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British Legation To Vatican Stirs Commons' Critics

Small Faction of Politicians Striving to End Relations With Pope

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]
Westminster, August 23.—Almost from the very moment when the British Legation to the Vatican was established by the government, desperate efforts have been made to bring about its termination. All kinds of expedients are resorted to to create an impression that the legation is serving no useful purpose, and that its retention is a waste of public funds. At the same time it furnishes useful ammunition to a small faction of politicians who indulge in the ignoble sport of Pope-baiting, and nothing comes amiss to them to furnish some sort of reason why the government should bring the legation to an end.

Apparently this is one of the policies on which the government has its mind made up, and up to the present there has not been the slightest indication that the Foreign Office intends to recall its Minister at the Vatican.

Although the arguments of those opposed to the legation are, for the most part, futile, at the same time they are of a nature which cannot but create prejudice in the minds of non-Catholics, and frequently they try to drag the Holy See into political matters toward which it shows a correct neutrality. A typical instance of how the Irish question is used by politicians is furnished by Commander Bellairs.

The member has addressed a question to Premier Lloyd George, asking whether the Cardinal, the archbishops and bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland are the representatives of the Vatican; also, in view of the knowledge regarding matters in Ireland which the Vatican is supposed to possess, will the Prime Minister state what action the Vatican is taking, or has taken, to cause the outrages in Ireland to be denounced?

This is the first question, and the second is like unto it, namely: The member wishes to find out whether official communications have been made to the Vatican, and why its representatives in Ireland have failed to denounce crime?

The Parliamentary answer has not yet been furnished, but considering how Ministers burnt their fingers over the matter of the Irish Hierarchy and the Conscript Bill of 1918, it is more than likely that when Commander Bellairs gets his answer it will be totally different from what he expected. As a matter of fact, the answer is on its way, and it has been prepared with a proper regard for the Holy See, with which the government is in friendly diplomatic relations.

Medical Third Order

For India Missions

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]
London, Aug. 23.—Dr. Margaret Lamont (B.S., M.D.), a Scotch convert, who has been engaged in missionary work for about twenty years, is now in London endeavoring to organize a sort of Third Order among medical men and women for Catholic missions in India, China and Africa.

Pope Bestows Blessing On Mrs. John A. Drake

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]
New York, August 30.—Pope Benedict has granted the apostolic blessing to Mrs. John A. Drake, of New York City, president of the American Free Milk and Relief for Italy, and to all those who have contributed to the care of Italian orphans. In addition His Holiness expresses gratitude for the work that is being done by Americans in behalf of Italian poor and suffering.

The Holy Father's message was in the form of a letter written by Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State, at his dictation. The Pope recently established a hospital for tubercular patients at Monte Mario, and this institution is now being supplied in part by Mrs. Drake's organization.

Mrs. Drake sailed on Saturday, August 28, for a tour of Italy in the interest of relief work among orphans. She will visit the Vatican and will be also presented to the King and Queen of Italy.

Miraculous Cures At Templemore Draw Pilgrims

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

Dublin, August 28.—Thousands of people coming here on foot and in all manner of conveyances to visit the home of Thomas Divan, Templemore, in the hope of witnessing or receiving miraculous cures which are said to be effected through the medium of holy pictures and statues, have so congested this little town that accommodations at hotels and inns are no longer procurable. In addition, a shortage of food has resulted and Irish volunteers are scouring the countryside to obtain supplies, for which they are paying liberal prices.

It is reported that a crippled soldier with a leg shattered by shrapnel, who was carried into Mr. Divan's home, has been cured after unsuccessful treatment for three years. A little girl who has been a consumptive for several months is also said to have been made quite well.

Word coming here is that the holy pictures and statues began to exude what appeared to be blood, whereupon the cures were effected. The Catholic clergy of the district are investigating the stories of miraculous cures.

Dr. Robinson Sails For Orient—Brother Bruya With Him

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]
Washington, D. C., August 30.—Rev. Dr. Paschal Robinson, lecturer of medieval history at the Catholic University, who was recently appointed Apostolic Visitor to Palestine, sailed last Saturday for Europe and the Orient to undertake his work of representing the Holy See in the solution of Catholic religious problems in the Holy Land. Dr. Robinson returned to the United States from Rome two weeks ago, and after a short stay here was recalled by Rome to begin his work.

Rev. Brother Anthony Bruya, O. F. M., has been nominated by the Holy See as Dr. Robinson's companion on his mission to Palestine. Brother Anthony will accompany Dr. Robinson on the journey to England, France, Italy, Egypt and Asia Minor. Brother Anthony is well known as the editor of various publications issued by the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, which is also commissariat of the Holy Land.

Methodists In Rome Insult The Vatican

Put Up Posters Referring To Papacy As Tyranny

Are De-Christianizing More Persons Than They Convert—Their Methods

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

Rome, August 20.—"In this fiftieth year of the liberation of Rome from Papal tyranny there should be celebrated also the third centenary of the holy massacre of Valtellina, planned and carried out by that same tyranny. The Italian Methodist Episcopal Church must celebrate rejoicings over the return of the people to the one true God . . ."

The foregoing is a quotation from a notice in large letters on the American Methodist establishment in the Via XX Settembre last Sunday.

It is remarkable, in this fiftieth year since the Italian troops entered Papal Rome, how quiet Italians are on the subject; how equally quiet, though by no means forgetting, are Italian Catholics, realizing that it is for the Holy Father to speak if he thinks wise, for them to follow, and not wishing to disturb waters which have become smoother recently.

De-Christianize Christians
Everyone knows, the Methodists beat of all, that if you take the Catholic faith away from an Italian you leave a void. Nothing can replace it. You cannot make him a good Protestant, you leave him without any faith at all. It is a queer sort of Christianity that de-Christianizes people, queerer still if it employs bribery for the purpose.

The first cook I had in Rome told me the story of her boy, sufficiently freed from school to have time to walk abroad with a companion. In their walks they met American Methodists, or their Italian allies, who prevailed on them to attend the meetings, or services, or whatever they might be called, in the Via Venti Settembre, and gave them a franc for each attendance. The boy went there for the franc and spent it on ices which his mother could not afford to buy him. Being a good boy, as boys go, the experience did him no harm—at least in the way of making him lose his faith.

Then, there is the old story, for the literal truth of which I cannot vouch, having had it second or third hand, of the old woman seen by a priest who knew her well, coming out of the XX Settembre establishment, and explaining, it being a very cold day, that as they gave her a franc and as it was nice and warm inside, she thought it would be a most comfortable place to say her Rosary.

What the American Methodists did for Mr. Fairbanks and Mr. Roosevelt in 1910 will not have passed from the memory of American Catholics.

No American Catholic needs to be told that Pope Pius X and Cardinal Merry del Val not only desired that the ex-President should have his audience, not only keenly regretted the contrtemps, but went to lengths that some might have thought incautious in their desire to arrange the audience at the last minute. The successful tricking of the two distinguished American statesmen perhaps is the American Methodists' greatest achievement in Rome.

Catholic Teaching Being Spread By Outdoor Meetings

By Monsignor Arthur Jackman, D. D., Canon of Westminster

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

London, August 23.—Outdoor meetings have been maintained by the Catholic Evidence Guild throughout the Winter and Summer in a number of places both within the metropolitan area of London and farther field. We can say with certainty, and without exaggeration, that week by week tens of thousands of people, who otherwise probably would not give the subject a thought, listen attentively to Catholic teaching.

We can confidently assert that the opposition to the raising of the crucifix in public places has been almost completely overcome. Respect is always shown when the usual opening and concluding prayers are said. We consider this a great triumph. The singing of suitable hymns is also proved a success.

The following authentic remarks may be taken as typical of the various kinds of testimonials the Guild has called forth:

"You don't do any harm, any way!"
"I am not a Catholic, but I must say there is no getting away from what has just been said there."

"That teaching is wholesome and elevating—would to God the whole Nation would accept it to reconstruct itself."

"I wish to thank you. I have been listening to your lectures for many weeks now. I was born a Catholic, I have not been to Confession for 20 years. I have just seen Father Mahoney."

The speaker returned to the park the following Sunday and said:

"I was at Communion this morning—thank God!"

Mobile to Have K. of C. Club House

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

Mobile, August 30.—Mobile is soon to have a commodious Knights of Columbus club-house, the expenditures for which will exceed \$200,000. The K. of C. Home Building Association recently purchased a handsome structure at Government and Warren Streets at a cost of \$35,000, and the work of transforming it into a modern club-house has already begun. Specifications for the improvements have been prepared under the direction of the Board of Trustees, including V. R. Pritchard, James Drubham and Edward J. Grove. It is planned by the board of directors to open the new edifice on Columbus Day with elaborate ceremonies.

Danish Gift To Rheims

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

Paris, August 23.—More than a million francs have been subscribed by the people of Denmark toward the reconstruction of the Cathedral of Rheims. A check for this large amount was presented to M. Paul Claudel, French Minister at Copenhagen, and has been transmitted by him to the committee in charge of the rebuilding. Denmark has but 3,000,000 inhabitants, a very large majority of whom are Protestants. In making the gift, William Han-sur, chairman of the Danish committee, called the Rheims Cathedral "a national monument which is the patrimony not only of France, but of all humanity."

American Effort To Restore The Louvain Library

New York Committee Collected Only \$150,000—U. S. Gift of \$20,000-000 Francs

By Rev. J. Van der Hyden

[Written for the N. C. W. C. Service]

Louvain, August 20.—The National Committee of the United States for the Restoration of the University of Louvain, which was organized in New York City, December 13, 1918, with the Hon. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, New York, as chairman, applied at the time to the authorities of the university for the privilege of having "a definite and distinct part of the work of restoration assigned exclusively to the United States," and suggested that it might be appropriate that the construction of the new library building, either as a reproduction of the one destroyed or as a new and enlarged building, be that exclusive part.

Acting upon this suggestion, the Rector of the University promptly notified the committee his grateful acknowledgment and readiness to leave to the United States the proud honor of rebuilding the library.

Raised Only \$150,000

No sooner was the committee's appeal known, than it received from an anonymous donor \$100,000. It was an auspicious beginning, which was unfortunately not duplicated, neither in the lump nor in parts. King and Cardinal having returned to Belgium, interest in the movement slackened. Still, some small gifts dribbled into the fund. When they totaled up \$50,000, the prime movers of the collection notified the rector that the amount which they held to his disposal—\$150,000—was not likely to increase and that they wished to close the subscription.

It is a noble gift, even though it does not reach out to put up the buildings required and planned for. For some years to come the university will have to try to beat it can to house its library in the private mansion of large, albeit not adequate, proportions which a fortunate concatenation of circumstances has afforded an opportunity to rent these very days. It says its library—for thanks to generous donations of scientific books from all over the world, practically speaking, but mostly from England, through the tireless and disinterested labors of Mr. H. Guppy, librarian of the Rylands Library, Manchester, a collection of 200,000 volumes is already on hand, sorted and catalogued. Moreover, last week arrived from Germany the first car-load of 10,000 volumes selected in German libraries by the Commission of Recuperation. Other car loads are to follow as the work of recuperation proceeds.

The collection was given a good start by the 20,000,000 francs share allowed the university of Louvain from the credit balance of the "American Commission of Relief for Belgium" when it wound up its war business, and a gift of 500,000 francs from King Albert acted as a stimulus to the Catholic subjects to hasten to the rescue of their sorely-cried highest institution of learning in the land—their pride and their joy in the past and their glory forever and aye.

Over 500 Delegates Are Registered For Charities Conference

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

Washington, D. C., August 23.—Five hundred and seventy delegates from 20 states thus far made reservations for their accommodations here during the sessions of the National Conference of Catholic Charities at the Catholic University, September 13-15. One hundred Sisters of various orders made reservations for their attendance at the Conference. Child-caring institutions registered for September 13-15. It is expected that by September 15 a number of reservations will have reached at least 500.

All the railroads east of Mississippi, with the exception of lines in New England, have agreed to give special rates to delegates to these conferences. The officials of the National Conference have not yet received definite reply from the New England and Western ones.

New York's delegation to the conference—200 men and women—will come to Washington in three special cars. Fifty will be represented by sixty-five delegates, who are arranged for two special cars, which will be represented by from the conference.

Already the representatives of half of delegates—about 100—stay in Washington, and are in similar stage. It is expected that the attendance will be that of any conference of this kind.

Among the important developments in the organization of diocesan charities, Catholic relief for delinquents; Boy Scout activities; the community work movement and the development of Catholic relief agencies.

Christian Brothers To Have School 'Of Commerce'

[By N. C. W. C. News Service]

Washington, D. C., August 23.—Business men of Washington, including several prominent of them a banker, are backing the new high school of commerce and finance to be opened in the apartment of St. John's College, September 20. The institution is to be conducted under the auspices of the Christian Brothers, but the teachers in the school will be for the most part experts from Government departments, local banks and other establishments.

Two large mansions have been leased by the Christian Brothers as a home for the school. One of them was the residence of the late well known in business circles. This house stands on the main highway to the National Catholic University on Massachusetts Avenue.

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