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Bishop MacRory Denies British Have Offered Irish Relief

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, April 25.—An effort has been made to persuade the American people that money for the relief of distress has been offered by Great Britain and refused by Ireland. The Cable sent to America by Bishop MacRory should destroy any effect this form of propaganda was intended to have in the States. The only funds subscribed in the British Islands in aid of sufferers in Ireland consist of contributions by Irish Catholics themselves.

Dr. MacRory says: "Not a penny of the millions alleged to be available for the relief of distress in Ireland has been given or offered by the British Government to relieve the want and misery of the expelled workers of Belfast and their wives and children."

Instead of granting millions, as alleged, the British Treasury has curtailed outlay on every useful Irish service. Grants to local authorities to the extent of 7,500,000 dollars have been cut off. The votes to departments engaged in works of public utility have been reduced. There is no money apportioned for housing or public health service. Land purchases transactions have been practically suspended. Education in all its branches is starved. County Councils have, owing to the withholding of grants, been obliged to discontinue the repair and improvement of the highways.

Yet Ireland contributes 260,000,000 dollars a year to the British Treasury. Never before had the tribute reached such a high figure.

Women have been the chief sufferers, but sustained by their religion they do not complain or repine. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence has, with a representative of the Irish White Cross, been investigating conditions in Munster. She reports an immense amount of unemployment and consequent poverty. There is, she affirms, need for money for the relief of distress. She also exposes the falsity of the statement issued in Washington as to British financial generosity towards Irish distress.

Thanksgiving Mass Sung When Poland Gets Constitution

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Warsaw, April 2.—A striking manifestation of the religious fervor of the Polish people and the strong Catholic spirit of the government of the new Republic of Poland was given here on the occasion of the final passing and proclamation of the new constitution. Immediately after the last voting on the constitutional bill in the national legislature the entire Diet, led by the Chief of State, Marshal Pilsudski, the Cabinet and the Speaker, adjourned in a body to the Cathedral of St. John where a Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Alexander Kakowski, Archbishop of Warsaw.

New York, April 23.—Rev. George Sinnott, S.T.L., pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart died here today. He was a brother of the Rev. Dr. William Sinnott, rector of St. Ann's Church.

New Directory Of Catholic Schools And Colleges

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, May 2.—The Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Council announces for distribution in the early part of June a Directory of Catholic Colleges and Schools. This important contribution to Catholic educational literature was compiled by Reverend James H. Ryan, D.D., Ph.D., Executive Secretary of the Department of Education, and represents the most accurate and authoritative statement of Catholic educational statistics that has yet appeared.

Father William S. Kress Given Important Post

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cleveland, Ohio, April 30.—Rev. William S. Kress, former pastor of St. Edward's Church in this city, has been appointed superintendent of the western department of the American Foreign Mission Society, with headquarters in San Francisco.

Father Kress became associated with the foreign mission work of the society last September and since that time has been engaged in traveling through the country to acquaint Catholic congregations with its purpose. He will continue these activities.

British General Dies a Catholic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, April 30.—The funeral of the late Lieutenant-General Sir John Steven Cowans, late Quartermaster General of all Great Britain's millions of forces, was held from Westminster Cathedral and was attended by some of the most distinguished of England's military, naval and civil officials. The announcement that burial services were to be conducted in the Cathedral was the first intimation the public had that Sir John had died in the Catholic faith. It now appears that he was received into the Church only a few days before his death.

Order Of Foresters Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Milwaukee, May 2.—The annual convention of the Catholic Order of Foresters will be held here August 2-5, it was announced today. The organization is completing its thirty-eighth year of successful operation and claims the second largest insurance membership among the Catholic societies in the United States.

PRIESTS ROBBED

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Oswego, April 26.—Liberty bonds, silverware, and other valuables were stolen from the residences of the Rev. John F. McLaughlin, pastor of St. John's Church; and the Rev. Joseph A. Hopkins, pastor of St. Mary's Church, here last night.

The robbers entered the houses while the priests were attending services at St. Mary's Church.

Paris, April 26.—Temporary postponement of the bill authorizing the resumption of relations between France and the Vatican was voted by the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate today. This action is not regarded as more than a sign of the Senate's engrossment with negotiations with Germany respecting reparations.

Dr. Kinsman Speaks To Converts' League On St. Augustine

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, April 27.—Dr. Frederick J. Kinsman, formerly the Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Delaware, but for the last year and a half a Catholic—author of "Salve Mater," the story of his conversion, and recognized as the most important work of its class since Newman's "Apologia"—gave his first public address as a Catholic on Tuesday evening, April 26, before a large and distinguished audience of clergy and laity in the ball room of the Plaza Hotel. The affair was held under the auspices of the New York branch of the National Converts' League, Stuart Pallman West, its president, in the chair. More than two score priests, including Father Duffy, the famous chaplain; Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., and Father Paul, of Graymoor, were on the platform, and many other priests were in the audience.

His Grace Archbishop Hayes was unable to be present because of imperative engagements connected with the New York charity drive, but a letter from him warmly commending the Converts' League and its work was read.

The subject of Dr. Kinsman's lecture was "St. Augustine: the Convert." It proved a remarkable demonstration of sound and thorough scholarship combined with beautiful simplicity of expression and a shining example of practical interpretation. The problems dealt with and solved by the Bishop of Hippo were shown by Dr. Kinsman to be precisely similar to the problems met with by religious seekers of today. The great controversies in which St. Augustine, after his conversion, supported the Catholic Church, like Manichaeism, and Donatism, and others, were almost identical with anti-Christian or non-Catholic movements of today.

"Perhaps I may some day serve God as a Roman Catholic priest and say mass at a Roman Catholic altar," said Dr. Kinsman at the end of his lecture. It was explained by some of his new friends at the reception which followed that Dr. Kinsman was devoting himself to the care of Frederick Kinsman, his aged father, who is an invalid, at their summer home, Birchmere, Me. His mother and sister have recently been received into the Roman Catholic communion at Portland, Me.

Dr. Kinsman declared he has "made no sacrifice" in entering the Roman Catholic communion. "There is not any sacrifice in doing the thing that you most want to do. It is the atmosphere of the communion with God; things we felt before were only theories we now find to be actual facts," said Dr. Kinsman, in explaining his conversion.

Hong Kong.—E. J. Noronha, a prominent Catholic of Hong Kong died here recently in St. Paul's Hospital. He was the editor and publisher of "The Rook" and was president of several local societies.

Mobile, April 23.—Bishop Allen conducted the services at the funeral of Rev. William M. Salentin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, who died here Thursday night. The burial was in Spring Hill College Cemetery.

Pleas And Prayers Of Prelates For Industrial Peace

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, April 25.—Prayers were offered in every place of worship in Great Britain on a recent Sunday for industrial peace, and that the danger of bitter civil strife may be averted. In the Catholic Churches Masses were celebrated *tanquam pro re gravi*; the Church of England was called to prayer by the two Archbishops, and in all the non-episcopal churches there was a serious prayer that widespread disaster might be averted from the nation.

Meanwhile, here are extracts from some of the despairing cries quoted from one of the great London dailies: "It seems to me that there is no indication of the remedy for this abominable state of things." And another: "Surely all will admit that it is, indeed, safer and wiser to allow their children to be taught the principles of the Sermon on the Mount rather than the horrible blasphemies of Lenin, Chicherin, and Trotsky."

California State Aid to Restore Spanish Mission

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Sacramento, Cal., April 28.—An appropriation of \$10,000 for the restoration of San Diego Mission, one of the historic Franciscan foundations of California, is authorized in a bill which has been favorably reported to the House of Representatives by the Ways and Means Committee. There is some opposition to the measure, but it is believed that it will pass.

Three Priests Say First Mass In The Same Church

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Toledo, Ohio, April 30.—Three priests, all of whom were reared in the same parish—that of St. Joseph's, in Fremont—celebrated their first Holy Masses there last Sunday. The priests are Rev. Anthony Myers, Rev. Isadore Oberhauser, and Rev. Carl LaJeune. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends of the young priests.

ST. LOUIS TWIN BROTHERS GAVE \$400,000 TO CHURCH

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
St. Louis, May 2.—Benefactions to various institutions here amounting to \$400,000 made by John Sheehan, who died April 21, and his twin brother, Patrick Sheehan, who died in 1917, were revealed by Archbishop Glennon yesterday. The Archbishop said that the gifts had been made so unobtrusively and were so widely distributed that no accurate list could be made. It is known that they made four contributions of \$100,000 each to church institutions.

The two men were bachelors and lived and died in the same house. Their gifts were always made jointly until the death of Patrick.

Napoleon's Day Was Marked By Church Services

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, April 25.—Important religious ceremonies figure on the program of the solemnities which are to commemorate the centenary of Napoleon's death on May 5th.

At Notre Dame of Paris, Cardinal Dubois will preside over the funeral service on May 4 (the 5th being the Feast of the Ascension), during which the cathedral choir, assisted by other choirs and military bands, 550 persons in all, will execute the Requiem of Berlioz.

On the following afternoon, in the chapel of the Invalides, where Napoleon is buried, the Cardinal Archbishop will intone the Libera. The Funeral Chant, composed especially for the occasion by the famous composer, Gabriel Faure, former director of the Paris conservatory, also will be sung.

The descent will then be made to the crypt, where troops will render military honors. Marshal Foch will speak, and with the last words of his address, at eleven minutes to six, the hour of Napoleon's death, the first shot of the salvo of 100 cannon shots will be fired, in order to recall to the Parisians the memory of the great man.

At Ajaccio, after the High Mass celebrated in the cathedral by the Archbishop of Aix-en-Provence, the funeral oration of Napoleon will be delivered by the Bishop of Ajaccio. In the afternoon, a procession of the inhabitants of the town, headed by the clergy, will proceed from the cathedral to the main square, where the abolition will be given.

Solemn services have been announced in the cathedrals of Aix, Straasburg, Lyons, Marseille, Nice, Grenoble, Orleans, etc., and even in the accessible portions of the Cathedral of Rheims. Catholic services also will be held in Brussels, Warsaw and even at St. Helena, in the little church of the village of Longwood, where the famous military genius died.

In connection with this commemoration it may be remembered that when drawing up his will, shortly before his death, Napoleon began it with these words: "I am dying in the Apostolic Roman faith in which I was born."

In April, 1821, feeling that he was lost, he regulated the details of the "Chapelle ardente" (tapers burning around the catafalque), which he wished to surround his remains.

"He perceived," relates Chateaubriand, "that this recommendation displeased his doctor, Antommarchi. He spoke to him about it, and said: 'You are above such weaknesses; but what will you, I am neither a philosopher nor a physician; I believe in God; I am of the religion of my father. Whoever will cannot be an atheist. Can you not believe in God? For everything proclaims his existence, and the greatest geniuses have believed it.'"

Cumberland, Md., April 28.—The Rt. Rev. Mgr. C. A. McDermott, aged sixty-eight, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church of McKeesport, died Monday. He was a native of Ireland, and received his education at St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md. At one time he was pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, Cannelville.

Poland's Great Catholic Center Coming To U. S.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Warsaw, April 15.—General Joseph Haller, "the Defender of Warsaw," famous Catholic hero of Poland, is to leave in a few days for Danzig, where he will embark directly for New York to pay his first visit to America.

According to word received from various Polish organizations in the United States, great preparations are being planned for his reception in several American cities. Besides New York, Chicago, the General is to visit Buffalo, Cleveland, Milwaukee and other centers of the American population, and eventually make a trip to the Pacific coast.

Benedictines Will Open U. S. Foreign Missionary Seminary

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
St. Meinrad, Ind., May 1.—The establishment of a Foreign Missionary Seminary in the United States for the Benedictines order has been decided upon. It was announced here today. The Benedictines have extensive missionary work in East Africa, Asia and South America, and for the purpose of training men for service in these regions the proposed institution was established.

"No decision has been announced concerning the location of the new seminary. Rev. F. Engel, O. S. B., has charge of the project and is making his headquarters in this country at Concord, Mass. He and the Rev. F. Michel, O. S. B., are at present collecting money for the reconstruction of missions and other schools to be the largest in the world, which they conduct in East Africa and which were destroyed during the war.

St. Joan's Feast Day to be Observed By Church and State

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, April 25.—The feast of St. Joan of Arc on May 8 is to be celebrated with great solemnity throughout the world. France. This is the first time the feast will have been celebrated as a national holiday by the law which was passed last year. By a happy coincidence, the date of the religious feast (the day in the octave of the Ascension) is the same this year as official Feast (second Sunday of May), and both of the above will fall on the anniversary of the deliverance of Orleans by the Saint.

It is announced that the foreign Pontiff will be represented at the Orleans celebration by a legate.

At the cathedral of Orleans, ceremonies will be celebrated, but will not be delayed, but will last several days. Numerous bishops are expected. The cabinet has not yet decided upon the official day in the calendar. Throughout the country all public buildings will be decorated with flags and bunting.