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**Our News Service**

Many favorable comments were expressed by our readers upon the new and complete news service furnished The Catholic Journal last week by the Department of Press and Publicity of the National Catholic Welfare Council. The aim of the new bureau is to report Catholic news while it is still news, and to be to the Catholic Press what the Associated Press is to the Daily Press.

The value and efficacy of this service will be lost if the laity fails to lend its whole-hearted support, as Bishop Russell, chairman of the Committee on Press and Publicity, says in the following letter to the editor:

It is my hope that this news service shall prove of great benefit to the Catholic Press. The benefit they will derive will depend not alone on the excellence of the service, but to some extent also on its proper exploitation.

I am writing to the Bishops of the country asking them to call to the attention of their people the fact that the extended and improved service is being furnished to the Catholic papers of their respective jurisdictions and urging their people to show appreciation through subscriptions. It would be well, also, I think, for the Catholic papers themselves to advertise the news service.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
WILLIAM T. RUSSELL,  
Bishop of Charleston, Chairman  
Committee on Press and Publicity,  
N. C. W. C.

**America Does Not Forget**

Our readers may be curious as to just what form the statue which it is proposed the Knights of Columbus shall erect and unveil next August in Metz, which has been reclaimed to the French and from which a statue typifying despotism was removed when the Allies entered the ancient city.

According to the editor of the "Columbiad", the Knights of Columbus who entered Metz with the Allies conceived the plan of replacing the demolished statue by one of Lafayette, the French patriot, who came to the assistance of the United States in the days of '76. Let the Columbiad continue:

Prior to the Paris World's Fair of 1900, it will be recalled, the school children of America gave five million pennies to provide a statue of Lafayette to stand in the court of the Louvre, Paris. Haste was essential then, even as it is now to the Knights of Columbus. Paul Bartlett modeled a plaster statue of the Marquis, which stood, crumbling through the years, until he had finished the model from which the final bronze was made. The casts from the Louvre statue was not to have been in the sculptor's hands in Paris ever since.

When the idea of a memorial to the heroic friendship that held France and America in the past and in the present was conceived and told to the noted sculptor, he declared that a new figure could not be designed and erected in the time to be granted him, and that as far as he was concerned the Louvre statue of the Marquis was Lafayette. But the casts, he found, were intact, and from these the new statue is being moulded. Thus it is that in August an exact replica of the original Bartlett Lafayette of the Louvre will be unveiled in all its exquisite bronze perfection.

**To Be a Public School**

It is announced that the city of Rochester is to take over the Nazareth Convent and Academy as an annex at present to School No. 5 and, eventually, to become a new No. 5 school. That the academy will make a splendid school annex, far better than some of the annexes in which the public school pupils are housed in other parts of the city goes without saying.

It is a matter of regret that the Sisters of St. Joseph have to leave a building hallowed by many pleasant memories of achievement but the relentless march of industry and the modern trend of municipal development have tended to make the surroundings unfitted to a school where the pupils must necessarily spend many days and nights within school and convent walls. And so Nazareth like other institutions is forced to remove to a less thickly populated part of the city where the necessary grounds and larger buildings needed to take care of increasing school population may be had. In view of the fact that the academy buildings and grounds are adequate for a day school both the city and the Sisters of St. Joseph are to be congratulated that an agreement mutually satisfactory to each has been arrived at.

**Catholics Honored**

Hon. John W. Sweeney, of Narragansett Council, Rhode Island, was recently elevated to the Supreme Court bench of Rhode Island, the highest tribute to the Catholic laity and the Knights of Columbus, it is said, that has ever been paid in that State.

According to the testimony of leading Knights of Columbus, Justice Sweeney is not only the first Catholic elected to the Supreme Court in Rhode Island but the first judge of the court to be honored by unanimous election, this having been brought about through the agreement of minority leaders in the Senate and House of the Legislature most of whom are members of Providence Council of the Knights of Columbus.

A somewhat similar incident took place when Edward J. McGoldrick was unanimously confirmed by the State Senate when Governor Smith sent in his nomination to be a Justice of the Supreme Court in New York city to succeed the late Justice Eugene A. Philbin, well known in Rochester as a warm personal friend of the late Bishop McQuaid.

A course in the Gaelic language has been included in the Knights of Columbus reconstruction curriculum.

Bishop Hickey's support of the recent "Homelands Exhibition" was a factor in its great success.

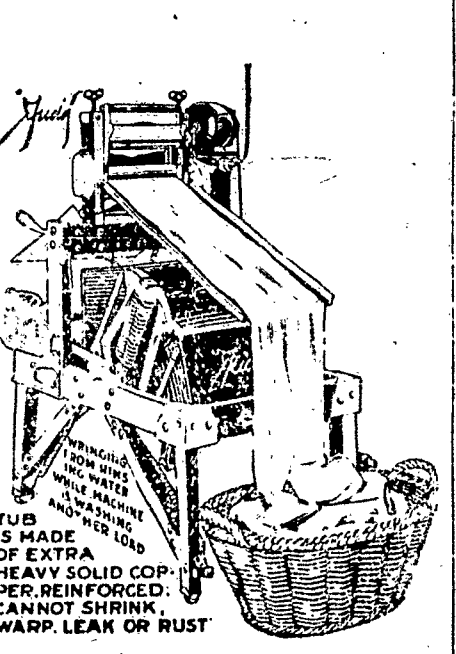
When the Jesuit priests of St. Xavier's College take the Fourth Degree the Knights of Columbus may be assured that their order has commended itself to thinking men.

That bogus "K. of C. oath" evidently did not go very far in the enlightened city of Rochester.

At last, it would appear that King Winter has released his grip.

**New Divorce Bill Stirs Catholics In England**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
London, April 10.—Lord Buckmaster's divorce bill which grants divorce on very easy terms and for very small reasons is being met with great opposition by Catholics. Parish meetings are being called throughout London to protest against this measure, and the Catholic Federation is acting in the matter in conjunction with the parish priests.



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