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## Chicago's Mayor Praises K. Of C. Welfare Work

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Praise for the record made in its year of activity by the Knights of Columbus Free Employment Bureau for ex-service men in Chicago was made public during the week in letters from the Mayor of the city and from the Chicago Association of Commerce. The Knights of Columbus bureau, which closed tonight simultaneously with all the other K. of C. War Activity Employment Bureaus throughout the country, has made a record of 34,690 ex-service men and women placed in positions during the twelve months and of the handling of the problems of 62,210 former fighters.

The employers of Chicago offered the bureau a total of 47,291 positions, thus evincing their confidence in the Knights of Columbus.

"Permit me to compliment your organization on its very fine showing and to express my regret at your inability to continue your service along this line," Mayor Thompson wrote to Supt. James J. O'Malley, in charge of the bureau, and the letter from the Chicago Association of Commerce to Mr. O'Malley said in part:

"You have indeed accomplished a wonderful amount of good and the Knights of Columbus deserve great credit for their accomplishment. Your fine personnel, as well as yourself, also deserve the thanks of the community for the untiring effort you have put forth."

It is understood the Knights are closing these employment bureaus as the question of employment is no longer exclusively one of ex-service men, and that their efforts will now be concentrated on extending their Free Vocational Schools for the former fighters.

## First Congo Native Priest Introduced To King Albert

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Brussels, Dec. 12.—Father Kooze, the first native priest to be ordained in the Belgian Upper Congo, was received recently by King Albert, who displays great interest in the missionary work done in that country. The young priest, who was born on the banks of the Lake of Tanganyika in 1886 and ordained in July, 1917, was introduced to the king by Monsignor Roelens, of the White Fathers, the religious superior of the Belgian Upper Congo.

Monsignor Roelens, in discussing the work being done in that country, pointed out that the White Fathers now have two seminaries, in which the courses of studies comprise a curriculum of sixteen years. When the young candidates for the priesthood have terminated their studies they are sent for one year's probation to a "mission post" and once judged sufficiently well trained are called back to the seminary where they remain one year before receiving Holy Orders. One of the seminaries, that in Luaka, has forty-two students, while the others, situated in Baldwin Town, has seven.

## Catholic Problems In Education Are Expertly Treated

Pennsylvania Association Holds Convention in Pittsburgh  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Pittsburgh, Dec. 31.—Important and interesting facts regarding the problems and progress of Catholic education in Pennsylvania were presented to the second annual convention of the Catholic Educational Association of this State, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. More than a thousand teachers from all parts of Pennsylvania, a very large percentage of them Sisters, attended the several sessions of the convention, which was held in the Synod hall, this city.

Right Rev. J. F. Regis Canevin, former Bishop and now administrator of the diocese of Pittsburgh, the Right Rev. Archbishop Aurelius Stehle, O. S. B., of St. Vincent College, and Right Rev. Philip R. McDewitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, were among the principal speakers at the convention.

Interesting Subjects Treated  
"The Diocesan-High School" was the subject of an address by Rev. John E. Flood, LL. D., superintendent of schools of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Rev. Charles Connor, S. J., of St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, presented a paper on "The Development of Character in the Individual," and Sister Eustochia, of the Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Pittsburgh, read one on "Thought Development versus Memorization," illustrated with examples from class work in language, arithmetic, etc. The last paper was that by Rev. Thomas E. Shields, D. D., of the Catholic University, on "Catholic Education, the Basis of True Education." In the absence of Dr. Shields this paper was read by Rev. Thomas Bryson of Pittsburgh.

At the opening session the Rev. Ralph L. Hayes, D. D., superintendent of schools of the Pittsburgh Diocese, informed the delegates that in Pennsylvania there are now 756 Catholic educational institutions with an aggregate of 5022 teachers and 250,000 students.

At a reunion of college men in connection with the convention it was voted to make the colleges henceforth a separate section of the Association.

## Dr. Brauer Defines Christian Labor Unions' Purposes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Berlin, Dec. 18.—Dr. Brauer, of the Volkverein, the great Catholic people's society, was one of the principal speakers at the congress of Christian labor unions held recently in Essen. He deplored the sad consequences of socialism in public economy and especially in the life of the family. His indictment of capitalism was no less severe.

The Christian labor unions, he pointed out, desire a steady progress which harmonizes with the precepts of humane dealings. Christianity stands for the principle of individual liberty; socialism for the principle of constraint. The Christian labor unions, he said, would fight against socialism and its tenets as well as the aggressions of capitalism until the country was redeemed in the eyes of its own people and of the whole world.

## Cardinal Gibbons Heard Christmas Mass In His Bed

Asked To Have Carols Repeated Later—Message From Pope  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Union Mills, Dec. 31.—Midnight mass on Christmas Day was celebrated in the room occupied by Cardinal Gibbons at the home of Miss Mary Shriver here and His Eminence, lying on his sick bed, devoutly following the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice by the Rev. Albert Smith, his secretary.

The occasion marked the first time in fifty-nine years that His Eminence was unable to celebrate midnight mass at Christmas and the first time in nearly half a century that he did not pontificate.

Two young men and two young women from St. John's Church, Westminster, stationed in the parlor of the Shriver home, sang the familiar "Adeste Fidelis," "Noel," "Silent Night," and other hymns so dear to Catholic hearts at the holy season. The Cardinal's face lighted up as he listened to the carols, which, at his request, were repeated at the end of the mass.

Hundreds of messages from his friends were received by the Cardinal at Christmas, including a cablegram from His Holiness, Pope Benedict, which read: "His Holiness begs of the Lord every grace and comfort to Your Eminence, who in your laborious life has rendered such service to the Church. He sends to you with paternal affection His special Apostolic Benediction."

The Cardinal is also in receipt of a message from King Albert of Belgium, which says: "I send you my best wishes for the restoration of your health, so precious to all the Belgians."

Cablegrams from Rome indicate that the Holy Father is praying daily for the recovery of the Cardinal and that mass is offered daily for him in Santa Maria di Trastevere, Cardinal Gibbons' titular church in Rome.

## Vatican Appoints Bishop in Charge of Immigration

Rt. Rev. Michele Cerrati's Plans Include a Visit to United States  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Rome, Dec. 20.—Monsignor Michele Cerrati, who was recently consecrated for the Titular See of Lidda, and subsequently appointed Bishop for Italian Emigration, expects to visit the United States next autumn to study conditions there and make provision for the better religious care of Catholics from Italy.

In discussing the steps recently taken by the National Catholic Welfare Council to safeguard and assist immigrants arriving in the United States, Monsignor Cerrati manifested the keenest interest in this program and expressed a sincere desire to cooperate in its realization.

## Socialist Slanderer of French Clergy Convicted and Fined

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Paris, Dec. 20.—The Court of Appeals has just confirmed a judgment imposing a fine on a Socialist who was running for deputy in the Department of Isere. A claim for damages was also granted against him.

## Canada Catholics Seek Affiliation In This Country

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Affiliation of the National Council of Catholic Men with powerful Catholic bodies in other countries is forecast in correspondence of Dr. Michael J. Slattery, executive secretary of the N. C. G. M., with leaders of similar work in Canada, Ireland and Mexico.

Notable among the communications received by Dr. Slattery is that from the Catholic Truth Society of Toronto, which is now endeavoring, after the manner of the National Council of Catholic Men, to establish branches in every diocese of Canada, under the supervision of the bishops.

In his communication, James P. Murray of the Canadian organization points out that the difficulties in that country are immeasurably greater than in the United States. Catholics, he declares, are more scattered and exceedingly short of priests, schools, churches and money.

"Before we can get this continent requisitely united," writes Mr. Murray, "we must get our own laity together in one organization."

An interchange of programmes and pamphlets of the two organizations is now being arranged and plans for cooperation in works which have a common aim will be outlined.

The International Truth Society of Dublin is another organization which has manifested its interest in the work of the National Council of Catholic Men and which has addressed a communication commending its aims and laying the foundation for future cooperation.

Communication is also being established with the Confederation of Catholic Associations of Mexico, which is sponsored by the archbishops of Mexico City, Morelia, Durango, Guadalajara, Yucatan and Linares, and by the bishops of sixteen dioceses of that country.

## Drummers Lead In Divorce Statistics

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
New York, Dec. 28.—Traveling salesmen are more likely than men in any other calling, to be divorced. This unenviable pre-eminence of the "drummer" is proved by statistics gathered recently and just published by Professor Rudolph A. Binder, director of the department of sociology of New York University. The investigation shows that divorce proceedings are the outcome of one marriage in nine among traveling salesmen.

Professor Binder's statistics show that Americans are marrying young, but that few children are born of such unions. His explanation is that "children are an impediment to the social ambitions of women."

In Japan there are 135 divorces for every 1,000 marriages, as against 107 in this country.

## Chaplain Duffy Now Rector

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
New York, Jan. 3.—The Rev. Francis P. Duffy, former chaplain of the 166th Infantry (the old Sixty-Ninth), has been appointed irremovable pastor of Holy Cross Church, Forty-second Street, near Eighth Avenue, by Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes. He will succeed the Rev. Joseph F. Flannely, who died October 14,

## Dr. Walsh Elected Head Of Catholic History Society

Suggests Work on Attitude of Church Towards Science  
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—James J. Walsh, M. D., K. S. G., of New York, noted historian, was elected president of the American Catholic Historical Association, which closed its first annual meeting here today with a large membership and a prospect of an exceptionally successful career. Dr. Walsh succeeds Lawrence F. Flick, M. D., LL. D., who, with Rev. Peter Guilday, Ph. D., organized the Association at Cleveland just a year ago.

The new first vice-president is Rev. John J. Wynne, of New York, editor of the Catholic Encyclopedia, who is the successor of Rev. Victor O'Daniel, O. P. The other new officers are Rev. Dr. M. S. Ryan, president of Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis; second vice-president, Right Rev. Thomas C. O'Reilly, D. D., Cleveland, treasurer; Rev. Peter Guilday, Ph. D., of the Catholic University, Washington, secretary, and Miss Frances Brawner, Washington, archivist.

Members of the executive council of the association include the officers and Dr. Flick, Dr. J. H. Carlton Hayes of Columbia University, New York; Rev. Dr. Seavay, Very Rev. F. L. Gasler of New Orleans, and David Chapman of Cleveland.

Dr. Walsh's Suggestion  
Dr. Walsh, in speaking before the convention following his election, declared that the Association should undertake the work of gathering and publishing the facts about the Church's attitude toward science.

Many members of the American Historical Association attended the sessions of the Catholic Association and participated in the discussions of papers.

## Chaplain Plays Santa Claus In An Aeroplane

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Clad as Santa Claus, but with a powerful airplane instead of a sledge for a conveyance, Father Ignatius Fealy, chaplain at Fort Myer, Va., flew from Bolling Field to the post on Christmas Eve, and after alighting on the parade ground, distributed presents to the enlisted men and boys and candy to a large number of children.

Before descending with his pack, Father Fealy had a long and thrilling flight over Washington and Arlington Cemetery. Lieutenant Goddes, pilot of the big plane, "cut capers" for Father Fealy's benefit while they were sailing at a speed of about 100 miles an hour and some thousands of feet above the Potomac River. The airplane was made to "loop the loop" and do other "stunts" which gave Father Fealy a good deal of information about aerial navigation but took away his breath during their execution.

"It was an exciting experience, and though I wouldn't repeat it for a million dollars I wouldn't talk that much for it, either," Father Fealy told Lieutenant Goddes.

## Cleveland Judge Takes Catholic View of Divorce

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Declaring that too many persons today marry with the idea that the union does not prove permanent, the divorce court stands ready to cut the bonds, Judge J. Pearson of the Common Pleas Court of this city in a statement also announced his view that society would benefit by the repeal of all laws permitting dissolution of the bonds of matrimony.

Judge Pearson gives it as his opinion that much of the evil of the present day is due to large numbers of divorced men and women (who have been "burned" upon the community) who result in harmful effects.

"If the man is no good," declared Judge Pearson, "he permits him to feel some other woman and if the woman is no good she permits her to feel some other unsuspecting man. The result is that another divorce suit is filed in a short time. If the parents marry, the children, if there are any, seldom get as good care or attention as they did before."

"More thought would be given to the business of marriage if divorces were unobtainable. Fewer unhappy marriages would occur as a result, as both the young man and the young woman, realizing that the contract could be broken only by violating the law, and thereby incurring a jail penalty, would make sure of selecting a worthy mate."

## Big Brothers' Catholic Charity Realizes \$15,000

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
New York, Dec. 28.—Fifteen thousand dollars was realized by the Catholic Big Brothers, the one archdiocesan organization which Archbishop Hayes personally supervises, at the benefit public entertainment held at the Hippodrome in order to aid this work, which has helped more than seven thousand growing lads.

Madame Alda and Rafael Diaz, of the Metropolitan Opera Company; Fritz Kreisler, the violinist; Mischa Levitski, the pianist, and Gita Casali, the cellist, were among the entertainers.

Justice Cornelius F. Collins, president of the society and George MacDonald, the treasurer, are regarded as the "Biggest Big Brothers," next to the Archbishop.

## German Missioners Needed in Brazil

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Rio Janeiro, Dec. 18.—German missionary priests, many of whom have been evicted from the country for years of service by the labor in South America, are needed in Brazil in order to carry on the work of the Holy Spirit in North Brazil, where the ocean conducts them from the East. It has been found that the German missionaries have a great deal of information about aerial navigation but took away his breath during their execution.

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