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Government Publications, Daily Press And Teachers' Organizations Used To Further Smith-Towner Bill.

THE ACTION OF CATHOLICS IN ENGLAND REGARDING OBJECTIONABLE EDUCATION BILLS.

The interest taken in the propaganda conducted by the with friendly eyes and gives National Educational Association in favor of S. 5635, a re- them financial support. vised version of the Hoke-Smith Bill for the creation of a Federal Department of Education, by "School Life," a Government publication, has been noted. Propaganda for the Bill, which aims at the establishment of federal control of Smith-Towner Bill must be deschools, is also conducted in a publication named "American feated and similar bills be made ization," particularly in the issue of March 1st 1919, which is to share its fate. The propaganda No. 7 of vol. 1; likewise in The Vocational Summary, partic- carried on by the N. E. A. in faularly in the issue of March 1st 1919, No. II of volume 1. Both publications, it seems, are devoted to this same scheme of Federal control of all education. The comparative newness of these publications—they are not older than the agitation in question-and the fact that they are published from Government funds, prompt the question: By what right and with new material on the Smith-Townwhat money is this propaganda of the N. E. A. being carried er bill, directed against the freeon in Government publications?

The N. E. A. has also made extensive use of the daily press for its purposes, even the Spanish daily paper "La Prensa" (issue of April 9th) sings the praises of this most recent national movement (El ultimo movimiento nationalista).

N. E. A. Makes Use of Teachers' Organizations. In addition to the previously mentioned characteristics | Lieut-Governor To Make Address of the N. E. A. propaganda denoting a measure of fanaticism we must note the unscrupulous whipping into line of all who. under some title or other, can be reached. The N. E.A. began a campaign to secure 10,000 new members in order to obtain money for the passage of the bill; the association appointed a Field Secretary in the person of Pres. D. B. Waldo of the State Normal School of Kalamazoo, Mich. This gentleman is completed and the Executive supposed to devote half of his time-all of which should be Committee announced that Gendevoted to his work at the State Normal School-to the work of the N. E. A. Here is an item gleaned from the "Detroit Free Press" (Apr. 29th) which illustrates the methods used to bring the teachers into line:

'Co-operating with the campaign instituted by the National Educational Association to procure the backing of the Company B will escort the teachers' associations throughout the country for the Smith- Lieutenant Governor. The dis-Towner bill, which will be introduced at the next session of Congress, a Detroit committee to promote the interests of the measure has been named by Frank Cody, acting superintendent of schools.

The bill is an amended form of the Hoke-Smith bill. submitted in 1918. It provides for a national department of their state officials and delegates. education, with a secretary at its head. An annual appropria- W. Smith O'Brien, former city tion of \$100,000,000 is called for, with a like appropriation attorney, will act as chairman of from the States.

"On the Detroit committee, which will hold its first be held in the Strand Theater meeting Wednesday afternoon...are: Miss Rachel McKinney, pres. of Detroit Teachers' Association; Arthur Lederle. pres. of Detroit Schoolmen's club; William Curtis, principal of Woodrow Wilson school; LaVerne Mann, principal of Eastern high; Warren Frye, house principal at Northern high; H. H. Porter, of Western high; W. A. Allmendinger, of Greenfield Park school; Irwin Van Tassel, house principal at Northeastern high, and William C. Doolittle, of Northwestern high." A Foretaste of Complete National Control.

This item refers to the agitation carried on in only one State. But from the plan of the propaganda clearly enuntiated in the literature sent out by the N.E.A., we may be sure that teachers in other States also feel the sting of the goad. These very methods are a foretaste of those that may be expected under Federal control, when the teachers would be mere puppets and tools of the Government.

Catholics Must Assert Rights of Parents.

Will the propaganda with its disastrous effects engulf the country? It will, unless a carefully prepared, active counter-propaganda is at once inaugurated. The National Catholic ter McGuire and Lieutenant War Council has sounded a keynote in its "Social Reconstruc- Thomas J. Coursey. The naval tion" program in an important sentence touching upon this danger: "We want neither class division in education nor a State monopoly of education." The rights of parents, their inalienable right to educate their childern, rights based on VanNorthwick. The Knights of the essential duties of parents, must be asserted. The rights Columbus division will be in of the Church, as set forth so beautifully and majestically in charge of Grand Knight Robert the New Code of Canon Law, must be upheld. This is admir- J. Wyatt, Daniel Kane, Leo Leably done in the recent Pastoral Letter on "The Necessity of Brun, A. C. Cowan, T. Edward Christian Education' by the scholarly Bishop, Rt. Rev. Fer- Bickle, M. S. Kelleher, Louis H. dinand Brossart of Covington.

The Example of English Catholics."

The N. E. A. and its blind following have been shouting their aims and claims through the megaphone, in order to silence the expressions of common sense of American citizens. Some of their hearers have been awed or hypnotized into silence by this vast noise. It is time therefore to arouse ourselves and to assert our God-given rights From London, England, comes a letter to the "America" of New York (see issue of May 3, p. 100), expressing great surprise that the large body of American Catholics has not yet accomplished what the small numbers of English Catholics have been able to do. A vigorous agitation was begun against a dangerous 112,450 votes, being 39.3 education bill by the Westminster Catholic Federation, and of the total number cast. the bill was ultimately killed. Two other attempts were made which met with the same fate. "Now, W. P. Mara, the "America's" correspondent, concludes, "I would most respectfully urge that if this could be accomplished in a country acknowledged the right of Cathlike this with comparatively a handful of Catholics, what olic orphans to be brought up in sught the mighty force of Catholics do in the United States?" the religion of their parents.

We suggest that the reader note how this statement, coming from London, shows up the implication advanced by the N.E.A. (N.E.A. Bulletin, April 19, p.15) that the Fisher Bill in England is in effect the same as the Smith-Towner Bill. As a matter or fact, England regards private schools Defeat \$ 5685.

The logical conclusion from these considerations is that the vor of Federal control of Schools

ly and strongly opposed. (Note): This is the second of a series of three articles containing dom of education. The third article will appear next week.

should also be prudently, patient-

C. B. of the C. V. K. OF C. CONVENTION

At Geneva.

Geneva, May 23.-Plans for the Knights of Columbus convention, which will convene in this city next week, are fast being eral William Wilson, of this city, will be the grand marshal of the parade on next Tuesday evening. The parade will take on the appearance of a military affair, as charged military and naval men will act as escort to Father Francis Kelly, the "Fighting Chaplain," and the Knights of Columbus councils will be the escort of

the memorial meeting which will and will be addressed by Lieutenant-Governor Walker. Father Kelly and M.J. Larkin, state dep. uty, will make addresses. It was expected that Governor Smith would be present, but the committee received word that it would be impossible for him to come to Geneva at this time.

The committee requests that all service men in this county and vicinity be present and take part in the parade. As the parade and meeting is so close to Memorial Day, it will take on the feature of a memorial. The military division will be in charge of Lieutenant Joseph F. Dryer, Lieutenant Joseph Myler, Lieutenant J. Lesdivision will be in charge of Ensign Francis McGrain, assisted by George W. O'Malley and W.J. Guard, John P. Rice and Red mond A. Toole.

Recently the Socialists endeavored to overthrow the Government of Holland. The Catholics of that country rallied to the res-

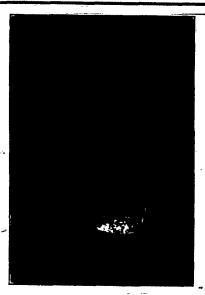
In the recent elections in Germany the Socialists polled 11,-112,450 votes, being 39.3 per cent

The French Government has

Silver Jubilee of Rev. A. A. Hughes.

On Monday morning of the current week at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, pastor of the Holy Rosary church, Lexington avenue, celebrated the twentyfifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Solemn high mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Hughes, assisted by his former classmates, Rev. J. F.Galvin of Albany, Rev. A:M:Dwyer of Binghamton, Rev V. L. Quirk and Edwin Meaghan, master of ceremonies. Right Rev. Thomas F. Hickey Bishop of Rachester, occupied the throne, assisted by Right Rev. D. J. Cur-V. G., Right Rev. J. J. Hartley, D. D., and Very Rev. A. B. Meehan, D.D.L., as deacons of honor. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco, Rev. J. O'Hern and Rev. P. A. Neville, and many priests of this and other dioceses were present.



Rev. A. A. Hughes.

Bishop Hickey delivered a sermon in which he paid a glowing tribute to Father Hughes. Following the morning services the ciergy and relatives of the rector sat down to a dinner in the rectory. In the evening an enjoyable entertainment was given by children of the school at which a varied program was presented. In the course of the evening a generous purse was presented to the priest by members of the parish,

Father Hughes was ordained May 19, 1894, in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the late Bishop Mc-Quaid. For six years he was assistant rector of the cathedral and chaplain of the Sacred Heart academy. In 1900 he assumed the pastorate of St. Mary's church, Geneseo, where he remained fourteen years. In 1914, following the sudden death of the Rev. James H. Day, he assumed the pastorate of Holy Rosary church.

Since Father Hughes' coming to Holy Rosary parish extensive improvements have been made. The new church and rectory in Spanish mission style were erected at the cost of \$65,000; the old church remodeled into a school hall at a cost of nearly \$15,000; a lot, at the southwest corner of Lexington and Oriole streets purchased to which the old rectory was transferred; a splendid pipe organ recently installed for which the people contributed \$5,000. The total receipts for the last five years in the Holy Rosary, parish

have amounted to \$115,037.65. A banquet was tendered Father Hughes on Tuesday evening by the alumni of Holy Rosary school. which more than 150 alumni and pupils of the school attended. Leon Hart acted as toastmaster, Rev. B. L. Quirk spoke on "The Occasion," and Rev. A. A. Hughes spoke on Reminiscences, Rev. Father Glavin, of Albany, who was present as a guest, spoke on 'Catholic Schools." During the dinner Rev. Hughes was presented by the alumni with a solid gold chain and solid gold Knights of Columbus fourth degree charm.

Father Hughes is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hughes of 106 Tremont street, who last July anniversary.

Catholic Short Notes

In Washington, at 47 Protestant churches and 35 theaters, on hin. two recent Sundays, the total attendance was, at the churches, 15,000; at the theaters, 38,000.

The reading of a portion of the Bible in the public schools of Atlanta, Ga., before beginning classes, has been discontinued, the of Walshtown dispensary. Youghnew Board of Education being op- al Guardians appointed Dr. D. J. posed to any form of compulsory Murphy to No. 2 dispensary disreligion.

In Germany alone, the Knights of Columbus have ten huts.

The influenza destroyed the Indian population of Cross Lake, district. near Winnipeg. There were no physicians near to give aid,

Rt. Rev. Dr. Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, was educated at Mundeath is also announced in Ceck gret, Limerick, Ireland, and at of Mr. Twomey, a prominent the American College, Rome. The Propaganda conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology.

The Catholics of the United States will give Marshal Foch of France a royal welcome when he visits this country.

At Columbus, Ohio, Representative John E. Barnes proposed to the House Committee on dent. After an hour the police schools to conduct all religious not known, but it is presumed to and "sectarian" instruction out- have been for arms. side of regular school hours.

open a high school at Evansville, Gælic League to determine the

The estate of the Catholic University, Washington, is valued at \$4,127,254.68. Last year's diocesan collections amounted to \$100,-719.10. Several prelates donated generous sums; Cardinal Gibbons gave \$10,000.

The United States has recognized the provisional government of the Republic of Poland with Paderewski, the famous pianist, as Premier.

In the College of the Propaganda, Rome, the course of philosophy has just been extended to three years instead of two.

Cardinal de Cabrieres, Bishop of Montpellier, France, is nearly ninety years old.

The Brazilian Minister at the Vatican has been raised to the rank of Ambassador by his Republican Government.

One of Reuben's paintings val ued at \$100,000, more or less, was destroyed in the burning of the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier, at Chicoutini, Quebec, recently, It was Reuben's "Constantine: begging absolution from St. Ambrose." The Cathedral was valued at \$350,000.

Flowers and Plants

for Memorial Day, Rochester Floral Co., successors to H. P. Neun, now in our new location, No. 9 North Street, next doer to Sibley's North street entrance. Phone Stone 798. Main 1929-Adv.

Carlow

Mother Teresa O'Neill Presen tation Convent, Carlow, who has died, was a native of Bodenstewn. celebrated their fiftieth wedding Co. Kildare. She had reached her 77th year, and was a jubilarist.

Died-At Grange House, Tullow, Charles Francis McNally. At Tullow street, Carlow, William M. Douglas. Interment at Killes-

The Earl of Devon and Lord Dunraven have presented valuable cups to the Newcastle-West Show.

Midleton Guardians elected Dr. Peter M. Murphy medical officer trict and Dr. T. Kennedy medical officer of the workhouse. The salary of the chaplain was increased from £100 to £125,

Fermoy Guardians appointed Dr. Nolan to Ballynee dispensery

Waiter Ronan, a well known Cork solicitor, has died. He was brother of Lord Justice Roman, to whom he acted as Registrar. The young solicitor,

Dublin L. J. Curtin, M. D., has been appointed on the staff of the Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital.

St. Joseph's Blind Asylum. Drumcondra, was raided by the police and detectives recently. The entire buildings, including the monastery, workshops and asylum, were searched by deter tives in charge of a superinten-Schools a bill requiring parochial left. The object of the search is

Professor Eoin MacNeill presided at a meeting in the Mansion The Holy Cross Brothers will House under the suspices of the future position of the Irish language in Irish education.

Limerick John Mahony has died Knockroe, Kilteely, He was proteinently associated with the '67 Movement. He was 86. At the funeral a wreath was sent by the Surviving members of the Kilteely and Pallas Fenian Organimation."

Hayo M. J. Sheridan, Boholan, who had been a member of Swinford Guardians and District Council for 51 years, has died. Died-At Newport street.

Westport, Michael Duffy, aged 75.

Tipperacy

Rev. Cuthbert E. Hogan, ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Glass in Salt Lake City, U. S. A., is—the son of J. C. Hogas, Athassal House, Golden.

P. J. Skehan succeeds, as assistant superintendent of the Brudential, T. McNamara, prometed to Clonmel in a similar capacity.

- Nenagh Guardians greated a super-annuation of £100 bearly to Dr. J. R. Minnett, who resigned the medical efficership of the workhouse after 45 years! service. The chairman, J.R. Minnitt, said they would give more if they had the power. He well

merited it. Carrick-on-Suir Guardians adjourned as a mark of respect to the late Rev. P. Ward, C.C. Durthe passage of the funeral businees in Carrick-on-Suit was sue