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Europe Feeling Need Of Religion Is Gibbs' View

Catholic Leaders Said to Stand Firmly For Justice to Labor

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, Feb. 14.—Summarizing observations made during the last five years in many parts of Europe, particularly in the countries most affected by the Great War, Sir Philip Gibbs, noted war correspondent and author of many important books, declared to a correspondent of the National Catholic Welfare Council's Press Department that a deep and widespread religious revival was under way, and that the Catholic Church in England, France, Belgium, Spain, the United States and elsewhere was manifesting a most beneficial influence in social reconstruction.

Europe Recognizing Need of Religion

Sir Philip Gibbs is a Catholic. Lady Gibbs, his wife, is one of the founders of the Catholic Social Guild, and one of the leaders of the Catholic social movement in Great Britain. Sir Philip Gibbs has been in Washington, testifying before the House Naval Committee on the subject of disarmament, and also lecturing to the public.

"There can be no doubting the fact that there is a very marked movement in Europe, on the part of the people particularly, and in many instances among leaders of the people as well, toward a recognition of the necessity of religion," said the eminent writer. "Catholic leadership in the winning of the war was a most remarkable phenomenon, for not only Marshal Foch, but many of his generals were Catholics. A study of the rewards made by the French government for heroism during the war reveals an astoundingly high proportion of priests among the recipients of these honors. Undoubtedly the wonderful example given by the French priests exerted a powerful influence upon the French people at large, and particularly upon the men in the trenches. Catholic influence in France is now one of the predominant factors. While part of this influence is looked upon askance, because there is a feeling that some of the French generals are reactionary in their politics, nevertheless, it is recognized that Catholic influence in Europe is on the whole a most helpful one not only in combating the spread of revolutionary extremism on the one hand, but also in exerting a strong and perhaps final and decisive influence in bringing about the reasonable reform of social conditions which bear too heavily upon the working classes.

Justice Toward Labor
"Great Catholic leaders like Cardinal Bourne and Bishop Amigo of Southwark, in England, aided by such able men as Hilaire Belloc, Father Dom Bede Jarrett, Father Vincent McNabb, and such influential organizations as the Catholic Social Guild, together with Cardinal Mercier and other leaders of the Belgian clergy, are standing firmly for justice toward labor, while at the same time they oppose bolshevism and anarchy. In this they are only carrying on the program of Pope Leo XIII, whose Encyclicals are proving to be the very foundation stones of the reasonable reforms that are today seen to be absolutely neces-

sary, and they are also inspired by the present Pontiff, Pope Benedict XV. I had the honor of interviewing His Holiness in Rome, and found him to be most sympathetic toward the just aspirations of the laboring classes for a more equitable adjustment of their conditions and of the rewards of their toil."

San Francisco Plans City Observance Of Good Friday

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Plans for the annual campaign in behalf of the reverent observance of Good Friday have been mapped out by the Catholic societies of San Francisco, which inaugurated this movement, now spread to many parts of the United States.

Posters requesting that the public observe reverently the hours from noon to three o'clock on Friday, March 25, will be placed in stores on the principal business streets. Factories and commercial institutions will be visited to urge employers to permit their workers to attend church during the three-hour services. This request has been universally granted, even Jews, Protestants and men of no creeds granting such permission. The city government extends similar privileges to as many of its employes as possible. Theaters will be requested to postpone their performances on Good Friday till after three o'clock, as will also the Pacific Coast Baseball League management.

Many Protestant churches here have adopted the practice of holding three-hour services on Good Friday.

New Catholic University Opened In Lucerne

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Lucerne, Switzerland, Feb. 2.—Two of the largest hotels of this city have been purchased as residential quarters for professors and students of the Catholic University which is to be established here. The hotels were built shortly before the outbreak of the world war to accommodate the wealthier class of tourists and are of the most substantial and ornate character. It is estimated that about \$2,000,000 will be required to suit them to the new purpose.

\$10,000 Gift Received For The Shrine

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Ten one-thousand-dollar liberty bonds were received today by the Rev. Bernard A. McKenna as a contribution toward the building of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The contribution is the largest of its kind made by any individual this year. In accordance with the usual custom the name of the benefactor was not made public.

Liege Diocese Extended

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, Feb. 2.—The Holy See formally has incorporated into the diocese of Liege the two districts of Eupen and Malmédy, which, until their transfer by the League of Nations to Belgium sovereignty, were temporarily administered by the Papal Nuncio at Brussels.

Peace In Ireland Being Halted By Religious Hatred

Hilaire Belloc Warns Englishmen of Danger of Their Course

(By J. H. Cox)
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Dublin, Feb. 4.—For the moment, at all events, the negotiations such as they were, to secure peace in Ireland, have broken down. It may now be definitely stated that the initial step was taken by a leading Catholic merchant in one of the provincial towns. Archbishop Clune then came upon the scene and, at the invitation of the Prime Minister, acted as intermediary between the British government and Sinn Fein. Next, and during these negotiations, came the exchange of messages between Mr. Lloyd George and Father O'Flanagan, culminating in a personal interview in London at which Lord Justice O'Connor, the principal Catholic judge in the Court of Appeals in Ireland, was present. Unfortunately, the negotiations proved abortive.

Dr. Cohalan, Bishop of Cork, states that it is his impression that Mr. DeValera had returned from America on a peace mission; but there can, he remarks, be little hope in that direction while every attempt at peace is taken as a sign of weakness and as a reason for turning a deaf ear to Ireland's demands. He makes this comment: "Since the disappointment of the expectations based on the recent negotiations the position seems to be quite hopeless."

Hilaire Belloc's Views

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the distinguished Catholic author and military expert, writes to the press pointing out that "foreign opinion everywhere regards the burnings, torturings, floggings and shootings in Ireland as essentially the persecution of a Catholic people because they are Catholic, and as the outcome of an almost insane religious hatred."

He goes on to say: "That false opinion has taken root, and it is becoming a really formidable handicap to the English throughout the world; and it is creating in regard to this country (England) a legend which may do very great harm in the immediate future. I take it that the origin of all this widespread, and by this time fixed opinion among our rivals, our enemies, and even our friends abroad, is due to the inability of the politicians to control and govern a very small section of the subjects of the Crown for whose conduct they are as much responsible as for the conduct of any others of the vast majority to whom these things are odious. That small section is the organized Orange group.

Its chief centers of activity are Canada and the northeast corner of Ireland, and its motive, for us exceedingly injurious, is nothing more statesmanlike than a blind hatred of the Catholic Church. It must be clear to anyone acquainted with the details of what is going on in Ireland that the actual objects of the policy now being pursued have been chosen by Orangemen and for Orange purposes. Nothing else explains the extraordinary appointment to such an office as his of such a character as the present Chief Secretary. Nothing else explains the presence in such a post at such a moment of a man of such contemptible intellectual caliber,

unless it be the Orange Lords of Canada. Nothing else explains the selection of the men who are chosen to perpetrate these outrages, and nothing else explains the repeated and wanton insults offered to the Catholic religion and to its ministers, not as the enemies of this country, but as the members of a hated religious body."

It is well known that before committing himself to any views on public topics Mr. Belloc examines and analyzes facts in a thorough and painstaking way.

Thousands Request Burning of Vigil Lights at Shrine

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Thousands of requests to have vigil lights burned at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington to symbolize prayers for President Harding and the new administration of the United States and to petition God that the yoke of bondage may be lifted from Ireland have been received at the office of the shrine, according to the Rev. Bernard A. McKenna.

Many of these who have requested vigil lights have asked that they be burned previous to the inauguration ceremonies. More than four thousand lights were burned last week and it is expected that during inaugural week more than twenty thousand will be constantly lighted.

The requests are being accompanied by voluntary offerings for the shrine.

Clemenceau Has Picture Taken With Group of Missionaries

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Feb. 2.—Further news of Former Premier Clemenceau's visits to Catholic missions in India is given in a letter which has been received here from a French priest. This letter was written shortly after M. Clemenceau's sojourn in Burma.

"We have had with us M. Clemenceau," wrote the priest. "He went away marveling, he said, at our work here. He said to me: 'I am proud of you and what you have accomplished here.' He could not recover from his astonishment, and yet he has seen only two places. What if he had visited all our stations in the jungle with their schools?"

"M. Clemenceau told us that he was seeking after truth. That truth is so near to him; may God open his eyes. In any case, the only French people he found here were priests, brothers and nuns. To our question if he did not hesitate to have his picture taken with a group of priests, he replied that he would consider it an honor. He embraced the Bishop on leaving us, and promised to report all on his return to France."

Cardinal O'Connell Aids

Chinese Missionaries
(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Omaha, Neb., Feb. 14.—The Chinese Mission Society of Omaha has received a gift of \$2,000 from His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons of Boston. The donation was received through Dr. McGlinchey from the Society of the Propagation of the Faith of Boston, and will be forwarded to the Rev. Edward J. Galvin, director of the priests of the Foreign Mission, who is located at Han Yang, Hupeh, China.

Archbishop Talks On Saving Souls Of The Unborn

Notable Address at Maternity Hospital Dedication in Chicago

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Chicago, Feb. 12.—Without in any degree condoning the evil of the unwed mother, the Most Rev. Archbishop Mundelein, at the dedication of the new Misericordia Maternity hospital, declared that this unfortunate was less a sinner than the abandoned and bereaved wife who through the practice of birth control denied the opportunity of heaven to her children.

The new hospital in the southwest part of the city is in charge of the Sisters of Mercy and will be operated in conjunction with Mercy Hospital, so long headed by the noted surgeon, Dr. John B. Murphy. It has 100 beds and was erected at a cost of \$180,000 by the archdiocese. Its maintenance will be given over to the Associated Catholic Charities. It will minister to charity cases only.

"We were not moved to this work by sickly sentiment or a laudable purpose of philanthropy," said His Grace. "Nor will there be the mantle of 'more sinned against than sinning' thrown about the girls that come here. Nor was the consideration of saving some decent homes from disgrace our motive.

"We were inspired only by the realization of the great value of a baby's soul, no matter what its ancestry or its material future.

"A baby's soul—that it may not be lost—that is why Christ came on earth. That the babies' souls may have a chance of life and salvation is the purpose of this institution.

"There will come here girls who are innocent or ignorant victims and girls who are hardened sinners to bring into life that wonderful handiwork of God, a human soul. And here will these children be joined to God in baptism.

"And sinners though they be, these girls are less sinners than are those women, protected and honored wives, who through the practice of birth control deny to their own children the right to life and a chance for heaven."

Misericordia Hospital will serve as a training unit for the medical school of Loyola University. It will be in charge of Dr. Walter G. McGuire as chief of staff. The consulting staff will be the same in personnel as Mercy Hospital.

Cardinal Commends Thrift Campaign

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Baltimore, Feb. 14.—Cardinal Gibbons has written a letter to the heads of all Catholic schools in this archdiocese approving the savings movement fostered by the United States Treasury. In his letter the Cardinal said: "The action of the United States government in continuing the campaign to develop habits of thrift on the part of the children is to be commended. No greater service can be rendered the children of the country than to teach them the value of money."

Manila, Jan. 28.—The Philippine Islands Woman's club, for which which are in session here, have decided not to advocate birth control for moral and religious reasons.

Irish Pilgrims Present Address Bishop of London

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Feb. 2.—An expression of appreciation for the work and masses that have been offered up at the Immaculate Conception Shrine in behalf of Ireland, the Commission of National Irish Pilgrimages sent to Monsignor John Bishop of Turin and London an illuminated address, one of the finest examples of colored engraving ever seen.

J. F. Maxwell, the artist who completed the work, was a winner of a gold medal throughout all England, which many distinguished gravestones took part in. The four feet high and four feet wide and the frame is massive oak. Many people have seen the work for perfection of coloring. It has been an experience.

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Bengal Missions To Have Center In Detroit

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Detroit, Mich., Feb. 14.—The Rev. Father John J. O'Connell, of the Cross Foreign Missions, where students are being trained for the Bengal missions, has announced that a new center will be opened in Detroit.

The new center will be the general sphere of the Diocesan Seminary of the Heart, the project of the Rev. Michael Gallagher, of Detroit, who has been offered to train students for Bengal missions. The center will live in a house in the direction of the Rev. Father, which is expected to be simultaneously opened of the diocese.

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At present the missionaries are in the process of organizing the Bengal missions. The center will live in a house in the direction of the Rev. Father, which is expected to be simultaneously opened of the diocese.