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## Smith-Towner Act Still Condemned By Catholics

### Amendments Fail to Remove Their Causes of Objection

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

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Amendments made to the Smith-Towner bill by the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives, by which it was reported this week, have not removed or lessened the objections which Catholics, as citizens and taxpayers, have urged against the measure.

One of the two principal amendments added by the Committee was designed, it is explained, to adopt the proposed law to the plan for a general reorganization of the executive department by providing that the present Bureau of Education shall be transferred at once to the Department of Education when the latter is created, and that subsequently, at the discretion of Congress, all other boards, branches and divisions shall be put under the jurisdiction and direction of the new Department.

### New Provision in Bill

The other of these amendments purports to meet the complaint that the bill would centralize control over the public schools of the several states in a Federal department at Washington. This second amendment adds to Section 14 of the original bill a proviso that "courses of study, plans and methods for carrying out the purposes and provisions of this Act within a state, shall be determined by the state and local authorities of said state, and this Act shall not be construed to require uniformity of courses of study, plans and methods in the several states in order to secure the benefits herein provided."

There are also several unimportant changes in the verbiage of the bill, which calls for an appropriation of \$500,000 a year for the maintenance of the proposed Department and an additional \$100,000,000 annually for distribution among the states which accept Federal aid for education, and match the funds granted to them by the national government.

Michael J. Slattery, LL.D., executive secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, in a statement to the N. C. W. C. News Service, declared that the amendments have neither eliminated nor substantially altered the provisions which contemplate a scheme of federalization and centralization of education and a bureaucracy in Washington.

## \$250,000 School For Catholic Girls In Los Angeles

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

Los Angeles, Jan. 17.—Plans for the erection of a central high school for girls in this city have been completed by the Right Rev. John J. Cantwell of the diocese of Monterey and Los Angeles. A site has been selected and actual work is expected to start this month. The structure, when completed, will cost \$250,000 and will include a fine gymnasium and an auditorium with a seating capacity of six hundred people. There will be twenty-four classrooms and laboratories. The training of girls for the business world will be an important part of the curriculum in keeping with Los Angeles' growing importance as a business center.

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES

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

The Social Catholic Movement, which gives promise of solving many of the social problems of France, was the theme of a paper read before the recent Washington meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association by Professor Parker Thomas Moon of Columbia University.

London, Jan. 5.—The spiritual care of Catholic seamen in the ports of Great Britain is a problem that still waits to be tackled adequately. The Anglican and the non-episcopal churches have realized how pressing the problem is and are making provision for the spiritual needs of Protestant sailors coming into British ports. But owing to causes which have not yet been made sufficiently clear, very little has been done for Catholic seamen.

Paris, Jan. 17.—Natality congresses are becoming more frequent and influential in France and the subject of increasing the birth rate of the country is one in which the people in general are taking a profound interest.

Boston, Jan. 10.—Tablets to the memory of Rev. Father John B. DeValles and Rev. Warren C. Danker will be erected in the Massachusetts state house if a bill introduced in the legislature by Rev. Roland D. Sawyer, the only minister-member of that body is adopted. Father DeValles and the Rev. Mr. Danker were respectively the Catholic and the Protestant chaplain in the Yankee Division during its service in France.

Paris, Jan. 8.—An appeal addressed to the Catholics of the diocese of Lyons in behalf of their parochial schools, discloses that the budget for these primary institutions alone will this year exceed four million francs. The municipalities give help to poor children in the way of supplying books and clothing, but most of the burden falls on the Catholics.

London, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, distinguished American leader of women's suffrage was a guest of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society here recently and discussed the attitude of the Catholic Church towards suffrage in the United States.

Detroit, Jan. 17.—The resignation of Hughie Jennings, for years leader of the Detroit Tigers, to become assistant manager of the New York Giants, will not only be the cause of regret to thousands of Detroit baseball fans but will be a distinct personal loss to the Catholic players on the Detroit Club whom he always encouraged to the faithful practice of their religion.

New York, Jan. 17.—With the death of Mrs. Gertrude Haile Lanman in the Convent of Marie Reparatrice in this city, there passed away a notable convert to the Church in the United States.

Dublin, Jan. 8.—Cardinal Logue writes to the press drawing attention to an omission in the Partition Bill, now about to become an Act of Parliament. He complains that it does not contain a single clause protecting the interests, especially the spiritual interests, of the large Catholic minority in the six counties which it is proposed to cut off from Ireland.

## 'Movies' Reform Is Demand Of Better Pictures League

### Definite Action Is Taken at New York Meeting

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

New York, Jan. 17.—Practical steps for the elevation of the moral tone of motion pictures were taken at the meeting of the Motion Picture League for Pictures held here at Hotel Plaza and presided over by Charles A. McMahon, head of the motion picture bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

A country-wide campaign for the elimination of the crime school, the grossly suggestive and the ultra-morbid type of pictures was mapped out. This campaign will be conducted under the auspices of the Motion Picture Theatrical Association which will endeavor to enlist the aid of public opinion in its work. "Notable among the steps will be the development of an "M. P. T. Merit Seal" which will indicate a wholesome picture for family attendance and on which the public can rely as always assuring unobjectionable entertainment; the reduction of prices of admission, so as to permit more frequent attendance of entire families, and the opening to the public of an avenue of frank and honest publicity regarding conditions within the industry.

## Youngest Member Of Congress Is A Catholic

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

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Clarence J. McLeod, the youngest member of the present House of Representatives and one of the most youthful who has ever sat in Congress, is to be the guest of the Baltimore District Council of the Knights of Columbus on January 20. Mr. McLeod is a Catholic. He became 25 years old on July 3, 1920, and was, therefore, just four months beyond the minimum constitutional age limit when elected.

Many Knights of Columbus of Washington and the neighboring cities of Maryland will attend the banquet and entertainment with which it is intended to honor Representative McLeod. A special car will take a party from Washington to Baltimore.

Mr. McLeod was elected to the House of Representatives last November from the Thirteenth Michigan district, which embraces the west side of the city of Detroit. His election was to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles A. Nichols. Representative Brennan, who was elected for the regular term, beginning March 4, next, is a Catholic.

Representative McLeod is a member of Holy Rosary parish, Detroit. He attended the parochial schools of Detroit, Detroit University, the Jesuit Institution, and the Detroit College of Law.

## Catholic Poet An Ambassador

Paris, Jan. 13.—Paul Claudel, one of the most noted of French Catholic poets, has been appointed ambassador to Japan. This is one of the four most important posts in the French diplomatic service. He formerly was French Minister to Brazil. Announcement of M. Claudel's latest appointment is made in the Paris papers today.

## Irish Priest Is Arrested in the Confessional

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

Dublin, Jan. 8.—A sensational arrest, and one for which so far it is difficult to find a parallel, was made by military on Christmas Eve in the town of Templemore, County Tipperary.

Rev. Philip Hickey, C. C., was, while hearing confessions in the parish church, taken out of the confessional and removed to the military barracks, where he has been since detained. No charge has, so far as the public are aware, been formulated against him.

There are, at the present moment, five other Irish priests in custody, viz.: Rev. M. J. Conroy, P. P., Killeena, Westport, County Mayo; Rev. J. J. Glynn, C. C., Drumilion, County Sligo; Rev. J. Roddy, C. C., Broadogue, County Roscommon; Rev. P. H. Delahunty, C. C., Callan, County Kilkenny. Two of these have been tried by court-martial, but sentence has not been yet promulgated.

## Sisters Decorated By Government For War Work

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

Baltimore, Jan. 17.—Eight members of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy located here have been decorated by the United States War Department in recognition of their services in nursing soldiers during the Spanish-American war. Five other Sisters who served in the war and who have since died will have their graves in Mount St. Agnes' Cemetery specially marked by the government. Two of the eight surviving nuns, Sister Mary Bernard O'Kane, who entered the order in 1862, and Sister Bernardine Stone, who made her profession in 1867, have celebrated their golden jubilee in religion. The other recipients of the honor include Sister Nolasco McColm, Sister Ignatius Smith, Sister Alexius Klienfelder, Sister Celestine Doyle, Sister Mercedes Weld and Sister Ursula Mullin. All are now engaged in nursing at Mercy Hospital or in teaching at Mount St. Agnes' Academy.

## League of Catholic Women Shows a Remarkable Growth

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

Boston, Jan. 15.—At a meeting of the League of Catholic Women here last Saturday, Mrs. Francis E. Slattery, president of the organization, gave interesting facts regarding its growth and activities in the course of the last twelve months.

His Eminence Cardinal O'Connell was the principal guest at the meeting and spoke on the age of feudalism and its relation to the institutions and conditions of the present. A formal lecture on "The Church and Feudalism" was delivered by Rev. Eric MacKenzie, of St. John's Seminary, Brighton.

Mrs. Slattery announced that the membership in the League had increased from 1,200 to 3,300 in the last year, and that in the same period more than \$182,000 had been gathered for the support of its various enterprises in behalf of religion, education and general welfare.

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## Prison Chaplains Are Urging Some Needed Reforms

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

Washington, Jan. 17.—Religious work in our prisons is placed on a par with questionable "movies" and boxing matches, according to a report on conditions in New York State prisons, which has been sent to the Rev. Lewis J. O'Hern, executive secretary of the Catholic chaplains of the United States Army and Navy by the Rev. William E. Cahlin, now chaplain at Sing Sing, who is endeavoring to arouse public interest in a movement for the establishment of chapels for different religious denominations in penal institutions.

The report, which covers the whole subject of religious instruction and supervision, is part of a volume submitted to former Governor Smith of New York by the prison survey committee of that state and was drawn up by Father Cahlin, who was nominated for the work by Archbishop Hayes; Dr. Samuel Davidson, representing the Jewish work, and the Rev. Dr. Floyd S. Leach, nominated by the Episcopal bishop of New York.

### Separate Chapels Needed

Among other things, the report emphasizes the lack of facilities afforded chaplains for carrying on their work in prisons, the necessity of the formation of a state board of prison chaplains, the need of nomination of prison chaplains by heads of their respective denominations, and the utility of the creation of a public interest in the work of the prison chaplains, so vital to public welfare. It points out that as a rule, prisoners have no definite membership in either church or synagogue, and the result has been absolute ignorance or doubtful responsibility on the part of the specific religious organization to which the prisoner claims his nominal adherence.

## K. of C. Will Aid In Raising Funds For St. Mary's

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

Baltimore, Jan. 17.—The appeal of Cardinal Gibbons in behalf of St. Mary's Industrial School of this city, which was recently destroyed by fire, has been responded to by the Supreme Board of the Knights of Columbus, which has pledged the assistance of the members of that order in raising the \$2,000,000 necessary to rebuild the institution.

Brother Paul, who had charge of the education of "Babe" Ruth, one of the most celebrated graduates of the institution, appeared before the K. of C. officers and explained that the citizens of Baltimore had proposed the erection of a new cathedral in honor of the Cardinal, but that the prelate asked that the money be devoted to the rebuilding of St. Mary's, which had done such splendid work and which was so badly needed today.

Supreme Knight Flaherty said that if every Knight who saw "Babe" Ruth knock a home run last season would subscribe, the necessary funds would be assured.

Graz, Austria, Jan. 1.—Delegates from twenty countries, it is expected, will attend the next International Catholic Congress in this city on August 8-12, 1921.

## Priest's Novel Plan Of Meeting Attacks On Catholics

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

New York, Jan. 15.—Residents of Richmond Hill, Long Island, are watching the effects of the unique plan of Rev. Father Thomas A. Nummy to meet attacks made on Catholics in a publication issued by Rev. David D. Irvine, pastor of the First Methodist Church of that suburb. Father Nummy has inserted page advertisements in two local papers as a means of calling the attention of the people to the minister's efforts to foment religious strife in the community.

When a New York newspaper interviewed the Methodist divine concerning his statements about Catholics, the minister sought to shift responsibility to others by disclaiming authorship of the offensive articles and attributing Father Nummy's action to prejudice. The minister's publication accused Catholics of "treason" called priests "poisonous reptiles," referred to the Knights of Columbus as "wooden-headed fools" and "blackheads" and described Catholics as "bug-bugs."

"I want to know what the various civic associations say on this question," Father Nummy explained to a reporter. "Do they countenance religious strife in this community or not? Their reply should be public and explicit."

## Archbishop Hayes With Flag Fleets Sails For Rome

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

New York, Jan. 14.—At the foremast of the Italian liner *Espresso*, on which Most Rev. Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes has just passage for Europe last Wednesday, was a blue flag with white cross, emblematic of the rank of Chaplain General in the War.

Archbishop Hayes announced that one purpose of his visit to the Holy See was to present a report of the war dead in the Catholic clergy of the United States in the war. He is gathering, compiling and writing the facts in this report and the completion of *Journal of the Holy See* is also to make his visit to the Holy See. More than sixty priests, representing parishes in the Archdiocese, were at the pier to wish His Grace bon voyage. Among these priests were members of the archiepiscopal household and Father Francis P. Duffy, former chaplain of the Sixteenth Regiment. Monsignor Joseph Dineen and the Rev. Stephen Donogh, and two traveling companions, the Rev. Vincent Arcese and the Rev. John E. Kelly, accompanied Archbishop Hayes to Rome.

### Statue Escapes In Explosion

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

Dublin, January 8.—The statue in Northern France, which was a remarkable instance of being recorded of the war, religious emblems which have been wholly destroyed. In Killaloe, County Wick, a house of a Mr. McKelvey was blown down by a bomb. The four walls were left standing. The Blessed Virgin Mary, each side of the altar, was