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## British Reprisals Stir Archbishop Of Canterbury

### England's Policy In Ireland Making Thoughtful Uneasy, He Said

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
London, March 10.—When the Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury called in the House of Lords for official papers giving detailed information about important incidents in Ireland, he set the tune for an Irish debate by the peers in which the spokesmen for the Government in the Upper House did not appear to have it all their own way.

Although he is a past master in the arts of platitude and compromise, the ecclesiastical head of the State Church appears, for this occasion, to have taken a strong line. The Archbishop said that the House of Lords had a right to ask for official information in regard to Ireland and the state of affairs existing in that country. There were all sorts of rumors floating around, but even after making every allowance there was enough remaining to make every thoughtful man uneasy. In this manner he referred to reprisals.

The burden of the Archbishop's speech was this: What is being done in Ireland, and who is responsible? The way to cast out devils, he continued, was not to call in the aid of other devils, and being in this scriptural frame of mind the Archbishop proceeded to say that there are degrees beyond which they (meaning the House of Lords and the Bishops) could not go on shielding the Chief Secretary.

Supported by Lord Buckmaster the Archbishop did not wish, so it appeared, to violate his civic duty as a loyal citizen; but neither did he wish to violate the conscience as a Christian man. In all this he was seconded and supported by Lord Buckmaster, who holds an influential position on the Peace With Ireland Council, but who is also the sponsor of the parliamentary bill for making facilities for divorce a good deal easier than they are at present. Leaders Demanding Change of Policy

Nor are the churchmen the only ones in the running. The secret historians and the runners up and down the political back stairs are full to bursting of rumors. Mr. Arthur Balfour and the Minister of Education, Mr. Fisher, are both credited with becoming insistent in the Cabinet upon the need for a change in the matter of reprisals, while in this connection the names of Mr. Ian Macpherson, a former Irish Secretary, and the Minister of Health, Dr. Addison, are mentioned as being critical of recent events in Ireland.

How much of all this is based upon fact or upon the gossip of press clubs it is difficult to say. But at all events, it points to the fact that something is about to give way somewhere, and before very long, too.

New York, March 21st.—Two Redemptorist priests who were elected delegates to the general chapter of that order, to be held in Rome next month, have sailed from New York. They are the Rev. L. Franzen, C.S.S. R., of St. Alphonsus' (Rock) Church of St. Louis and the Rev. George Mahoney, C.S.S. R., of St. Joseph's College, Kirkwood, Mo.

## Denver Bigots Profane And Plunder the Church Of the Holy Rosary

### Used Crowbars to Smash Altar and Tear Off Cross From Tabernacle—Stole Chalice and Sacred Ornaments

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Denver, March 18.—Robbery, destruction and desecration were committed by sacrilegious vandals who forced their way into Holy Rosary Church at Forty-seventh avenue and Pearl street, Monday night, by sawing the lock from the rear door. That the crime had for its purpose the outraging of the Church and Catholic feeling, rather than the quest for loot, is clearly shown by the circumstances.

For several months an agitation to restrict the use of sacramental wine in Catholic churches in Colorado has been fomented by hundreds of bigots and fanatics in the State. The promoters of this campaign caused the introduction of a bill in the legislature to limit to twenty gallons a year the allowance of wine for each church. In addition to fixing this limitation of quantity, the bill would also impose a tax of \$1 a gallon on all the wine purchased and used for sacramental purposes.

Anti-Catholic organizations have been active in furthering this proposed legislation, which, if adopted, would make it practically impossible for a parish with two or more priests to obtain an adequate supply of sacramental wine. The Denver Catholic Register and Catholic societies and clergymen have vigorously opposed the Blackwell bill, in which they see the handiwork of bigots.

Many Catholics regard the wrecking of Holy Rosary Church as a manifestation of the hostility and hate that have been inflamed by the crusade in behalf of the Blackwell bill. The damage done to the church is estimated at above \$6,000. An orgy of wreckage reduced the interior fittings and furnishings of the church to debris. The altar was destroyed, the cross on the tabernacle was wrenched off and broken, a gold chalice and many gold and silver candlesticks were taken, along with other valuable ornaments and equipment. To accomplish this systematic work of demolition the vandals used crowbars.

No arrests have been made thus far. Catholics of Denver and throughout Colorado are shocked at this profanation of one of the finest churches in the State.

## Sacramental Wine Limitation Bill Allowed to Die

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Denver, Colo., March 19.—In the immediate wake of the wrecking and sacking of the Church of the Holy Rosary in this city comes the announcement that the Blackwell bill for the limitation of wine for sacramental purposes will be allowed to die in committee.

The Blackwell measure, which provoked outbreaks from bigots and anti-Catholic fanatics, has been pending in the legislature here for several months and at one time seemed to have a considerable backing. It was referred to a committee and though there was a demand and a prospect for a favorable report for its passage, it is now dead.

March is Catholic Press Month.

## Irish Catholics Plan A Religious Congress For 1922

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Dublin, March 10.—Already the project to establish an Irish Catholic Congress has made good progress. Representatives of the various Catholic organizations have met in Dublin, and having formed a provisional Executive Committee they arranged to summon a general meeting in June or October next to discuss the scheme in its entirety, to consult with the Hierarchy, and then put in motion the machinery for organizing the inaugural meeting of the Congress.

Rev. B. Mulleady, O. D. C. in the course of an address at the preliminary meeting said: "Our work should be offensive. We are at the third great crisis of our history in Ireland. Will we abandon the world or convert it? There is something wrong with continental Catholicism. The Irish article is the only true one. Let us not look to France or Germany, but to Ireland. This congress might launch a crusade to save the world".

Although the scheme is supported with unanimity and enthusiasm the promoters are proceeding with deliberation and calculation. They will not formally establish the Congress until every detail down to the smallest has been settled. Hence it is they do not propose to hold the first Congress meeting until 1922. In the meantime the Provisional Executive Committee has mapped out for itself an extensive program including organizing and propaganda work.

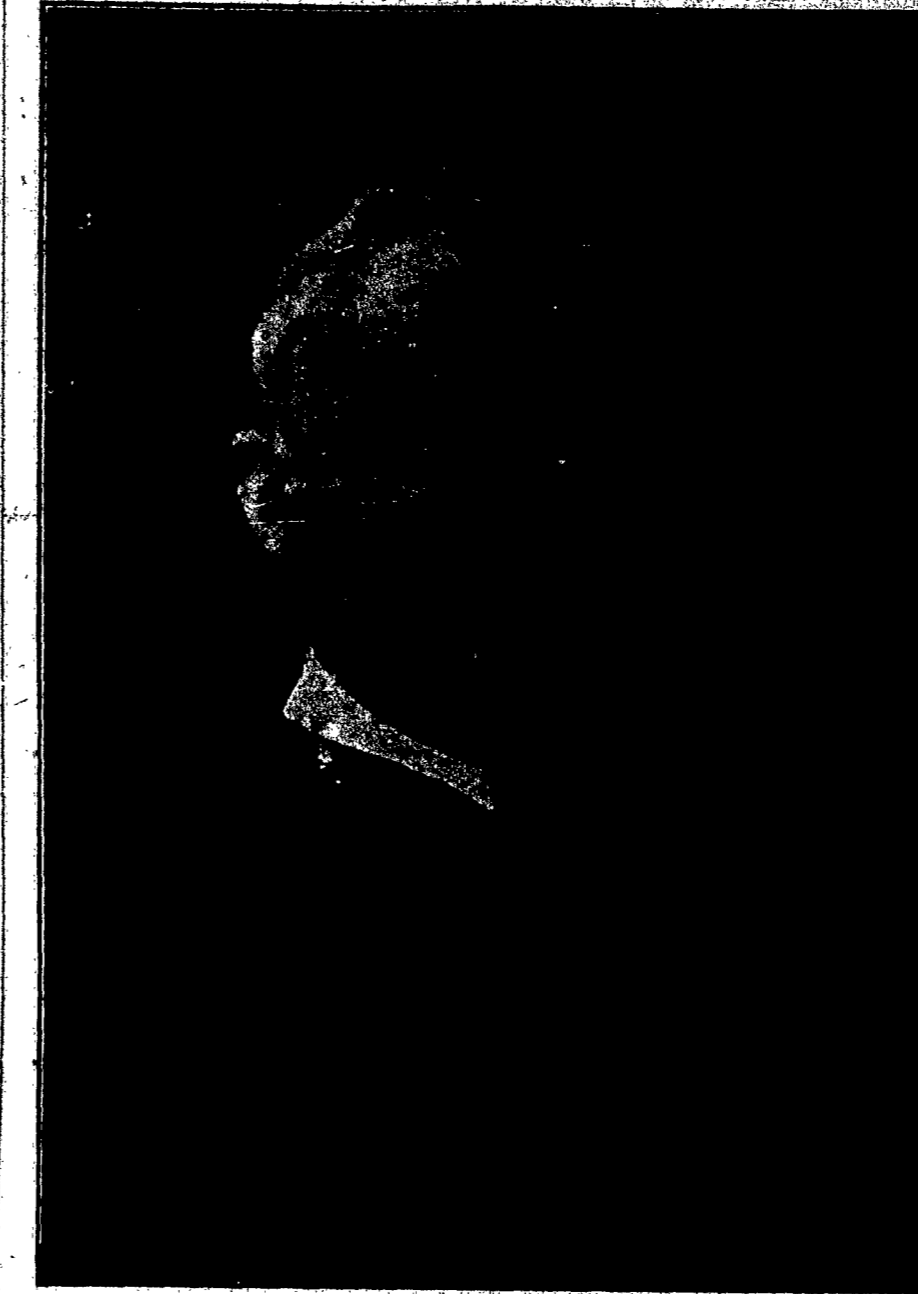
## Fifty Thousand Men In Boston Retreat

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Boston, Mass., March 21.—Between forty and fifty thousand men of greater Boston participated last week in the annual spiritual retreats which for years have been a special observance of Passion week in this city. Retreats were held in more than twenty-five churches and by many different religious orders, including the Oblates, Jesuits, Redemptorists and Franciscans. At the Church of the Immaculate Conception, the retreat was held under the auspices of the Young Men's Catholic Association of Boston, and at the conclusion of mass breakfast was served in the gymnasium of Boston College High School.

## Nuns Affiliate With Women's Council

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., March 21.—Enrollment of the first community of religious women to affiliate with the National Council of Catholic Women was announced here this week, when the Ursuline Community of Wilmington, Del., became a member of that organization. While a number of the convent alumnae associations throughout America and individual Sisters have been enrolled as members, the Wilmington Ursulines are the first community to enter as a society.

A communication has been sent from the N. C. W. C. headquarters declaring that the organization "will be greatly honored by the membership of religious communities desiring to affiliate."



James Cardinal Gibbons

## Cardinal Gibbons Dead

### Venerable Prelate Passes Away In His Eighty-Sixth Year.

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—James Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore and senior prelate of the Church in this country died here today at the age of 86 years.

The aged Cardinal yielded to illness which had confined him to bed the greater part of the winter. After fighting off one attack he was so weakened that he could not withstand the second.

The Cardinal died at 11:33 a. m. Monsignor John Benzano, apostolic delegate to the United States; Bishop Owen B. Corrigan, the vicar-general of the diocese and a large number of other clergy were at the cardinal's home when his eminence died.

Cardinal Gibbons was born in Baltimore July 23, 1834. He was the son of Thomas and Bridget Gibbons, and was one of six children, three boys and three girls.

When James Gibbons was 3 years old the family returned to Ireland, where the father took up farming in county Mayo. The future cardinal began his studies in the village of Ballinrobe.

His father died when the boy was 13 years old and the mother, with her children, returned to America, settling in New Orleans. A brother of the cardinal, John T. Gibbons, and his only immediate survivor, is still living there.

Shortly after the arrival of the Irish family in New Orleans, James Gibbons became a clerk in a grocery store and made a good grocery clerk for his employer, tried to persuade him from leaving when he decided to study for the priesthood. A trio of visiting missionary priests fired him with religious zeal and he commenced his studies in 1854.

He was ordained at the Cathedral where he himself ordained over 1,000 others, June 30, 1861. His first appointment was that of assistant pastor to the Rev. James Dolan at St. Patrick's Church, Baltimore.

In 1865 Archbishop Spaulding, then head of the Baltimore

diocese, appointed Father Gibbons his secretary. His first real elevation came when the second plenary council met in Baltimore and he was appointed assistant chancellor. At that council he amazed the prelates with his profound knowledge of the church. The result was that he was appointed vicar apostolic of North Carolina. The bull confirming his nomination came from Rome in 1868 and he was consecrated at the Baltimore Cathedral August 16, 1868. He was then only 34 years old.

When Archbishop Bayley died in October, 1877, Gibbons succeeded him as head of the archdiocese of Baltimore.

On June 7, 1896, following the death of Cardinal McCloskey in New York, Archbishop Gibbons was elevated to the Cardinalate.

In February of 1898, he was solemnly invested with the pallium.

The name of James Cardinal Gibbons is the keystone and center of the modern history of the Catholic Church in the United States. It is the name that sums up as no other single name can do the marvellous progress of the Church in our country and its high standing among the mighty forces of the nation. And if the name of Gibbons is the master word that expresses the spirit of the Catholic Church in the United States the mighty and vast Church of today, it is also wondrously linked through many vital associations with the very roots of the Church and of the Nation as well. Not only is this true, but it is also true that James Gibbons is a name that stands as the title of a life-story which is quintessentially American. The high romance of this humble child of humble Irish immigrant parents, covering the better part of a century coincidental with the mighty growth and development of the American nation, rising out of obscurity, weakness and hampering conditions to a unique eminence of success, power, and universal fame is from first to last a purely American story.

"Never was there a soul in which the spiritual forces of religious and patriotic idealism

found more abundant... which these influences... more practical... suits than the soul of... who gained in... patriotic Jackson... the patriot Carroll... er was locked upon... altar in the... by John Carroll... of the Infant Church... American more than... Gibbons has the... of religion and... united to greater... "There has not been... successful man in... the country of... than he," says... Sun. "For more than... he has been recognized... the foremost of... helped to make the... country and... influence upon the... moral development... than almost any other...

## Divorce Laws May Be Made More Drastic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Columbus, Ohio, March 21.—Drastic changes in the laws of Ohio, designed to curtail collusion, bigamy, re-marriages, and reconciliation, are in a bill introduced in the legislature by Representative Houston T. Houser, of Hamilton County.

The bill, provisionally court, at its discretion, point an attorney in... where the defendant... appear to reply to... This would... measure... default. Another... powers the judge... ing down his... days after hearing... to allowing the... to reconcile... This, in Robin's... can be done.

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## Canon Law Account Of Irish

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., March 21.—A pitiful picture of how... of a little... are affected by... country today is... Rev. Canon C. W. C... low, County Cork... cation received... E. Doran... ington-Mary... which has... \$7,500 for... trees in that... "I am... any... things... In fact... has been... any long... dangerous... public... Motor... and the... maddened... stantly... anniversary... put that a... "Never was there a soul in which the spiritual forces of religious and patriotic idealism