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## Sin Of Sacrilege Added To English Abuses In Erin

### Church Ransacked and Sacred Vessels Thrown on Floor by Thieves

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Dublin, Nov. 10.—Decorations of churches and persecution of priests have been added to the repertory of outrages which the agents of the British Government are perpetrating daily in Ireland. It seems probable that Catholic worship may become difficult, if not dangerous, as a consequence of British military aggressions.

The sacrilegious search in the beautiful church of St. Joseph on Berkeley road has stirred Dublin. The sinister work was stealthily carried out. During the period of curfew, when no civilian dare be out, the church was entered by one of the windows and havoc was wrought. When the damage was discovered next day it was found that the agents or desecration had come with specially prepared tools. They forced the Yale locks, smashed and rifled the collection boxes, and ransacked the contents of the vestry safe.

### Threw Chalices On Floor

From this safe the despoilers took two gold chalices of great intrinsic value, unscrewed the pieces, and threw them on the ground. The leaving of these sacred vessels is a circumstance showing that robbery was not the main object.

It is noteworthy that a private room, known to few except the parish clergy, was entered and papers kept there minutely examined. The desecration was carried out by hands that were not in a hurry. It was obviously a search for documentary information. And it brought to light nothing save parochial correspondence.

Military interference with Catholic congregations grows more and more frequent. An armed body of soldiers held up the parishioners coming away from mass at Athes, near Listowel, County of Kerry. The military searched every male member of the congregation, a process that occupied an hour and a half. People attending mass at Millstreet, County of Cork, were similarly searched by soldiers. Later in the day badges of Archbishop Mannix were forcibly removed from buttonholes of young men.

### Father Morley's Conviction

Father Morley, Headford, County of Galway, tried by court-martial on a charge of having ammunition and fuses in his possession, was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment with hard labor. The sentence was confirmed, but the unexpired portion of the term was remitted in consideration of the fact that he was the first clergyman charged with contravention of the order of the military authority. Father Morley has accordingly been released after about a fortnight's detention in Galway prison.

At the court-martial Father Morley stated that the cartridges and fuses were curios. The press was prohibited from reporting Father Morley's address to the court-martial.

During the last few days a number of prominent Catholic business men in Belfast have received anonymous notices to vacate their premises immediately. A movement is afoot in Orange quarters to put Protestants into the premises from which Catholics were forcibly ejected in July and August last.

## President-elect Harding Visits Panama Catholic Community Club House

### Is Guest of Honor at a Reception and Makes an Address in Which He Commends the Catholic Welfare Work

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Balboa, Panama Zone, Nov. 26.—President-elect Warren G. Harding was a guest of honor at a reception held in the new community house of the National Council of Catholic Women yesterday, Thanksgiving Day, when the opening celebration was concluded.

The Right Rev. Monsignor Edward A. Kelly of Chicago and the Very Rev. William McDonald, superior of St. Mary's Mission here, showed Senator Harding over the premises, in which he displayed keen interest. Honors Catholics for Welfare Work

"I am not a Catholic," said the President-elect in his address, "but I feel that much more religious spirit should be displayed in social service work and I honor the Catholics for the war and reconstruction work done by the National Catholic War Council and the National Catholic Welfare Council. I wish this work the greatest possible success."

President Belisario Porras of Panama and many distinguished guests from the United States attended the formal blessing of the new community house by the Right Rev. William Porras on Wednesday. The opening marked a new era in the Catholic life of the Zone District. President Porras was accompanied by his wife, Leading Catholics and citizens from every part of the Zone witnessed the ceremonies.

Public exercises held Wednesday evening included addresses by Monsignor Kelly, Father McDonald, Miss Agnes Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, Mrs. Annie Smith of Chicago, Miss Delia Birmingham of Chicago, and Mr. Michael Williams, assistant director of the Department of Press and Publicity of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

### Handsomest Club House in Zone

Miss Delia Birmingham of Chicago is in charge of the new clubhouse, which is one of the handsomest structures for this type of work erected in the Zone District. It is a commodious two-story building, and except for that in the floors of the second story, no wood has been used in its construction.

The community house will not only be a center of recreational activity and social service work for the Catholics of this district, but will throw open its doors to hundreds of soldiers, sailors and marines. The government has manifested great interest in the project and the services of the Zone Construction Division have been of great aid in the erection of the building.

## Marshal Foch Coming

Paris, Nov. 20.—Marshal Foch has announced his intention of visiting the United States next April. This information he gave in the course of an address at the Allies Club on the occasion of General Neville's departure for the United States to attend the centenary celebration of the Pilgrims' landing. Marshal Foch mentioned Milwaukee as one of the cities he will visit while in America.

## Separate Schools Now Favored By Czech Catholics

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

Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, Nov. 16.—Ultimate benefit to Catholic education in Czecho-Slovakia is expected to result from the loss of the state's support for religious schools, though the immediate effects are detrimental and discouraging. Separate schools such as those conducted by the Catholic Church in the United States, with assistance from the Government, are now favored by a large majority of the clergy.

The hierarchy of the Republic have decided that all pupils of public schools shall have the opportunity to make catechism a voluntary study. In deciding this question of teaching catechism in the public schools, the bishops have been influenced by the expense involved in establishing and maintaining private parochial schools. The Government has already announced its determination to withhold assistance from sectarian schools, and the Catholics of Czecho-Slovakia, long accustomed to look to the state for the upkeep of their educational institutes of all kinds, will not at first be ready, even if able, to assume the new burden.

It is felt that there will be a revival of the true Catholic spirit in this country only when Catholics are able and willing to maintain their own schools. All recent Catholic conventions and meetings have recognized and acknowledged this fact. The Catholic children now in the public schools are endangered from two different directions—from the tutelage of atheistic teachers and from association with pupils of anti-Catholic families.

At present but two hours a week are devoted to the study of religion and catechism in the public schools. During these periods of study there is evident a spirit of apathy toward religion. This is the condition the Government prefers and promotes, for in this atmosphere all sentiments of religion would be smothered. The catechist would labor in vain to offset the influence of a school in which religion was ignored or ridiculed.

Priests are uniting to demand for the people absolute freedom of religious teaching. They hold that the private schools should be placed upon a footing of efficiency equal to that of the public schools, and at the same time derive support from the state as in Holland.

## Empress Eugenie Remembers Rheims

London, Nov. 24.—One hundred thousand francs were bequeathed by the Empress Eugenie, widow of Napoleon III, for the restoration of Rheims Cathedral, and £4000 were left by her to increase the endowment of the Chapel and the crypt at Farnsboro Abbey, where she is buried. The former empress left an estate valued at \$10,000,000.

## Madame Paderewski Honored

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Rome, Nov. 17.—Madame Helene Paderewski has been given the Cross of Gold "pro ecclesia et pontifice" in recognition of her charitable efforts in behalf of the Catholics of Poland. Much of the charitable work done by Madame Paderewski was carried out with the assistance of American Catholics.

## Pan-American Mass Of Thanksgiving At St. Patrick's Church

### Highest Officials of United States and Most Distinguished Diplomats Attend Brilliant Ceremony

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 26.—Diplomatic representatives of sixteen Latin-American republics and some of the highest executive, judicial and military officials of the United States, brought together by ties of religion and common ideals of government, gathered in St. Patrick's Church yesterday to attend the annual "Pan-American Mass of Thanksgiving."

Flags of the various governments blent with the insignia of the Catholic Church; the uniforms of naval and military officers and the rich vestments of Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Bonzano, Papal Delegate; the etiquette of diplomacy and the solemn ceremonies of religion—all these contributed strikingly to make the scene brilliant and imposing.

The sermon preached by the Right Rev. Monsignor C. F. Thomas, pastor of St. Patrick's, was supremely worthy of the important occasion and the distinguished assemblage. The theme of his discourse was that religion must find a place in the hearts of peoples and the laws of nations if civilization and humanity are to continue their progress. With admirable eloquence and erudition, he sustained this contention by citing the history of all the peoples that have been important factors in the development of civilization.

## Catholic Sculptor Engaged on Striking Statue of MacSwiney

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

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Joseph Anthony Atchison, of Washington, the Catholic sculptor who was selected to do the bust of Bishop William T. Russell, of Charleston, presented by South American ambassadors and members of the United States Congress in recognition of Bishop Russell's services in cementing relations between this country and our sister republics, is now engaged in finishing a work of art which has already won the approbation of critics.

It is a statue of the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, depicted as he lay enduring the death struggle in Brixton jail. The wasted right arm holds aloft the torch of liberty and the expression of the face shows indomitable courage coupled with a suggestion of the Martyr's extreme physical pain.

Atchison, who is a product of Catholic schools, having been educated by the Christian Brothers in Washington, has done numerous busts of members of Congress and national dignitaries, as well as a notable figure of Lincoln now in the Minor Normal School.

The bust of Bishop Russell was largely in recognition of the prelate's service in inaugurating the annual Thanksgiving Day Pan-American mass.

## Catholic Writers Guild Directory

New York, Nov. 27.—An autobiographical directory of the members of the Catholic Writers Guild has been compiled and will be issued shortly. There are now 175 members of the Guild.

## Cardinal Bertram Gets Assurances From the Vatican

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

Berlin, Nov. 20.—Formal declarations from the Holy See appear to have removed the misunderstanding in respect to the right of His Eminence, Cardinal Bertram, to exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction over Upper Silesia, whose disposition is subject to a plebiscite.

Cardinal Bertram had been forbidden by the Interallied Commission to enter this territory, which is part of the diocese of Breslau. It was asserted that Monsignor Ratti, Papal Nuncio, had received directions from the Holy See to suspend all ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Prince Bishop of Breslau and to demand, upon the authority of the Supreme Pontiff, that the Cardinal enforce ecclesiastical regulations for the security of the plebiscite.

In response to Cardinal Bertram's inquiries at the Vatican, he has received two letters from Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State. The first of these letters is as follows:

The declarations mentioned in Your Eminence's letter of October 6 have never been made by the Secretary of State; neither in the sense of your letter nor in any way resembling it."

Cardinal Gasparri's second letter to Cardinal Bertram said:

It is well known to Your Eminence that when the Apostolic See sent the Apostolic Nuncio of Poland to act as High Ecclesiastical Commissioner in the territory of the plebiscite, the Holy See's real and only intention was to secure the liberty of the plebiscite and to quiet the minds of the people. There was never a thought of suspending or lessening the ordinary ecclesiastical jurisdiction belonging to Your Eminence in that territory. In this connection the Holy See has not failed to declare repeatedly to the Polish Ambassador that Your Eminence has retained full jurisdiction also in that part of the diocese of Breslau.

The Holy See's decision will, of course, be accepted as final.

## Bigot Organization's Accounting

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

New York, Nov. 27.—The Sons and Daughters of Washington, which carried on a campaign against Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York State on the grounds that he is a Catholic, expended \$1,228 during the recent election, according to a statement made here by Jay W. Forrest, supreme grand master of the organization. The receipts of the society for the campaign fund were \$1,994.

## Christian Art In Germany

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

Berlin, Nov. 20.—There has been established at Dusseldorf a new organ for the cultivation of Christian art. Dr. Huppertz has been called as a clerical professor to acquaint the young artists with the spirit and requirements of the Church, and to promote relations between the clergy and art.

A new society—"Holy Springtime"—has been started for the Christian artists and art-lovers of northwest Germany. Similar work is being done by the German Society for Christian Art on national scale. This society's organ, "The Honor of God," is issued six times a year.

## Men's Council Sends Out Field Representatives

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

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Seven field representatives of the National Council of Catholic Men have launched the work of the formation of diocesan, state and parish councils of that organization in different parts of the United States.

A model constitution, outlined at a meeting of the executive committee of the Council, held last week in this city, will be used in the formation of subordinate councils, and it is expected that within a few months hundreds of thousands of earnest and forward-looking Catholic men will have enlisted in the vital work the Council has in hand.

## Georgetown Has H. C. L. Problem

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

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28.—Georgetown University will make an endeavor to meet the high cost of living for students in its law and foreign trade classes by the creation of a downtown dormitory, similar to the government hotels for women federal employees, in which meals and rooms may be brought in reach of young men who are attending the schools.

Definite plans for the erection of the building will be mapped out at the meeting of the Board of Regents next month in connection with the celebration of the golden jubilee of Georgetown law school, according to an announcement of the Rev. John K. Creeden, S. J., president of the University.

## K. of C. Report On Scholarships

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

New York, Dec. 1.—Three hundred and twenty-two former service men were maintained in schools and colleges of America by the Knights of Columbus during the year 1920, according to a report made public here by the K. of C. committee on education. This number marks a decrease from the 415 former service men who were given free college tuition, board and lodging and a small allowance by the Knights in 1919. These studies include those registered in courses other than those of law and journalism and ninety-three discontinued their college studies because of failure to measure up to the collegiate requirements. In almost every case they accepted the offer of the K. of C. committee to give them other courses, usually in K. of C. free vocational training schools.

## Noted Passionist Dies

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