

## ATTEMPT TO VILIFY THE POPE.

### German Suggestions To Spaniards Said To Be Sanctioned By The Holy Father.

#### Incident in Wide-Spread Anti-Papal Propaganda.

The "America" of New York, in its issue of Aug. 24th, contains an article by J. E. Walsh entitled: "More Mid-Summer Pope-Baiting." The author contends that the agitation carried on against the Holy Father is not only continuous, but is conducted in a careful manner, innuendo and veiled insinuations usually taking the place of open attacks.

Since this article appeared, additional evidence of the author's contention has been offered in an article sent by an unnamed "correspondent in Spain" via Havana to the New York Herald Company, and copyrighted by that organization. Papers receiving the service of that agency have copied the article, and one of them (The Globe Democrat, of St. Louis) has printed it under these headlines: "Crafty Huns Beguile Spanish Catholics in Effort to Deceit U. S."— "Insidious Propaganda Work Done Among Dons, Who Are Now Awakening to Insincerity of Germans." The key-note of the article is struck in the introductory sentences, lest the knowing reader might miss it, one of the first paragraphs reading thus:

"As the most important of the Catholic countries not yet aligned with either of the world belligerents, it (Spain) has become a focal point for the concentration of those insidious peace offensives craftily inaugurated in Germany, with the ostensible sanction of the Vatican, looking to an ending of hostilities by agreement or compromise before Germany and Austria can be crushed into humility by their foes."

No proof is advanced that the Vatican has "ostensibly sanctioned" such peace propaganda, and the fact that the correspondent is not named does not permit the reader to place the responsibility for the statement with any one. The statement is a bold assertion, pure and simple, and at that one designed to cast aspersions on the Pope, who is represented as favoring the hated Central Powers, if only to the extent of endeavoring to secure for them an acceptable peace, thus preventing their being "crushed into humility by their foes."

There can be no doubt that this article, as well as the instances referred to by the "America's" contributor, is a product of that propaganda which has been conducted for years for the purpose of discrediting the Papacy with the nations of the earth. It is a known fact that agents of secret societies in the Latin countries of Europe strain every effort to combat the Church and stop at no means which appear suitable to further their ends. And those who know the tactics pursued by these enemies of the Church will readily realize that the contribution of this entire article to an American agency is but another attempt to launch a poisoned arrow, through the press, into the minds of Americans, to convey to them the impression that the Pope is hostile to the war aims of our country.

The author certainly should have advanced proof of his contention that Pope Benedict has "sanctioned" the peace propaganda of the Germans. But he merely tells us that the "Catholic Press Association" of Germany has thanked the Spanish Catholic press "for the united action in favor of the re-establishment of harmony between the Christian nations, based on the principles fixed by the Pope." Who can say that the Pope is unfair to any nation by advocating such a policy? Are not our boys fighting for this same aim, for the establishment of a world peace on a just basis? Where then lies the offense of the Pope?

The launching of the campaign of vilification against the Holy Father in American papers need not astound us. European papers have been channels for the distribution of these slanderous aspersions for years. It behooves us to be on our guard and to watch lest some in our own ranks be led astray by skillfully veiled insinuations.

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## A SOLDIER'S WILL.

A French soldier, Georges Ruel, of Fresnay-sur-Sarthe, made his last will and testament in the following edifying form:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, I, Georges Ruel, of the 115th Regiment of Infantry, on the eve of going to the front, declare that I belong to the Catholic Church, of which I wish to be a faithful son till my death. If God should so demand it of me, I now make the full and entire sacrifice of my life, and I offer it for the triumph of the Church, my mother, the safety of my country and that of all those who are dear to me. What I have to bequeath I leave as follows, &c. Such is my formal will and my resolutions freely taken on this 24th day of April, 1917, on the morrow of the feast of my patron St. George, under whose guardianship I place them, praying him to bless them and help me to be faithful to them.

## Catholic Priests Awarded Honors.

Three more Catholic chaplains in France have received high honors for heroism on the battlefield. The Rev. Lawrence Costello and the Rev. John Brady, both of New York, have received the French war cross, and the Rev. Julius Baptist of Denver has been cited by General Pershing for bravery.

Father Costello joined the Army six months ago and was immediately sent to France. In the recent fighting at Chateau Thierry, he was advancing with one hundred men on a German brush when suddenly a large body of Germans opened fire, compelling the small force to retreat. In the retreat practically the entire force was decimated. When the firing had quieted down, Father Costello crawled out in the open and brought the bodies of twenty soldiers in. Some of these were severely wounded, others killed.

Father Brady joined the Navy. At the outbreak of the war he was transferred to the Marines and was the first American chaplain in France.

Father Baptist, formerly chaplain of St. Vincent's Orphanage, Denver, who has been cited for bravery in action by General Pershing, has been in France for some months.

## THE POPE'S GIFT.

Before his Holiness had descended to St. Peter's for the solemn Mass of Peace, June 29, he performed an act of kindness which the faithful service of his chief servant in the ruling of the Church made to him sweet, indeed, namely, that of sending to his Eminence Cardinal Gasparri, his Secretary of State, a gift worthy of the dignity of a Pope and that of a Prince of the Church. This is a topaz of rare value and of historical associations that makes it doubly welcome.

The topaz is of extraordinary dimensions. It has incised on its figures of the Blessed Virgin and the Infant Jesus, surrounded with brilliant, emeralds and rubies. This precious object belonged to another great Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Antonelli. Its value from an intrinsic point of view is described by experts to be very great.

The gift was presented on behalf of the Pope by Monsignor Tedeschi, Deputy of the Secretary of State, at the moment when the officials of the Department were offering to Cardinal Pietro Gasparri their congratulations on the recurrence of his feast-day, the feast of St. Peter. The gift is enclosed in a case of white morocco having the Papal arms.

## Church Events for September, 1918

September is the Month of the Queen of Martyrs.

Holy days of Obligation: None. Days of Abstinence (besides Fridays): Wednesday, Sept. 18 and Saturday, Sept. 20, Ember days.

Note well: Sept. 12, Holy Name of Mary; 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 30, St. Jerome.

## SIX YOUNG WOMEN ENTER NAZARETH CONVENT.

The ceremony of religious reception and profession took place on Saturday, August 24th, in the chapel of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Nazareth Convent in Jay St. Right Rev. T. F. Hickey, D. D., officiated. He was assisted by Rev. M. J. Nolan, D. D., of the Cathedral, and Rev. T. Hurlany, C. S. R., of St. Joseph's church.

The following young women were received into the order: Miss Rose Kalb, of Rochester, who will be known in religion as Sister M. Ramona; Miss Agnes Fennessy, of Rochester, Sister Agnes Vincent; Miss Maud LaValla, of Charlotte, Sister M. St. Cecilia; Miss Mary O'Brien of Warsaw, Sister M. Lorenzo; Miss Rosalie Maier, of Rochester, Sister M. Rosalie.

## K. of C. Elect Officers.

Dansville, Sept. 4. — The Knights of Columbus elected officers for the coming year as follows: Frank W. Gehrig, grand knight; James A. Rowan, deputy grand knight; John Quinlivan, chancellor; Edward E. Brogan, recording secretary; George J. Hubertus, financial secretary; Harry J. Roberts, treasurer; John W. Vogt, advocate; Edward P. Maloney, warden; Thomas E. Maloney, inside guard; John C. Finn, outside guard; William J. Maloney, trustee for three years; Louis Philippe St. Cyr, trustee for two years; Frank D. Rauber, trustee for one year; William F. Kelly, Frank W. Gehrig, delegates to state convention; Edward J. Nolan, Harry J. Roberts, alternates; Edward J. Nolan, Frank J. Fedder, Frank J. McNeil, Frank W. Gehrig, James A. Rowan, members of Clubroom Committee.

## Nazareth Hall Opens September 9.

Nazareth Hall School for boys in Raines Park, under the supervision of Mother Directress Sister M. Aquinas, will re-open for its 33rd year on September 9. The school has been remodeled and two new teachers have been added to the faculty to care for the boys who wish to be tutored in subjects which will help them to prepare for commissions in the Army and Navy. The school will be opened in inspection and registration on September 7 and 8.

## Interesting Notes Of Catholic Affairs.

In the Church in the United States there are in particular, two very sacred cathedral churches: The cathedral church of Bardstown, Ky., begun in 1816 and solemnly consecrated in 1819, and the Cathedral of Baltimore, begun in 1806 and consecrated in 1876.

The 81st anniversary of St. Aloysius Orphan Society, Cincinnati, was celebrated lately. Twelve thousand persons visited the asylum. The visitors contributed more than ten thousand dollars.

The diocese of Lincoln, Neb., accorded its new Bishop, Mgr. O'Reilly, a big welcome. Bishop McGovern, of Cheyenne, presided at the enthronement.

Cardinal Gibbons is the providential child of the Baltimore Cathedral; in it he was baptized, was ordained priest, was consecrated Bishop, was invested with the Red Hat. The cathedral is his episcopal chair; in it he has ordained about 2,000 priests and consecrated about 40 Bishops.

The Church in Oregon is growing venerable. St. Mary's Academy in Portland has entered upon its sixtieth year.

The New York Herald states that there are 15,000 Sisters of Charity on active duty at the front in France.

The Bishop of Detroit has appointed Rev. M. P. Bourke director of Catholic hospitals.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans Father Frances Raymond reached a few days ago, his 90th year. He has been priest sixty-five years.

The Cathedral of Baltimore, begun July 7, 1806, originally cost \$225,000. It is built of massive granite blocks, brought there by ox teams from a distance of twelve miles.

The University of Notre Dame has conferred upon Mrs. Ellen Ryan Jolly, who first proposed the erection of a memorial to the nuns of the battlefield, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Cardinal Farley, like Cardinal Gibbons, has been elected honorary vice president of the League to Enforce Peace.

France is distinctly a Catholic land, but her Government is distinctly unchristian. The law of France prohibits official participation by the Government in religious ceremonies.

The Queen of Holland has charged Deputy Nolens, a Catholic, with the formation of a new ministry.

The late Irish Bishop O'Dwyer characterized Limerick as the most Catholic city in the world.

Lloyd George says it was the Church which had caused the British Government to drop conscription in England.

A petition, already signed by 200,000 Frenchmen, is in course of preparation for presentation to the French Chamber, asking for a resumption of relations between France and the Holy See.

Brussels, Belgium, once the beautiful capital and smaller Paris, is now greatly changed. The gay shops have disappeared; forlorn is the appearance of the city now.

In Jerusalem the Catholic soldiers of the British Army may now daily be seen on the Via Dolorosa making the Stations of the Cross.

China is preparing to send an Ambassador to the Holy See.

## Foreign Mission News

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## THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN IN THEIR NECESSITY.

As their numbers decrease the strength of the missionaries seems to increase. Numerous instances are related where with a smaller staff of workers than before the war a surprisingly large number of converts have been made. It would seem that the Holy Ghost is inspiring the faithful apostles to win souls as never before.

## DR. NIJSTERS IS TO HAVE A NEW PARISH.

Dr. Nijsters, who has been for some time Superior of the Belgian missionaries at Bacuag, Surigao, Philippines, has been made pastor of the parish of Bamay. His successor as Superior is Rev. J. Aerts.

Dr. Nijsters says there are a school and a church under construction at his new post of duty; the natives give their labor and what contributions they can, but, of course, the latter are not large. As in most places, the old church was in ruins; the people seem to like to rebuild the churches, but do not always see the need of the Catholic school. A little instruction, however, soon makes them understand the necessity of having their children well grounded in their Faith.

## THE DREADFULNESS OF CASTE.

The Church and even civilization itself—the broad civilization of the twentieth century—have a mighty task set before them in the ameliorating of the hideous caste system that enchains India and makes practical slaves of millions of her inhabitants. However talented a pariah may be, he cannot seek an employment congenial to his tastes, but is condemned to the humble service belonging to his lowly birth.

In ancient times two very low caste tribes were made to reside a long distance from the towns and were forbidden to enter after midday, lest their shadow should pollute the high castes.

Even to-day the missionaries are not able to wipe away the prejudices of centuries, and in their schools and seminaries must always consider the "untouchables." Of what use to educate a pariah for the priesthood if high class Indians refuse to touch what he has touched, Catholicity should, of course, eradicate such an unchristian spirit, but up to this date it has not done so.

Most of the converts made are of the low caste tribes, the haughty Brahmin still holding himself aloof from the true Doctrine, but if he were to be converted he could not bring himself to accept a poor pariah for a spiritual guide and father.

## A Bit of Raiment Will Be Appreciated.

Mother Agnelle, F. M. M., says of the Chinese waifs rescued in Shensi:

"We raise these little ones just as carefully as we know how, for they are to become the mothers of the future generation, and if they are well grounded in their Faith so much the better for their children."

"We would be so grateful for assistance in bringing up these waifs. Even the one item of clothing means so much to us, for cloth of every description has gone up dreadfully in price, so that it is almost impossible to get enough to cover the poor little things, especially in the cold winter. Please don't forget us when you have the smallest offering to spare, even enough to cover one wee baby. In return you will not be forgotten in our prayers."

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

## Late News of Ireland

Astoria.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, aged 61, wife of J. C. Mitchell, Easton Crescent, Belfast, was found drowned in Antrim Road Waterworks.

Clarke Murphy, J. P., Main street, Ballymoney, who has died, was an extensive cooper and sat in the U. U. for 19 years.

The death has taken place at Middletown of Mary J. Rafferty, at the age of 105.

A bazaar and fete recently held in Brownlow House, Lurgan, in aid of the Red Cross "Our Day" Fund realized £1,097.

Carlow.

Mrs. K. Tynan, The Hotel, Carlow, who has died, was mother-in-law of the late Mr. Deasy, M. P.

New J. P.—J. C. Carter, Monamoe Ballickmoyler, Carlow.

James Ward, Urcher, Ballinborough, says he has discovered coal and iron on his land at Urcher, near Ballinborough.

Most Rev. Dr. Browne has appointed Rev. M. Madden to be P. P., Charleville; Rev. P. Casey, C. C., Mallow; Rev. E. Fitzgerald, C. C., Fermoy; Rev. J. Kelleher, C. C., Buttevant; Rev. M. Bowler, C. C., Kanturk; Rev. B. Barry, C. C., Buttevant; Rev. N. Smyth, C. C., Donoughmore, Umayal.

Daniel Twomey, stationmaster, Carrigloe, has died.

Berry.

Owing to the influenza epidemic in Berry the death has taken place of a four-year-old child, whose father, mother, eight-year-old brother, aunt and another relative have already been victims of the epidemic, the whole family being wiped out inside of three weeks.

Died—At Markethill, Peter Kenny, brother of the late Rev. P. Kenny, P. P. Lissan.

T. McKelvey, Glasdrummond, Ballynahinch, won first and second prizes in his class in an All-Ireland white oats competition.

Father O'Grainain, at Castlewellan Aeridheacht, said it was the duty of all to assist in saving the language. It must be saved if Ireland was not to go under.

A large attendance of friends and members of societies to which the deceased gentleman had belonged indicated, at the funeral to Glasnevin of John Gore, solicitor, the wide esteem in which he had been held.

Seamus Courtney, Hibernian Buildings, Cork, Fianna Commandant, died at the residence of his aunt at Mount Nicholas, County Kerry.

Married—July 17, at the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, by the Rev. M. Conroy, C. C., Clane, Jerome, fourth son of late Michael O'Sullivan—Valencia to Minnie, widow of the late P. Murray, Derry, Donegal.

Prosperous (Co. Kildare) S. F. Aeridheacht held without interference, at Two-Mile-House, near Naas, sports were held in aid of funds for the local parish church—a permit, it is stated, having been obtained.

Rev. T. O'Reilly, wron of M. O'Reilly, Castlecomer, has taken the degree of Licentiate of Sacred Theology in Fribourg University.

Rev. James O'Shea, pastor of St. James', Maywood, Chicago, who is a native of Kiltully, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his priesthood recently.

Most Rev. Dr. Naughton, Bishop of Killala, opened a bazaar at Lahardane in aid of the MacHilde Memorial Church, which has been erected in the parish near the birthplace of the patriotic prelate.

Father Nolan, Army Chaplain, who was missing since May 27, has sent a card to say that he is a prisoner in Germany.