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Millerand Shows Friendly Spirit To The Church

No Uncertainty About President's Policy—Pope's Message

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, September 24.—Following is the text of the message sent by Pope Benedict to President Millerand of France, congratulating him on his election: "On this day, when Your Excellency is raised by the hearty suffrage of the French to the first Magistracy of the Republic, it is with deep gratification that we express to you our warm congratulations and best wishes. "The eminent services already rendered by Your Excellency in the work of rehabilitation of your noble country are for us an earnest that the great mission so wisely initiated by your illustrious predecessor will be continued with all the constancy and enlightened devotedness which have always inspired Your Excellency's patriotic action. "In this trust, Mr. President, we implore with our whole heart the divine blessing upon yourself, your family, the French Government and the whole nation. BENEDICTUS P. P. XV."

Paris, Oct. 6.—No uncertainty whatever is felt in Catholic circles as a result of Mr. Millerand's election to the Presidency of the French Republic. With the single exception of two royalist congressmen, who always have been known to be firmly opposed to the very republican system, all the Catholic deputies at Versailles cast their votes for Mr. Millerand. Fought by Extremists

The very fact that the newly-elected President was expected to carry the votes of the Catholic "moderate," "center" and "right" parties, was deemed by the Senators and Deputies who belong to the "left" party sufficient reason to fight Mr. Millerand's nomination. They upbraided Mr. Millerand for failing to follow the policy of the party to which he belonged some twenty years ago, when he was a member of Mr. Waldeck-Rousseau's Cabinet, which expelled congregations from France.

Certain it is that Mr. Millerand has greatly modified his attitude since that time. As the common saying goes, he has "put much water in his wine." After realizing all the inconvenience and drawbacks of an anti-religious policy, Mr. Millerand, from the very first day he was selected Premier, has endeavored to make up for former mistakes.

As Minister of the War, he is to be credited with the reinstatement of chaplains in the Army.

As Prime Minister, Mr. Millerand was the first to propose the resumption of relations with the Holy See.

Without waiting for the final vote on the reestablishment of the Embassy, he sent an extraordinary mission to the Vatican on the occasion of the Joan of Arc canonization. His sympathy for the Catholics was equally shown in the way he received and honored the Knights of Columbus. One more proof of his great regard for the Catholic is his bestowal of the Cross of the Legion of Honor on Mgr. Baudrillart, rector of the Catholic University and president of the Committee of "Amities Catholiques."

University Regent Opposes Michigan School Amendment

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Detroit, Oct. 17.—Dr. Benjamin S. Hanchett, a regent of the University of Michigan, in an interview with the News of this city, on the subject of the proposed amendment to the State constitution requiring all children between the ages of six and sixteen years to attend the public schools, has announced his opposition to the proposal, which he characterized as "neither right nor practical."

"I am earnestly opposed to any proposition that would result in the closing of parochial or any other private schools that maintain a proper standard of instruction," said Dr. Hanchett.

A large number of graduates of private institutions, including Catholic schools, are accredited by the University of Michigan, and the graduates of these academies and colleges enter the university direct on the merits of their credits, Dr. Hanchett pointed out.

"To close these schools would be a mistake that would be far-reaching and disastrous in more ways than one," Dr. Hanchett said.

It would be impossible for the public schools now in operation to accommodate the pupils of private institutions if these were closed, Dr. Hanchett said.

"Crowded conditions in the University of Michigan and all other large educational institutions are creating tremendous problems for their administrators and it would be most unfortunate to have such a situation to contend with in the public schools of the State," he continued.

"I do not believe that the proposed amendment will appeal favorably to the voters as a practical measure when it is realized what problems its adoption would create, not to emphasize what would necessarily follow in increased taxes both for buildings and a just enlargement of our teaching forces."

Laymen to Raise \$76,000 For School For Social Workers

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—An immediate intensive campaign for \$76,000 for the purchase of a building to be devoted to the training of social workers has been decided upon by the executive committee of the National Catholic Laymen's Council.

The appeal will be made through diocesan representatives of the organization who met in Washington last month and decided that the establishment of such a school is one of the most important steps towards putting into operation the bishop's reconstruction program. The need of such workers has been emphasized by the numerous requests which the National Catholic Welfare Council receives from manufacturing and industrial concerns which are anxious to engage such skilled men in the field of social service. Notable among these are many Protestant employers who have perused the bishop's reconstruction program and are anxious to put it into operation.

It is the plan of the executive committee to have the social service school in operation, if possible, by January 1. The site and building secured are ideal for the purpose for which they are intended, and the committee appointed to consider the project determined upon immediate action.

Catholic Alumnae Prepare To Take Up National Problems

Women Gathered In Boston Pledge Themselves To Work Heart and Hand With The Hierarchy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Boston, Oct. 16.—Raising anew the banner of militant Catholicity and pledging themselves to work heart and hand, under the leadership of the hierarchy of the Church, for the solution of the social and religious problems that beset their respective countries, the members of the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae closed their fourth biennial convention here this week with the election of Mrs. John McEniry of Moline, Ill., as president.

Delegates from Ireland, Belgium and Canada, as well as the United States, were present at the meeting. His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell was among the distinguished prelates who addressed the representatives. Other notable speakers included the Right Rev. Joseph G. Anderson, auxiliary bishop of Boston; the Right Rev. Monsignor M. J. Splaine, of Boston; the Very Rev. Edward A. Pace, of the Catholic University, and the Rev. John S. Keating, of Boston College.

Welfare Council Work Endorsed

Resolutions endorsing the work of the National Catholic Welfare Council, especially the plan of coordinating the activities of Catholic women through the establishment of the National Council of Catholic Women, and calling upon the United States members of the Association to prepare themselves in every way to exercise their newly-acquired franchise and to vote intelligently on municipal, state and national issues, were adopted by the convention. A detailed report of the work and functions of the National Council of Catholic Women, of which the International Federation is a member, was given by Mrs. Michael Gavin, of New York, president of the N. C. W. C.

Cardinal O'Connell, who read to the delegates a cablegram from Rome announcing that Pope Benedict had conveyed the Apostolic blessing to the delegates, struck the keynote of the convention when he addressed members at a banquet held in the Hotel Somerset on Monday evening.

Following the banquet at Hotel Somerset on Monday night, the Tuesday morning session was given over to the department of literature, with Miss Eleanor McCarthy, of Chicago, presiding. Reports were made by the sections on motion pictures, plays and the Catholic press. The Rev. John S. Keating, of Boston College, talked on "The Wealth of Catholic Literature," emphasizing that much good literature was to be found among Catholic authors.

One hundred and thirty-eight delegates, fifty-five alternates, nine supreme officers and governors from twenty States as well as thirteen international chairmen attended the convention. The membership reports showed a total of 35,000 members, including representatives in 266 institutions.

The next formal meeting of the executive board will be held in Indianapolis in October, 1921, when the place and date of the fifth biennial convention will be decided upon.

Sardinian Bishop Ends Vendetta of 65 Years Period

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Milan, Oct. 9.—A vendetta which had been carried out with great bloodshed for sixty-five years among eight Sardinian families has finally been brought to an amicable end through the efforts of the Bishop of Tempio, in whose diocese most of the families reside.

In sixty-five years not less than seventy-five members of the different families had perished in their private warfare. At the instance of the bishop a call was sent out for a reconciliation of the clans at Tempio Pausania, whither flocked 200 male representatives of the feudists.

The Bishop celebrated high mass in the public barracks and delivered an impressive sermon on Christian love and forgiveness. The enemies of yesterday then came forward to the improvised altar and, weeping upon one another's necks, gave the ritual kiss of peace. The oath of reconciliation was then administered, and the Bishop gave his blessing to the assemblage. The ceremony ended with the singing of a Te Deum.

The King's procurator, the prefect and the mayor of Sassari were among those who attended the ceremony.

St. John's College Asks Endowment Of \$1,000,000

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, October 17.—St. John's College, Brooklyn, has undertaken to raise a fund of \$1,000,000, half of which is to provide an endowment necessary to maintain the institution's rating as a university, and the remainder to increase accommodations for a growing enrollment. Committees which will conduct the campaign for the gathering of the money have already been appointed.

The State Board of Regents has ruled that for a college to attain and preserve the rating of a university it is necessary to have an endowment of at least \$500,000. St. John's College is the only one in Brooklyn with that rating.

November 13 has been fixed as the date for starting the subscriptions. On that day a mass meeting will be held in the Academy of Music, Brooklyn. Officials of the city, state and national governments have been invited to attend the exercises. Many have signified their intention of being present.

St. Julien's Relics

Restored to Brioude.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Oct. 10.—At the time of the Terror, in 1793, some revolutionaries had carried away from the Brioude Basilica a very rich gold-carved and gem-studded reliquary, which contained the remains of St. Julien. They took it to Paris, where the reliquary was melted away at the "Monnaie." Fortunately the relics of St. Julien were saved and hidden in a safe place by some Christians. They were afterwards entrusted to the care of the Augustine nuns.

The Catholics of the Brioude country have lately made a demand that these relics of St. Julien be given back to them. The Paris diocese, of course, has agreed to their wishes and after 127 years' exile they are about to return to the Brioude Basilica.

Status Of Church In Rumania Has Undergone Change

Orthodox Seek to Gain Advantage By Spreading False Reports

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Bucharest, Sept. 30.—Since the overthrow of the political power of the former Russian State Church, there have not been wanting signs that the Orthodox in countries outside of Russia are aiming at securing some of the prestige and influence that formerly belonged to the Russian Orthodox. In Jugo-Slavia one sign of this movement is the recent restoration of the old Serbian Patriarchate, under the encouragement of the Government. In Rumania, in which, although it has a Catholic Archbishop and a Bishop, the Orthodox religion predominates, there are also signs that the Orthodox are getting ready to assert themselves as against the Catholics.

The Catholic position in Rumania has altered somewhat since the signing of the Versailles Peace Treaty. Vast territories, containing some millions of souls that were formerly incorporated in dioceses under the secular jurisdiction of the Hungarian Crown are now under the Rumanian Sovereign, and some special provision has to be made for dealing with these large Catholic provinces.

Insidious Anti-Catholic Move

The Concordat between Rumania and the Holy See has been much discussed in the press of Rumania, and it seems fairly clear that much of this discussion is aimed at creating a spirit of dissatisfaction among the Catholics regarding their treatment by the Holy See. For example, some of the newspapers assert with a great show of confidence that the Holy See is prepared to hand over to the Orthodox King of Rumania certain privileges that were enjoyed by the Catholic King of Hungary. These privileges, which were personal to the Hungarian King, and not a vested right of the Government in power, permitted the Hungarian Sovereign to recommend certain persons as candidates for vacant bishoprics and canonries, and also to have a certain say in the administration and supervision of Catholic benefices and ecclesiastical funds. These privileges were not rights pertaining to the Hungarian Crown, but merely concessions allowed to a Catholic Ruler personally by the Holy See. As a matter of fact, they no longer exist, since there is no longer a Hungarian Sovereign.

But the idea that the Holy See will transfer these privileges to the King of Rumania, who is not a Catholic, is repugnant to the mass of the Catholics who now find themselves subjects of the Rumanian Crown. In like manner, the same press asserts impudently that the Holy See is considering the step of authorizing the Rumanian Government to bring to an end the religious independence of the See of Transylvania, and to secularize the church property in that province. In proof of this, statements have been circulated that the State is to pay the Bishops and clergy salaries in compensation for the confiscation of church property. These salaries, so it has been stated, have even been regularized. A Bishop is to receive \$0,000.

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Passionist Tells Of Trade Opening In Argentina

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Notre Dame, Ind., Oct. 18.—Opportunities for American business men in Argentina were described to the students of Notre Dame University here by the Rev. Constantine Birmingham, provincial of the Passionist Order in that country, who addressed the student body.

Father Birmingham, who is accompanied by the Rev. Dominic Moore, is en route to Rome to attend a general chapter of the Passionists.

The subject of American business men in Argentina was also dealt with recently by the Rev. John F. O'Hara, C. S. C., dean of the school of commerce, who has just returned from a trip to South America. Father O'Hara, speaking before the South Bend Chamber of Commerce, declared that the trained relations that exist with our southern neighbors and the mistrust in which they have many American commercial men can be eradicated by the exchange of scholarships such as has begun by Notre Dame.

St. Paul Diocese Parish Schools To Have Superintendent

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 16.—With the completion of the Archbishop Ireland Educational Fund, it is planned to install a superintendent system with a diocesan superintendent. The course of instruction will be standardized and the schools maintained on a high plane.

An educator of high reputation will be named as superintendent of the school system, and will have under him a competent staff of supervisors.

The campaign for the fund will begin October 24 in the Twin Cities and on later dates in other parts of the diocese, concluding the latter part of November. A goal of \$5,000,000 has been set.

Clemenceau's Prize of New York

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 30.—Mgr. Lemaître, Vicar Apostolic of the Sahara, has just been appointed by the Pope, coadjutor to the Archbishop of Carthage.

In mentioning this appointment, one of the Paris papers remarked that Mr. Clemenceau, during his tenure of office as Premier of France, one day had a long conversation with Mgr. Lemaître, at the close of which he declared: "One hour's talk with this priest has taught me much more than day-long discussions with many deputies."

FATHER KELLEY RESIGNS POST

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 17.—The Rev. Francis A. Kelley, former chaplain of the American Legion and for the past year director of the department of boy scouts' activities of the National Catholic Welfare Council, has resigned his post to resume parish work in the diocese of Albany, from which he was called for army service after the outbreak of the war.

Dunwoody, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Eleven new seminarians were accepted by the bishop of Albany, N. Y., at the St. Lawrence Seminary, New York, Oct. 17.