

## THE PROPAGANDA FOR FEDERAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS.

### Adjournment of Congress Offers Only a Respite.

#### Provisions of the Smith-Towner Bill.

The recent adjournment of the Sixty-Fifth Congress has postponed but not removed the danger represented by the movement directed towards the establishment of federal control of schools. We may well assume that the propaganda conducted by the promoters of this movement will not be influenced materially by the recess thus afforded. Their activity was illustrated anew by the introduction in Congress, at a late date in the session, of a new bill, making more stringent the original Smith Bill favoring federal control.

The notorious Hoke Smith bill has "a little brother," as Father P. L. Blakely, S. J., expresses himself in "America." The name is Towner H. R. 15400, which purports "to create a Department of Education." Mr. H. M. Towner hails from Iowa, but his bill is as vicious as that of Hoke Smith of Georgia. In fact the clamorous supporters of the Smith bill, viz. the National Education Association and the Bureau of Education, announced that the new bill contains certain amendments, which appeared necessary on account of bad features of the Smith bill, and that the enthusiastic patrons of the latter had agreed to adopt these Towner amendments.

The Towner bill seeks to establish federal control of education, i. e. a Department of Education with a Secretary, equal in rank to the secretaries of other Government Departments. The Secretary is to have a salary of \$12,000, and a host of assistants. The bill appropriates \$100,000,000 annually, the first payment to be made at the end of the scholastic year 1920, to encourage the educational work in the single States, on condition that the States shall have enacted and enforced adequate compulsory school-attendance laws and shall have made the basic language of instruction in the common school branches in all schools, public, private and parochial, the English language only. No part of this appropriation may be used in any way for a religious or privately endowed, owned or conducted school or college.

A circular of the Natl. Education Association claims indeed that this bill leaves the administration and control of education to the States, but the bill demands in unmistakable terms that the Secretary of Education will devise an auditing system and that a Federal auditor will examine the accounts kept by the States. Courses of studies must be submitted to the high authority in Washington, and moneys will be controlled by the same high secretary, to whom reports must be made in detail. If these provisions are carried out, what will remain for the States to do, and what will be left of State control?

This paternalism is camouflaged by five lofty purposes, highly lauded by the N. E. A. The purposes are ostensibly: 1) to encourage the eradication of illiteracy, appropriation \$7,500,000; 2) to encourage Americanization of foreigners, appropriation \$7,500,000; 3) to encourage equalization of educational opportunities and teachers' salaries, appropriation \$50,000,000; 4) to encourage physical and health education, appropriation \$20,000,000; and 5) to provide for preparing and supplying better teachers, appropriation \$20,000,000.

Reference is made in the propaganda literature to other nations such as France, Italy, and England, with the suggestion that America must imitate these nations. In England, however, the Fischer bill, which is praised as an advanced measure, has met with great opposition and was radically changed before its final adoption. France, with its brutal attacks on the freedom of education in this regard, is not a fit model for America nor is Italy. In fact the Smith-Towner bill out-Bismarcks Bismarck's attempt at controlling education in Prussia.

The propaganda conducted by the N. E. A. has assumed vast proportions. Mr. Crabtree, Secretary of the N. E. A. reports with great satisfaction that Hugh S. Magill, Field Secretary of the National Educational Association, gives his hearty endorsement. Further, Mr. L. V. Lampion, National Organizer, American Federation of Teachers, approves of "the Smith Bill as amended by Rep. Towner." The American Federation of Labor has been marched out repeatedly in favor of Federal Centralization of Education. The latest endorsement has been given the movement by Henry Sterling, Legislative Representative of the Federation.

"School Life"—a Government publication, dedicated as it seems to the project of Federalized control of education—boasts of other endorsements. But we have reason to doubt the accuracy of at least some of them. Mr. Crabtree states, for instance, that every day he receives resolutions and letters from Michigan, but does not say whether they are all in favor of or opposed to a Federal monopoly of schools, while, as a matter of fact, at least two magazines published in Michigan, viz. "American Schoolmaster" and "Moderator Topics" express their doubts and great apprehension concerning the entire proposition.

How insistent the propaganda is, may be seen from the policy advocated by the N. E. A. that each State adopt a program along the lines of that of the Federal Government and press all the "force that can be put behind it upon the legislature." It requires no great stretch of the imagination to associate with this policy the belief that the bigotry evidenced in Michigan and Nebraska are in line with this Federal plan.

Results of such pressure were probably the memorial sent by the Oregon Legislature to Senator Chamberlain; also the action in Iowa where the House endorsed the Smith bill while the Senate rejected it. All this indicates a spirit of propaganda similar to that resorted to in securing the adoption of the

Prohibition amendment. It is reported that at least in four Legislatures the vote in favor of Prohibition was directly against the desire and will of their constituents.

It is imperative that the freedom of education, endangered by these attempts at federal control, be safe-guarded. It will therefore be necessary to watch the propaganda and to keep a vigilant eye on the State Legislatures, a number of which may declare for federal control of the entire school system of the country. Legislators should be advised of the sentiments of their constituents in this vital question.

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## K. of C. State Convention To Be Held at Geneva.

### Memorial Service Planned for Members Who Gave Lives.

Geneva, N. Y., March 18th.—Stephen J. Sweeney, chairman of the Knights of Columbus executive committee for the state-convention of the knights, announces that a meeting of the various chairmen recently appointed and the executive committee have decided upon May 27-29 as the dates for the convention.

The convention will open with solemn high mass at St. Stephen's Church, a grand ball will be given by fourth and third degree members on different nights and a public memorial service in memory of members of the order from this state who made the supreme sacrifice will be held in the opera house.

It was expected that prominent men will participate in the memorial service.

## Bishop Hickey Attends Installation of Archbishop Hayes.

The Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes was formally installed archbishop of New York at ceremonies which were held in St. Patrick's Cathedral in that city at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey of this city attended the services. Because this is the Lenten season the services were simple, although when the pallium arrives some time after Easter an elaborate ceremony will take place with virtually all of the American hierarchy present.

The Most Rev. John Bonzano, apostolic delegate to the United States, presided at Wednesday's installation and acted as the pope's representative. More than 1,000 priests of the archdiocese knelt and kissed the episcopal ring, at the same time swearing allegiance to the new head of the archdiocese.

## Double Funeral For Sisters Killed in Auto Wreck.

Canandaigua, March 18.—A double funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church Tuesday morning over the remains of Margaret and Mildred Fogarty, sisters fatally injured in the Johnson crossing fatality. Rev. M. B. Groden celebrated a solemn high mass of requiem, with Rev. James T. Dougherty as deacon and Rev. P. A. Neville of East Bloomfield, subdeacon.

Pall bearers for Margaret Fogarty were James Ransom, Howard Gourlay, Louis Ryan, Edward Mahoney and Arthur Erskine, all of Victor, and Clinton Ardell of Canandaigua. For Mildred Fogarty the bearers were Leo Crowley, Fred and John Clarke, John Crowley and William Mulheon, all of Victor, and Fred Harendsen of Shortsville.

## Foreign Mission New

The Propagation of the Faith Society, 513 Lexington Ave., New York City

### THE SITUATION IS ACUTE IN THE BELGIAN CONGO.

The war seems to be having its aftermath, and troubles incident to it are not yet ended for the mission.

The expected expulsion of the German priests from China has already been reported. A similar condition exists in Africa according to Bishop Gabriel Grison, of Stanley Falls, in the Belgian Congo. He writes:

"The Government has decided on the expulsion of the German missionaries in my Vicariate, and the loss of them will be a hard blow for the mission, as many of the French priests were recalled by the war, and the Belgian seminaries, being without students, send us no new priests. In 1914, the district had thirty-seven active workers. We are now only sixteen priests, some of whom are aged and nearly worn out by their long stay in this unhealthy climate. Some of the chaplains will return, now that war is ended, but even so, I shall be obliged to suppress three posts, which were giving great promise.

"The situation here is therefore acute, and I recommend our mission to the prayers of the faithful."

### NO FLOUR WITH WHICH TO MAKE THE SACRED HOST IN AFRICA.

A hungry stomach has no ears, it is said, and therefore we should not expect the poor people of the Liberia Free State, W. Africa, to adopt our religion in satisfactory numbers until we have fed them. Very Rev. Oge, L. Af. M., has only great misery to report from Sasstown.

"The influenza has visited us, of course, but it did not claim so many victims here as elsewhere, for the reason that famine had already carried away most of the population. The mission can distribute no more rations of rice because it has no more. The priests, moreover, cannot even give Communion to the poor sufferers, who have so much need of spiritual support, as they have no flour with which to make the Altar Bread. The Host used at Mass is no larger than a penny-piece, and the wine is doled out in the same proportion. Soon we will not have even these articles."

### John McCormack, Irish Tenor, Becomes U. S. Citizen.

John McCormack, the tenor, whose income tax last year topped Caruso's by \$16,000, became an American citizen on March 17, renouncing his allegiance to King George. The naturalization ceremony was conducted by Victor J. Dowling, justice of the Supreme Court in New York City. Two years ago the tenor received his first papers of citizenship in Philadelphia. The tenor is 34 years old. He came to America in 1904 and was first presented in opera to New York by Oscar Hammerstein in the Manhattan Opera House.

### ARCHBISHOP DOWLING TO BE INSTALLED MARCH 25.

The installation of Bishop Austin Dowling of Des Moines, Archbishop-elect of St. Paul, will take place at the St. Paul Cathedral on March 25th. This has been announced by Rev. James C. Byrne, vicar-general of the archdiocese.

## Catholic Short Notes.

The comparatively new diocese of Baker City, Oregon, comprises about 68,000 square miles.

The mosaic presented the President by the Sovereign Pontiff Benedict XV, was a reproduction of Guido Reni's painting of St. Peter's. Its value is estimated at \$40,000.

The Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, of the Southwestern Province, at San Antonio, Texas, have been assigned charge of the Cathedral of St. Louis, in New Orleans.

The University of Innsbruck was founded in the days of St. Ignatius by the Blessed Peter Canisius, one of the original founders of the Society of Jesus, in 1562. Not far from Innsbruck is Oberammergau.

The assassinated President of Portugal was a God-fearing, staunch Catholic.

His Holiness, the Pope, will have to regulate many ecclesiastical conditions growing out of the results of the war, especially the status of the Church in Alsace and Lorraine.

Cardinal Mercier, in a letter to Cardinal Logue, pleads for the freedom of Ireland.

The President of France, M. Poincare, will visit the United States in June or early July.

Bishop Layinski of Minsk, now staying at Vilna, reports that the priests of Vilna are in momentary expectation of assassination by the Bolsheviks.

The Quigley Seminary now in course of building, is providing an open lunch room to furnish 500 students with meals at about 16 cents cost. The cafeteria opened lately.

The parochial school children of the diocese of Buffalo sold \$156,435.60 of "Thrift Stamps."

The St. Mary Training School at Des Plaines, in its new printing shop is furnishing an alphabetical list of 60,000 contributors to the Associated Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Last year the enrollment in St. Mary's Theological Seminary, Baltimore, was 412, representing 21 nationalities and 48 dioceses. The Sulpician Fathers have the seminary in charge.

The Italian Minister of War declines to demobilize the thousands of priests in military service by compulsion, saying no exception can be made in their case, and, "besides the wounded and sick soldiers have still need of their religious and moral assistance."

The re-entry of Mgr. Camassei, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, after a year's exile, was a most solemn one in the Holy City. The people filled the streets to greet him, all the ecclesiastical orders were in the procession, as also all the officials of the city. The Patriarch walked under a canopy; on his right walked the English Military Governor of Bethlehem, and other prominent officials. The procession proceeded to the Holy Sepulchre, there the Te Deum was sung and addresses made.

The oldest inn or hotel in Germany is in the pre-Roman town of Mittenburg, in the Main-Rhein valley. As early as the year 1158 Emperor Frederick I. lodged in it several times.

## Late News of Ireland

Armagh  
His Eminence Cardinal Logue has been pleased to make the following appointments in the Diocese of Armagh: Rev. Michael Rafferty, C. C., Carrickmore, to be C. C., Magherafelt; and Rev. John Carragher, C. C., Magherafelt, to be C. C., Carrickmore.

Clare  
Killaloe amnesty meeting was very representative. Father Spain, C. C., who presided, insisted that the men interned were guilty of no offense. Other speakers included Councillor Kellegher, Limerick; Prof. O'Sullivan, Carlow, and Messrs. Irvine and Forde, Limerick.

Cork  
Married—January 21, 1919, at St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, Blarney, by the Very Rev. Canon Barrett, D. D., assisted by Rev. Father J. G. Gilmartin, C. M., and Rev. Father Whelan, C. C., Dr. Cornelius J. Lenahan, only son of the late Timothy Lenahan, Chapel place, Buttervant, to Annie, elder daughter of William Cronin, Knocknasuff, Blarney.

Derry  
A great meeting in St. Columba's Hall, Derry, was presided over by Rev. Walter O'Neill. The Rev. Chairman said the Ulster rebels were given the highest positions in the Government, but there was nothing but fellow beds for men who strove to right the wrongs of Ireland. Every other nation had released political prisoners and if there was shame in England she would do so too.

Dublin  
Dr. E. P. Eustace, Parbell Square, has been appointed medical attendant to St. Xavier's Boys' Orphanage.

Galway  
Very Rev. Father Fidella, O. F. M., lecturing under the auspices of Galway Trade and Labor Council, said the development of democracy in recent years was largely due to the Church's education of the masses and the facility with which she threw herself into the struggle on the side of the workers. When the feudal system arose, Ireland was independent and, although serfdom existed, it was not brought to the same degradation as in other countries.

Kings  
Countess Plunkett and Father Burbage, B. D., Ganahill, were the principal speakers at the protest meeting in Tullamore, which was largely attended. P. J. Birmingham, Chairman, King's Co. Council, presided.

Limerick  
The death has occurred in England of Very Rev. Mgr. Shanahan, Thorn-by-on-Tees, brother of the late Very Rev. Dean Shanahan, Limerick; the Rev. D. Shanahan, who recently resigned the pastoral charge at St. Mary's, Limerick, owing to falling health.

Maye  
Rev. D. Gliden, C. C., Foxford, recently transferred from Ballaghaderreen, has been the recipient of an address from the people of the latter parish.

Rosecommon  
Mrs. Margaret Shanahan, mother of Sister M. Evagelina, O. S. F., Drumshanbo; Sister M. St. Rose, O. S. F., Drumshanbo; and Sister M. Blandina, Mercy Convent, Rosecommon, died at the residence of her son, P. Shanahan, Co. C., Corbally, Tullak, Waterford.

Waterford  
Rev. R. A. Durand, Parson St. Waterford, was recently ordained priest for diocese of Dundee by Most Rev. Dr. Hackett.