The very latest in the way of religious articles is the bracelet-rosary. Its inventor is Mr. C. J. O'Brien of St. Louis, Mo., who has received the following communication from Rome regarding it: Rescript from the Holy See on the new Bracelet-Rosary—Question Proposed:

The Sacred Penitentiary Apostolic has been asked: If the indulgences of the Holy Rosary can be applied to metallic arm ornaments, commonly known as bracelets, having affixed to them a rosary made up of five decades of beads and a crucifix, both of metal, the whole rosary so solidly attached to the bracelet so as to be immovable and at the same time remain suitable for the purpose intended?

The Sacred Tribunal on June 11, 1918, decided that the matter should be submitted to the judgment of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV.

Soin an audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Major Penitentiarius on the 21st of the same month and year, His Holiness ordered that the following answer be given: The above described article may be blessed and the Apostolic Indulgences imparted by priests enjoying these faculties. However, the indulgences granted for recitation of the rosary are hereby excluded. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

O. CARD. GIORGI, P. M.
Seal of the Office of the Sacred Penitentiary Apostolic.

French Instructions Will Be Given by Knights of Columbus

Instruction in the French language will be given to American soldiers in training camps throughout the country by the Knights of Columbus.

Photographs have been installed in every K. of C. clubhouse in the big cantonments, and records, furnishing a complete course in conversational French, have been sent to the general secretaries at the camps. In addition to this, it was announced French instructors have been employed to establish a short French course for K. of C. secretaries who are sent overseas. Announcement has also been made that an order for 20,000 games for indoor entertainment had been placed and would be sent abroad to K. of C. huts in France as soon as shipment space is available.

Dansville.

Dansville, Aug. 26.—The funeral of Jacob Wagner was held on Tuesday of this week from St. Mary's Church, Rev. Henry Doerbeck of Rochester officiating in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider. Mr. Wagner, who was 74 years old, died last Saturday evening in his home at the Mehlenbacher Block from injuries received from a fall down the stairs one week ago. Burial was made in Mt. Morris.

Bishop Hickey Confirms Class at East Henrietta.

East Henrietta, N. Y.—Bishop Thomas F. Hickey of the Rochester Diocese confirmed a class of 24 children at the Church of the Good Shepherd in East Henrietta last Sunday morning. He was assisted by the Rev. Thomas F. Connor, pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Church of Rochester, and by Rev. William J. Cowan.

WEEKLY CHURCH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

The Holy Angels

15th Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 S St. Aegidius Ab.
- 2 M St. Stephen K. C.
- 3 T St. Serapia V. M.
- 4 W St. Rosalie V.
- 5 T St. Lawrence Just. Bp.
- 6 F St. Magnus Ab.
- 7 S St. Regina V. M.

Late News of Ireland

Carlow.

Miss A. McDonnell, Carlow-Graigue, has been elected president of County Carlow Teachers' Organization, and P. Shine, Tinryland, vice president.

Judge Barry was presented with white gloves at Carlow.

Died—June 12, at Collinacpogogue, Bagnalstown, Joseph Browne, aged 79. Interment at Ballintilien.

Cork.

The number of voters on the new register for Cork City is about 50,000 as compared with the old register, on which the names were about 16,000.

Mrs. B. Hurley, who died at Salt Lake City, Utah, recently, is said by the "Southern Star", a paper published at Skibbereen, to have been a native of Caberagh, and a daughter of the late P. Hayes. She was 68 years old.

Married—June 27, at the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, by the Rev. Aodh O'Neill, Blackrock, Cork, (brother of the bridegroom), assisted by Very Rev. Canon McCarthy, P. P. V. F. Kinsale, Eamon, eldest surviving son of James O'Neill, Kinsale, to Sara, elder daughter of Mrs. Mary Deasy and the late Timothy J. Deasy, Barrack Hill, Kinsale. — June 27, at St. Ita's Church, Guroo, by Rev. M. Aherne, C. C., Youghal, David J. Linehan, U. D. C., only son of the late Patrick Linehan, Market Square, Youghal, to Anastasia, youngest daughter of the late Thomas Beaumang, Clonpriest, Youghal.

Dr. A. J. Ryan, forty-two years a leading practitioner in Romford, Essex, who has died, aged 62, was a leading figure in Irish and Catholic affairs in London and a Romford Guardian. He was a native of Knockeney.

J. A. Binchy, son of James Binchy, solr., Charleville, has been sworn as a solicitor.

Dublin.

Rev. Mother Mary Dekotaka, Superior, Loretta Convent, Dalkey, who has died at an advanced age, was a native of Cork, and a sister of Rev. J. Murphy, formerly Provincial of the Jesuits in Dublin; of Rev. H. Murphy, late P. P. Arranquay.

Very Rev. Francis O'Neill, P. P. Damastown, Naul, left £5,395. J. Devlin, M. P., opened the Edmund Burke National Club, Arranquay.

The late M. Horan, solr., Rathmines, left £4,925, and bequeathed £20 to Mother Patrick Kavanagh; £10 for Masses; £10 to the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Camden Street.

Kerry.

Mrs. Cornelius O'Sullivan, who died recently in Killorglin, was a sister of Rev. W. S. Behan and a native of Lixnaw. Father Behan is well known in the United States. He visited various cities here a few years ago in the interests of St. John's Church, Tralee.

Limerick.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy has been re-elected chairman of the Limerick Asylum Committee for the ninth time, and Father O'Driscoll vice chairman.

A crowd gathered in the village of Ballyhill, Limerick, on Sunday, July 14, after the last Mass, for a Gaelic League meeting which had been advertised for some time. Rev. Father McCarthy, C. C., went among the people and asked them to go home, which they did. A force of military police, the latter under District-Inspector O'Callaghan, were present.

Tipperary.

Deep regret is felt at the serious illness of Rev. Brother Theobald, Mount St. Joseph's Monastery, Roscrea.

J. F. Kelly has received a handsome presentation from the members of Clonmel Rowing Club on his leaving to fill an appointment in Dublin.

John Ryan (Tim), farmer, Comromaline, Cappawhite, was found dead in the roadside near Toon, having apparently fallen from his cart while driving home from Tipperary. He had suffered from heart disease.