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## Irish Catholics Treated Unfairly By Partition Act

### Discriminations Which It Makes Against Them Given in Detail

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Dublin, Jan. 20.—An extraordinary legislative anomaly is developing in Ireland. In 1914 a measure commonly called the Home Rule Act was passed "for the better government" of the country. It never became operative.

It has been repealed by the Act passed a few weeks ago, generally known as the Partition Act. Four-fifths of the Irish people are determined not to work this statute. The position in which it would place Catholics is an acute point in the situation.

### Provisions of Partition Act

The Partition Act establishes two Parliaments in Ireland, one for the North and the other for the South. For this purpose the North comprises the six counties of Antrim, Armagh, Down, Fermanagh, Londonderry, and Tyrone, as well as the cities of Belfast and Derry.

In the counties of Fermanagh and Tyrone Catholics are in a majority. They object to severance from the rest of Ireland and resent being forced into a Parliament where they will be dominated by Orangemen.

Within the Northern enclave which the Partition Act creates, there are almost half a million Catholics. On their behalf Cardinal Logue, Bishop McHugh, Bishop MacRory and Bishop O'Donnell have strongly protested against the scheme which puts them under the Orange yoke.

They have also condemned the manipulation of constituencies to the detriment of Catholics. For instance, Derry City has a Catholic majority and at present elects a Catholic representative. Under Partition it is to be electorally merged with the county so that the rural Protestant vote may outweigh the city's Catholic preponderance.

### Plans for North and South

Each of the new Parliaments, North and South, is to consist of a House of Commons and a Senate. In the Northern Parliament the Senate is to be elected by the House of Commons. In the Southern Parliament a totally different arrangement is to prevail. The Southern Senate is to be made up of representatives of various classes and interests. This is designed to secure an appreciable Protestant element in its personnel.

The plan for electing the Northern Senate effectively debars Catholics from enjoying a like advantage. In a word the actions of the Orange Parliament will not be subject to any Catholic check. The fact explains why the Orangemen in the North are very eager to set up their Parliament. In the remaining twenty-six counties of Ireland the people will not recognize or accept the Partition Act.

### Favors Freemasons

One of the most striking provisions in the Act is a clause putting the Grand Lodge of Freemasons in Ireland above the law. It is expressly laid down that enactments relative to unlawful oaths or unlawful assemblies shall not apply to "the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland."

Neither of the new Parliaments can assail any privilege or exemption that Masonry possesses.

Another provision of the Partition Act ensures that no law shall alter the constitution or divert the property of, or in any way diminish the existing benefits enjoyed by the University of Dublin (Trinity College) or the Queen's University of Belfast unless these bodies consent. The institutions in question are Protestant. No such safeguard is extended to the National University, which is Catholic.

It is the intention that Catholics shall be eligible for the office of Lord Lieutenant from which they are under existing law debarred. But even in the high posts at present nominally open to them Catholics have never obtained anything like the proportion that their numbers deserve. At present less than half the Irish High Court Judges are Catholics, although the Catholic population of Ireland comprises 75 per cent of the whole.

### Provision on Marriage

For decorative purposes the Act contains clauses proclaiming religious equality, prohibiting interference with free worship, and so forth. There is also a prohibition against "making any religious belief or religious ceremony a condition of the validity of any marriage."

The new order of things is intended to be made operative at an early date.

## Catholic Artist to Paint Pershing

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

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Arthur Cahill of San Francisco, the Catholic artist who has been selected to paint the picture of General John J. Pershing for the California Palace of the Legion of Honor has arrived in Washington to complete his work, which was started in San Diego last year and is now well advanced.

Mr. Cahill was selected for the task by Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spreckels, who have given \$1,000,000 for the erection of the California Palace, which will adorn a site in San Francisco near Sutro Heights, overlooking the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Cahill will shortly start work on a painting of Mother Marie-Rose, the first superior of the Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus and Mary, which will be a gift to the order in memory to Sister Francis Geronimo, a sister of the artist, who died this month at the Convent of the Holy Names in Oakland.

### K. of C. \$1,000,000 Home

Philadelphia, Jan. 31.—The Knights of Columbus of Philadelphia have finally selected a site for their new \$1,000,000 home and plans are now being prepared for the erection of the building, which it is expected the members will take possession of before the end of the present year. The edifice will be located on the west side of Broad street, south of Master street, and extends through two hundred feet to Carlisle street. The selection of a site came after a survey that lasted a year. The price has not been disclosed.

### New Excavations in Palestine

Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—Excavations at Beth-Shan, in the Valley of Megiddo, Palestine, will be undertaken next June by the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, in the expectation of unearthing relics that will throw additional light on the early history of that part of the Levant.

## Catholic Recovery In Great Britain Shown In Figures

### CENSUS STATISTICS

### Catholic Religious Marriages Increase While Protestants' Decline

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

London, Jan. 19.—Catholics in England and Wales are as numerous now as they were perhaps in the days before the so-called Reformation, and the Church is recovering some of the ground she lost in both countries following that great religious revolution. Although the proportion of Catholics to the total population is small, being something like 2 in 40, for all that the Catholic recovery has been notable.

The facts are strikingly presented in the official Catholic Directory, which has just been issued with the imprimatur of ecclesiastical authority. The total number of Catholics in the kingdoms of England and Scotland with the Principality of Wales is 2,461,475, of which the proportions are: England, 1,845,954; Scotland, 546,000, and Wales 69,521. This gives for the four Provinces of England and Wales a united Catholic population of 1,915,475.

The Catholics possess splendid cathedrals, while schools and colleges conducted by the religious orders rank with any in the country. There is no Catholic university, but the Catholics have returned to Oxford and Cambridge, where they have hostels or halls of study which are affiliated with the universities, and from which once again Catholics, both secular and regular, may proceed to the highest academic honors.

### Evidence of Catholic Growth

The power of the Church is best shown in its increase, and from figures supplied by the English and Welsh dioceses the total number of conversions in the past year is 10,592, an excess of 1190 over the previous year. Another significant thing made clear by the official figures is the fact that the Catholics alone of all the religious bodies of Great Britain have religious marriages shown a notable increase. The adherents of the Church of England outnumber the Catholics enormously, while members of the various other Protestant sects and other denominations run into millions; yet all of these, the report of the Registrar-General discloses, have recorded a steady decline in religious marriages.

The Catholic Church registers an increase, with 21,751 marriages celebrated in Catholic churches. This is 1,673 above the total noted in the official report of last year. Children's baptisms for the last twelve months number 58,092, which is 3,775 more than in the year before.

### Death of Mrs. Maurice Francis Egan

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

New York, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Maurice Francis Egan, wife of the former U. S. Minister to Denmark died of pneumonia yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, G. A. O'Reilly in Brooklyn. She was formerly Miss Katherine Mullin of Philadelphia and is noted for having written many important articles on diplomatic life abroad. The funeral will be held in Philadelphia.

## Col. Green Gives \$10,000 To Fordham

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
New York, Jan. 31.—Colonel E. H. Green, son of the late Hettie Green has given \$10,000 to the Fordham University fund, bringing the total to \$201,549.

"Although I am not of the Catholic faith", said Colonel Green in announcing the gift at a luncheon at the Bankers' Club, "I appreciate the great work that is being done at Fordham University and the dire need of new buildings and additional equipment to carry on that work."

The Very Rev. William McNulty, pastor of St. John's Church at Patterson, N. J., and Fordham's oldest living alumnus contributed \$500 to the fund yesterday on his 92nd birthday. He graduated in 1853.

### Pope Sends Decorations to Knights of Columbus

Pope Benedict XV sent to America the largest package of decorations to be received in this country from the Vatican. The package was addressed to William J. McGinley, supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus, and it contained seven crosses of Knighthood in the Order of St. Gregory the Great and one collar of Commander of the same Order. The decorations, in gold, bronze and enamel, have red and green ribbons. The collar is for Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston, supreme advocate of the K. of C. and district attorney of Boston. The crosses are for other officers of the K. of C. Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty will distribute the decorations, awarded in recognition of K. of C. war and reconstruction work, at a meeting of K. of C. officers at the Hotel Commodore.

### Part of K. C. War Fund To Be Used For Irish Relief

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

New York, January 30.—Announcement is made by the Knights of Columbus that the Order has given its consent to the proposal that the European Relief Council take over the balance of the United War Fund of about \$4,500,000, and assurances had been received from the six other organizations which participated in the joint drive during the war that they would concur in the suggestion.

James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight of the Order, stated that he had been assured by Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Relief Council, that a part of the fund of \$33,000,000 in control of the Council would be expended in relieving distress in Ireland.

The formal statement issued by Supreme Knight Flaherty is as follows:

"The Knights of Columbus, in leading the movement to give the United War Fund balance to the Hoover Relief Council, of which the Knights are a component part, realize that their is need for relief work at home, with unemployment rife, but there is a vast degree of difference between the needs at home and those abroad, where millions of children actually face starvation.

"We have been assured by Mr. Hoover that starving children in Ireland will be cared for by his council, and we urge our members everywhere to support the newly formed American Committee for Irish Relief, so that maximum succor may be rendered the suffering of Ireland."

## Archbishop Hanna Arbitration Head In San Francisco

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

San Francisco, Jan. 31.—An agreement to submit all their present and future labor disputes to a Board of Arbitration headed by the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, has been announced here by the San Francisco Building Trades' Council, representing the building crafts, and Builders' Exchange, representing local employers of these crafts.

Because of the importance of San Francisco as a labor union center, the agreement is regarded as having national significance. In no city in the country has labor unionism been stronger than in San Francisco. Two mayors of San Francisco have been union labor candidates and the present mayor, James Rolph, Jr., admittedly owes much of his political strength to the friendship of union labor. One of the former union labor mayors, P. H. McCarthy, was a signer of the new agreement as president of the building Trades' Council.

The new agreement means the abandonment of strikes and lockouts as a means of adjusting labor disputes between employer and employe in the local building field and is a complete revolution in the manner of handling differences between capital and labor in this city, where industrial clashes have been many and violent.

Furthermore, the agreement is in accordance with the principles set forth for the settlement of labor disputes in the Pastoral Letter of the Catholic Hierarchy of the United States. Archbishop Hanna is the chairman of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council, which represents the Hierarchy in the promotion of all National Catholic Welfare activities.

## Secretary Baker Views Catholic War Pictures

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

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Secretary of War Newton D. Baker was an interested spectator yesterday at a private showing of the National Catholic Welfare Council's motion picture review, "American Catholics in War and Reconstruction."

The picture, which is in six reels, is an animated visualization of the patriotic and humanitarian services rendered by the Catholics of America under the direction of the administrative Bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Council. The chief activities of the Council's two main operating committees, the Committee on Special War Activities, of which the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., is chairman, and the Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities, of which William J. Mulligan is chairman, were shown in a series of unique and inspiring scenes, taken both in the devastated countries of Europe and in the United States.

The pictures shown yesterday are being presented in many parts of the United States under the auspices of the Department of Motion Pictures of the National Catholic Welfare Council, of which Charles A. McMahon is the head.

## Clean Film Issue Taken Up By Holy Name In Chicago

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

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 28.—A determined fight for clean films has been started in Chicago by some 70,000 members of the Holy Name Society who have rallied to the support of an ordinance proposed by the Motion Picture Commission, of which Former Judge T. D. Hurley, head of the Big Brother movement of the U. S., is chairman.

The ordinance is being fought by strong interests who insist that the present ordinance, censoring and regulating moving pictures by police power with the chief of police in control, is sufficient to keep the pictures in check.

### Fold Board of Censors Proposed

The proposed ordinance provides for the establishment of "an executive department of the municipal government of the City of Chicago, which shall be known as the Department of Motion Pictures; and which shall be in charge and under the supervision of three members, to be appointed by the mayor; by and with the consent of the city council; one of which shall have been engaged in social service work; one in educational work, and one in professional or business life. Both sexes shall be represented on the board." These board members shall draw a salary of \$5,000 a year, thus assuring, the proponents of the ordinance argue, the selection of qualified persons who can afford to give their entire time to the work.

## Bishop O'Reilly Bears Beautiful Gift for Pope

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

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 28.—Bishop O'Reilly will leave for Rome on February 8, taking passage on the White Star liner Cedric as a member of the Beccari Tours party, to make his official visit to the Holy Father and present the report of the Diocese of Lincoln. The Bishop will be in Rome during Holy Week and will present the members of his party to the Holy Father at a public audience that has been obtained for the purpose.

The Bishop is the bearer of a beautifully illuminated Latin address which he will read to the Holy Father on the occasion. This scroll is the work of a Sister of the Dominican Order, of St. Rose's school, Hanford, California, and is a splendid imitation of the miniature writing and illumination that the monks in the middle ages used in making copies of the Bible, Missal and other books; specimens of which are highly treasured and preserved in museums in this country.

### Work On New Manhattan College

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

New York, Jan. 28.—Excavations of the first of the group of new buildings for Manhattan College, conducted by Christian Brothers on the site overlooking Van Cortlandt park, will begin next September, and it is expected that the institution's new home will be ready for occupancy in 1922. The cost of the new buildings will be met from the \$1,000,000 which has been subscribed. A campaign for the work.