

The Word "Angelus", a Stumbling-Block.

Opponents of Daily-Prayer Bill Balk at a Word.

Christian Science "Monitor" and "Menace" Active in Opposition.

The "Christian Science Monitor" has gotten into excellent company; it is engaged in a fight in which the "Menace" is playing an active part, the fight against the "Angelus" Bill (S. R. No. 164) which has passed the Senate and is awaiting sanction in the House of Representatives; a bill, which asks all the people to pray each day for one minute for the success of our cause in the world war, on the stroke of twelve at midday. Neither the "Christian Science Monitor" nor the "Menace" can force itself to recognize the propriety of this bill which requires the saying of prayers for the purpose and at the time designated, although they do admit that petition to Almighty God is most desirable and most necessary for the success of our cause. The stumbling block is the word "Angelus" which is contained in the Bill, and the fact that the time designated for the daily prayer is the time set for Catholics for this daily act of devotion. The argument advanced against the Bill is that it is supposed to be a piece of "religious" legislation, that it savors of "sectarianism", and that it is said to be sponsored by "Roman Catholicism."

Whatever the origin of the Bill, there can be no objection to it in principle for who will contest the propriety of setting aside one minute a day to prayer? Nor can there be a valid objection to the hour, because the hour of twelve is universally considered the point of division in the business, the working day. It is the time when, most generally, men pause for the lunch hour, and when families congregate for the mid-day meal. The hour and the motive, then, are appropriate; there remains but the question of the "sectarian" character of the Bill. In this connection it may be well to look into the life of the man who introduced the Bill in the U. S. Senate, in order to see whether he might well be termed an agent of the "Romanists."

This man is the Hon. Henry L. Myers, Senator from Montana. Throughout his life, the Senator does not seem to have been unduly influenced by Catholic agencies. On the contrary, he has acquired his early training in non-Catholic institutions, his religious belief is not Catholic, and his society affiliations are anything but Catholic. According to Who's Who in America (1918-1919) Mr. Myers was born in Cooper Co., Mo., on Oct. 9, 1862. He was educated in private schools, at Cooper Institute, and at Boonville (Mo.) Academy. He practiced law at Boonville and West Plains, Mo., from 1885 to 1893, and at Hamilton, Mont., from 1893 on. In 1896 he married Nora S. Doran of Hamilton, Mont. Myers was Prosecuting Attorney of Ravalli Co., Mont., from 1895 to 1899; was member of the Montana legislature 1899-1903; served as District Judge of the Fourth Judicial District of Montana 1907-1911. Myers is serving his second term in the Senate, the first having covered the period from 1911-1917, while the present term will expire in 1923. The Senator is a Democrat, a Presbyterian, a Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Eagles, the Modern Woodmen.

Surely the Senator from Montana is not a man to be easily suspected of serving as a tool for the hated Romanists. Still the Bill is characterized by the "Menace" as an attempt to "demand that the whole people observe the Roman Catholic Angelus at noon each day," and the same paper adds that "we cannot refrain from protesting against a 'One Minute' Roman Catholic proposition. To call on the people of the United States even by implication to go to counting their beads and saying 'Hail Mary's' comes within the realms of freak legislation which it seems incredible that sane men would engage in." (No. 378.) The fact that the "Angelus" Minute Prayer is observed in the District of Columbia, which is under direct jurisdiction of Congress and the President, does not seem to have any weight; the "Menace" distorts the meaning of the proposed law and ridicules the custom already established in the District of Columbia and other sections of the country. Similarly the "Menace" in its issues No. 379, 381, 382, 384 and 385 opposes the "Angelus" Bill, because the word "Angelus" is used in the preamble, and because the Bill designates as the moment for prayer that moment at which the church-bells call the faithful to prayer in honor of the Virgin.

The "Christian Science Monitor" has also devoted much space to the "Angelus" Bill, as we have indicated. It is gratifying to note that this publication at least indicates the classes or groups, among whom it has found the most ardent support of its opposition to the measure. In a "Special to the Christian Science Monitor from its Eastern Bureau" we read: "New York, N. Y.—William S. Farmer, most worshipful grand master of the New York Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., told a representative of this bureau that he was personally opposed to the Senate resolution which has come to be known as the Roman Catholic Angelus affair. Emphasis is laid on the fact that this is Mr. Farmer's personal opinion, and was not given to this bureau as the official view of the leader of the Masonic fraternity in this state. He did, however, give permission to this bureau to say that personally he was opposed to the resolution. Protests against the resolution continue to go forward to Washington from this city and vicinity, and clergymen and laymen are becoming more alert to the real danger lying behind the resolution. Clergymen and others continue to declare their surprise that the Senate should countenance any such sectarianism as is evident in the resolution. Samuel Wilson, assistant state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey, made a gesture of emphatic protest when informed of the affair, and his reply, which is a type of others, was as follows: 'As an Anti-Saloon League official, that organization being undenominational, I have nothing to say; but as a Presbyterian I have a very strong opinion on the subject, and that is that the ritual of no denomination ought to have recognition in any branch of the federal government, and the Angelus, being, as I understand, a prayer addressed to the Virgin Mary, and not to God, is decidedly out of place in this connection.'

Many similar expressions have been used to create additional opposition against the Angelus Bill. The fight seems to be entirely too petty to deserve serious consideration.

Neither the "Christian Science Monitor" nor the "Menace" have adduced proof that the Bill, to which they object is fostered by Catholics in an organized manner. In fact, careful perusal of the Catholic press has failed to show any marked enthusiasm over the Bill, or any special efforts directed towards securing its adoption on the part of Catholics.

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REV. ALOYSIUS STRAUSS, C. S. S. R.

Funeral Attended by Bishop Hickey And Many Priests of Diocese.

The funeral of Rev. Aloysius Strauss, C. S. S. R., who died at St. Mary's Hospital, last Saturday, aged 34 years, was held at St. Joseph's Church, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D., bishop, and many of the priests of the diocese, and Redemptorist priests from this and other places assisted in the services.

The body, rested in a black casket placed at the head of the main aisle of the church. A black pall was placed over the casket and on top of this was his biretta and a stole as an evidence of his sacerdotal rank.

Rev. Joseph J. Strauss, C. S. S. R., his brother, officiated at the solemn requiem mass assisted by Rev. Peter Dietrich as deacon and Rev. Leopold Obrecht as subdeacon. Bishop Hickey vested in mitre and cope and seated on an episcopal throne to the left of the altar. Many priests were in the sanctuary.

Music was by the men's and boys' choirs of the church with Professor Charles Stupp at the organ. The solemn office of the dead was chanted by the bishop and attending priests. Rev. Florian Reichert of the faculty of the Redemptorist seminary at Esopus, N. Y., former rector of St. Joseph's church, paid a glowing tribute to the dead priest. Final absolution was by Bishop Hickey. The church was thronged with members of the congregation.

The active bearers were members of the Knight of St. Mauritius in uniform. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery where Father Strauss, brother of the deceased officiated.

United War Welfare Work.

Bishop Hickey Appoints Diocesan Committee.

A Diocesan Committee of the Diocese of Rochester has been organized by Bishop Thomas F. Hickey to represent the National Catholic War Council in the nation-wide united war work campaign, which is to be conducted in behalf of welfare work from November 11th to 18th.

Wherever war chests have been raised, as in Rochester, there will be no active campaign of solicitation but publicity will be given to the progress of the campaign. War chests have already been organized in Auburn, Elmira, Brockport, Rochester, Geneva, Seneca Falls, Waterloo, Corning, Hornell, Owego, Waverly, Ithaca, Genesee, Penn Yan and Canandaigua.

Besides two aids for each parish, one lay and one cleric, and the episcopal cabinet of seven, who will act as chairmen and direct the work of diocesan sub-committees, various committees will be established in every county of the diocese under the general direction of the five deans, the deans of which will act as general chairmen.

According to this plan the following organization has been effected for the diocese of Rochester with each parish priest as honorary chairman and organizer of his parochial unit: Diocesan aids, Rev. J. Francis O'Hern and Eugene J. Dwyer; episcopal cabinet, W. E. Maloney, G. T. Roche, Joseph Fritsch, jr., Chief of Police Joseph M. Quigley, W. C. Barry, Frank X. Kelly and John L. Keenan, all for Monroe deanery, with Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, as general chairman.

Rev. J. W. Hendrick, chairman of Geneva deanery; Rev. John J. Hickey, chairman of Auburn deanery; Rev. James J. Blosser, chairman of Elmira deanery, and Rev. Francis J. Naughton, chairman of Hornell deanery. Each county will have the following committees: Organization, publicity, speakers, victory boys, victory girls, agricultural and industrial.

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Foreign Mission News

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

"There is no work which if the object and the dignity of the end be considered has more claims on our sympathy and support than the Propagation of the Faith. It is pre-eminently Catholic, seeking as it does to bring the saving truths of Christianity to the nations which have been given to Jesus Christ as His inheritance. It aims solely to open up new fields to the Gospel message, which was given to all peoples for all times."

CARDINAL FARLEY.

There seems to be need of dentists as well as of physicians in India. Four or five dentists are working in the Madras Presidency for nearly forty million people. Only the rich can enjoy their services. The natives, living on rice, keep their teeth better and longer than Americans. If perchance one of their teeth gets decayed, the natives try to secure gratis the services of the first person they meet.

Mgr. Rey, Archbishop of Tokio, says that about all the old obstacles remain in his district, with Shintoism always a menace, but that the priests and nuns now present in the field never worked with greater fervor, and their zeal is producing fruit.

LET US ENCOURAGE A YOUNG NATIVE APOSTLE.

A young native priest who merits our help and consideration is Fr. Thomas, of St. Roque's Parish, Royapuram, Madras. As a student in the Papal Seminary at Kandy, Ceylon, he used to send many interesting articles to America describing that institution and its needs.

He has now become a full-fledged priest and has been sent to help in the Madras district. He possesses an excellent command of English and seems to be one of the promising native apostles so much needed in the mission countries. A little gift now and then would encourage him, for most of the native clergy reach the altar only after a heroic struggle with prejudice and poverty.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR A MILLIONAIRE TO COME FORWARD.

When we have a reputation like this it ought to make us burn to live up to it. Unfortunately we are not all blessed with superabundant riches, but many of us can spare an offering that seems minuscule to a poor missionary.

Fr. H. A. Gogarty, C. S. Sp., is a clever apostle in Nairobi, B. E. Africa, and his brief letter is as follows:

"In spite of difficulties we are doing well. When will this awful war cease? The world is brought to a standstill.

"It seems a desperate thing to ask, but if you know of any kind American millionaire—everyone is a millionaire in America—who would be willing to send a medium-power motor-bicycle (3-1-2 h.p.) to Africa, mention my name to him!"

WHEN FRIENDS MEET.

Father Merkes of Guntur, India, refers to a visit he made to Father Aelen in the following lines: "I enjoyed my stay with him, admiring his great work and the work of the Dutch Sisters. How dear such a place must be to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is an oasis in the heathen desert of India. And for the greater part, after the grace of God, it is the result of American generous interest in the foreign missions. May the good God reward and bless all our benefactors."

He does not speak of the other men in isolated places where the heat of the jungle and loneliness tend to sap their strength and warp their enthusiasm. In these places a man needs a friend and the prayers of the multitude to help him keep his mental balance.

Late News of Ireland

Cavan.

E. Cavan S. Fein—Executive has decided to present testimonials to Rev. M. O'Flanagan, C. C. Crossna, and Rev. Dr. Browne, Maynooth College, for their services during E. Cavan election.

The death is announced of the Rev. W. Motherway, rector of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Chorley. A native of Co. Cork, the late Father Motherway was a brother of M. Motherway, Castle-martyr.

A private company with a nominal capital of £2,000 has been registered with the title of the Carrigaloe Slipway and Boat-building Co.

The members of the various staffs presented J. Beggs, overseer, composing department, Daily Express, with a silver tea set on the occasion of his marriage.

The late Mr. Allen of Monkstown, left £37,804.

Married—August 24, at St. Joseph's Berkeley street, by the Rev. J. J. Dempsey, John Vincent Finn, M. T., Norfolk road, to Mary Patricia Morgan, Arranmore avenue.—August 21, at Goldenbridge Church, Dublin, by the Rev. Father O'Ryan, Richard P. Kearney, son of Philip Kearney, 17 Geraldine street, Dublin, to Helena, youngest daughter of the late James Doran, 30 South Circular road, Kilmalnam.

The following were professed in the Passionist Church, The Grand, Enniskillen: Confraters, Peter Paul Boyle, Gilford; Enda Nevin, Carrocree, County-Galway; Terence Barrett, Castlebar; Daniel McCloskey, Strabane; Bede Devine, Portadown; Cormac Healy, Whitehouse, Belfast; Dominic McMullen and Osmond Thorpe, Dublin; Benignus McKenna, Armagh. Very Rev. Father John McMullan, Provincial, officiated and preached the sermon.

F. B. O'Toole, son of Mr. O'Toole, auctioneer, Coolayne, Carbury, has been admitted a solicitor, and intends to do business in Edenderry.

The death has taken place at the St. John of God Convent, Wexford, of Mother Mary Philip Barron, who was a native of County Kilkenny.

A contribution of £38 towards the National Defence Fund is intimated from Kilmac, Kings County, making the laborers what union they should join.

At the Presentation Convent, Cashel, the Archbishop of Cashel received into religion Miss Kathleen Bugler (Sister M. Patrick), second daughter of H. Bugler, Rivers House, Annacotty, Limerick.

The death has taken place of Rev. C. F. Maher, who was invalided home from Egypt in 1917 after spending about 12 months with the troops.

Mary Corcoran, who was granted a vacant cottage at Kilmore, told Granard D. C. that she had been engaged in farm work all her life.

Canon D'Alton, P. P., presided at a Bellinrobe meeting, which unanimously protested against the amalgamation of the local Union pending imminent reform of the Poor Laws.

Tipperary No. 1 D. C. expressed sorrow at the death of M. M'Cor-mack, D. C., Kilmoss.

Very Rev. Canon M'Mahon, P. P., V. G., Nenagh, has been re-elected chairman N. Tipperary Technical Committee.

There will be about 16,500 votes on the new Parliamentary register for N. Tipperary. On the old register there were 5,555 votes.

A London firm is in communication with the Waterford Town Clerk respecting the shipbuilding possibilities of the port.

Interesting Notes Of Catholic Affairs.

Mother Marianne, the last of the Sisters of Syracuse, N. Y., who went to the leper colony in Molekai in the Hawaiian Islands, died there at the age of 82 years. They were heroic American Sisters.

Bishop Glass, of Salt Lake, has instructed the pastors of his diocese to ground their instructions to the faithful, each Sunday and holiday of obligation, on the questions and answers of the Little Baltimore Catechism.

Bishop Walsh, of Trenton, has contributed \$500 toward the \$100,000 drill hall on the Catholic University grounds.

An 118x61 feet, 3-story addition to St. Mary's Hospital, Gary, Ind., is in course of construction.

Last month the Knights of Columbus entertained the wounded Belgian soldiers in St. Albert's Hospital, London, at a luncheon.

In an official letter Bishop Morris of Little Rock approves strongly and urges strenuously of his priests acting "in the capacity of Four Minute Men."

The late Clarence Brown, a prominent attorney of Toledo, generously remembered in his will various Catholic institutions to the extent of \$120,000.

Sergt. Father Pierre Richard, of the French Army, will, as an expert on wireless telegraphy, teach it at Camp Meade, Md.

The Sisters of St. Joseph, in France, have eight ambulances in constant communication with the battlefields and stations, from which the wounded are taken to the hospitals.

Bishop Muldoon, the head of the National Catholic War Council, has offered the Government the Sisters of the Church for work as nurses.

The Bishop of Clonfert, Dr. Gilmartin, has been appointed Archbishop of Tuam, Ireland.

The process in the Cause of the Beatification of Pope Pius IX is progressing in Rome.

At the front in France about thirty shells fell around a convent home for the poor. All Sisters and their charges were gathered in a lower room. On a little table with crucifix burnt a blessed candle. As the shells exploded, the Sisters continued the recitation of the Rosary. Gradually the storm of shells shifted elsewhere. No one was hurt; all were grateful to God.

Chateau Thierry, in France, is a pretty place on the Marne, and has its church dedicated to St. Crispin. Its ruined castle was probably built by Charles Martel.

Princess Anne of Prussia and Landgravine of Hesse, a friend of Belgium, is dead at the age of 82 years.

When, at the close of the nations' war, affairs shall have been adjusted, it is the intention of his Holiness Benedict XV to put into force all the regulations of his predecessor, Pius X. regarding Church music. He is reported as having recently said: "Song in church should be prayer."

Lord Justice Thomas Francis Molony has been appointed Lord Chief Justice of Ireland.

The Bishop of Capernaum in the Holy Land, Mgr. Barlasina, has been appointed by the Pope Auxiliary Patriarch of Jerusalem.

The Archdiocese of St. Boniface, Canada, has just celebrated its centenary; it was civic and religious.