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Catholic Commercial Enterprises In Ireland Thriving

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, May 21.—Catholic commercial enterprises started in Ireland within recent years have made splendid headway. The Irish Catholic Church Property Insurance Company had an increase in revenue in 1920 equal to that of the five previous years combined. The receipts were the highest in the history of the company.

Mr. Thomas Sexton has been chairman of the undertaking since its foundation. Mr. Sexton was for many years a member of the old Irish Nationalist Parliamentary Party. He is a leading expert on the question of financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland. He was a member of the Royal Commission which investigated this question in 1895. He then presented a separate report regarded by all authorities as a masterpiece. He is prominently identified with a number of other companies under Catholic control.

The Hibernian and General Insurance Company, another comparatively young enterprise, owned and operated by Catholics more than doubled its revenue last year. These records are typical of the success of Catholics in business. Wealth, business capacity, brains and education are not a monopoly of the Protestants. The Protestant traders of Belfast and the North of Ireland have at last realized that, left to themselves, their trade would vanish.

Bishop LeRoy Celebrates Jubilee

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, May 30.—Rt. Rev. Alexander LeRoy, Superior-General of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election to that office, last Tuesday. He has been once re-elected and has been nominated recently for another period of twelve years.

Bishop LeRoy was a missionary in India and to East and West Africa before he was recalled to Europe to assume his office as head of the Congregation. He is a writer of international note and has compiled a "Picture Catechism" in folio, which is extensively used by the missionaries in Africa as a rapid means of teaching the natives the truths of Catholicity.

It is believed that Bishop LeRoy's tact and ability are responsible for the fact that Holy Ghost Fathers remained in France after the expulsion of all the other religious orders some years ago.

Catholic Medical Schools To Front

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, May 30.—Tabulated statistics showing the high standards of success achieved by graduates of Catholic medical schools are published in a recent number of the Journal of the American Medical Association. The figures which are compiled for 1920 show that of the 304 graduates of six Catholic medical schools who took the examinations provided by the various State medical boards throughout the country, only 35 failed to pass. Graduates of Creighton, Fordham, Georgetown, Loyola, St. Louis University and Marquette took part in these examinations.

Divorce Destroyer Of Homes Says Prison Chaplain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Boston, May 28.—Divorce, as the destroyer of homes, the disorganizer of families, the demoralizer of discipline among children and youth, is one of the most prolific causes of crime, says Rev. M. J. Murphy, chaplain of the Massachusetts state prison at Charlestown. Father Murphy has been chaplain of this prison for ten years, during which time he has studied the influences which wreck character and career and bring men and women into conflict with the law.

"Divorce may be only one of the causes, but it is without doubt one of the most prolific causes of crime, and should be subjected to harsh legal treatment," says Father Murphy.

"The time has come when we must be made to realize that this is one of the most important problems confronting us for solution and only by a development of a healthy public opinion that will demand a repeal of lax laws of divorce, which now in reality reward sin by legal separation and instead make it impossible for either party to remarry."

Catts, Anti-Catholic Governor, Arrested

Must Answer Peonage Charge In Addition To One of Accepting Gratuity

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Pensacola, Fla., May 23.—Sidney J. Catts, former Governor of Florida, who was elected to that office on an anti-Catholic ticket, appeared before a United States Commissioner here today and gave bond of \$2,500 for his appearance June 13 in connection with a federal grand jury indictment on a peonage charge. He was arrested May 21, at Albany, Ga. Yesterday he posted a bond of \$5,000 in Starke to guarantee his appearance to answer a charge of having accepted a "gratuity" of \$700 for using his influence while governor to obtain a pardon for a prisoner who was serving a life sentence following conviction on a charge of murder.

St. Joan Chapel On Site of Her Burning

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, May 19.—A Catholic committee has just purchased several houses in Rouen, on the Place du Vieux Marche, where Joan of Arc was burned on May 31, 1431. An expiatory chapel will be built on this site, under the name of Saint Joan of Arc.

On account of the housing problem, which is very acute at Rouen as in all other large cities of France, Mgr. du Bois de la Vullerabel, Archbishop of Rouen, has decided that the houses will not be torn down until their present occupants have found other homes. The building of the chapel is therefore delayed. Meanwhile, a temporary chapel already has been installed on the ground floor of one of the buildings, and Mass was celebrated in it for the first time on April 30 by Mgr. de la Vullerabel.

Chicago, May 18.—The Rev. John C. Murphy, pastor of Mater-nity B. V. M. Church died here last night at Mercy Hospital after six days illness with pneumonia. He was a native of Hudson, N. Y.

Memorial Mass At Monument For Capital's Heroes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, D. C., May 27.—Solemn high mass, celebrated at the foot of Washington Monument, in the presence of 5,000 persons, including Vice-President Coolidge, was the chief religious feature of impressive ceremonies which yesterday marked the funeral of Vincent B. Costello and Hiram F. Cash, former Washington young men who were killed in France during the World War. The mass was said for the repose of their souls and the souls of 585 other soldier dead of the Capital City.

The civic and religious exercises at the burial of the bodies, which arrived from France Wednesday afternoon, were the first public commemoration of the heroic dead of the District of Columbia, and were conducted under the auspices of Vincent B. Costello Post and Hiram F. Cash Post, of the American Legion. In addition to these organizations, there were present at the religious services and the final interment in Arlington Cemetery several other veterans' societies and associations of war mothers. On the way to Arlington the procession escorted the bodies passed the White House and was reviewed by President Harding.

Foch Accounts For Napoleon's Final Failure

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, May 17.—In a critique of Napoleon, written by Marshal Foch and just published here, the leader of the allied armies attributes the "Little Corporal's" final failure to a want of regard for moral forces. In one passage of his critique, Marshal Foch says: "Napoleon's successes are known. His triumphs have been thoroughly studied. Less known are the causes of his failures. Yet the campaigns of 1812, 1813, 1814 are the most interesting.

"He failed, they say, because he was without Berthier. I do not think so. In 1814, it is explained, he was already ill. Perhaps.

"But to my mind the underlying reason for the disaster that overtook him must be sought elsewhere. He forgot that a man cannot be God; that above the individual there is the nation; that above men there is the moral law; and that war is not the highest goal, since above it there is peace."

Many French Public Schools Deserted

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, May 19.—One of the Catholic deputies recently asked the Minister of Public Instruction for an official investigation to show how many public schools in France had a number of pupils less than ten. The results of the investigation are now known. There are in France 3,569 public schools with less than ten pupils. Of this number 2,522 have between five and ten pupils and 1,047 have less than five pupils.

These public neutral schools have been deserted in favor of the Catholic parochial schools. Wedding invitations printed here.

20,000 To Attend Knights' Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
San Francisco, May 30.—More than 450 delegates from all parts of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippine Islands and Alaska, will attend the 39th annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus which will be held here August 2-4. In addition to the delegates, it is expected, many thousand of Knights and their families will be in attendance.

At the State Convention of the order in California held recently, plans were presented for the hearty cooperation of all Councils in the State in making the Supreme Convention a success. Arrangements are being made for the reception and entertainment of 20,000 visitors.

Miss MacSwiney Asks U. S. Children To Pray For Erin

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, May 28.—Miss Mary MacSwiney, sister of Terence MacSwiney, late Mayor of Cork, who is in Washington this week, has issued an appeal to the children of the whole world to offer their prayers and Holy Communion during June, the month of the Sacred Heart, for the independence of Ireland, for which he died.

Ireland many years ago was dedicated to the Sacred Heart, and the month of June, which is set apart for that devotion, is a suitable time for prayers for that intention, Miss MacSwiney points out.

In asking children to pray for the success of the Irish people's struggle for independence, Miss MacSwiney recalls the similar request of Marshal Foch during the world war. He urged all children to pray for a victory for France.

President Praises Catholic Boy Scout Movement

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, May 30.—Approval of the Catholic Boy Scout movement was expressed in a letter from President Harding received by Rev. Joseph Breslin of St. Joseph's Church, Sixth avenue and Washington Place, in connection with the annual reception and review of the five Boy Scout troops of that parish last Wednesday. The President's letter reads:

"I have learned something about your work in extending the Boy Scout movement in the Catholic Church, and it has interested me very much.

"On the occasion of the review of your Scout organization, May 25, I would like to extend my congratulations and appreciations to you, and my good wishes to the organization. I hope it will be effective in carrying forward excellent work among the boys of the country."

Archbishop Hayes was the guest of honor at the reception and Major General Clarence Edwards reviewed the parade of the Scout troops.

New York, May 27.—Mrs. Mary Burke, mother of the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Council, died here today after an illness of two weeks.

Cleaner "Movies" Pledges Given To Archbishop Hayes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, May 27.—Most Rev. Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, in an incidental reference to censorship of plays and motion pictures in the course of his address at the annual luncheon of the Catholic Actors' Guild at Hotel Astor, yesterday, deeply moved his audience of theatrical folk and won from a well-known producer an assurance of a cleaner stage and screen and from all of them an unmistakable approval of his words.

His Grace declared in effect that censorship was unnecessary, because unless the corruption and salaciousness of the spoken and the pictured drama was eliminated by those responsible for their production, there would be no plays of any kind permitted and there would therefore be nothing to censor.

In subsequent addresses made by William A. Brady, Augustus Thomas and Wilton Lackaye, all took up the point made by the Archbishop, and, in fact, emphasized it.

The luncheon was one of the most enthusiastic ever given by the Actors' Guild. It was not only honoring His Grace, the Archbishop, but it was also in the way of being a celebration of the Guild's most successful year. There were fully 1,200 guests present.

Other speakers than those mentioned were, Hon. Victor J. Dowling; Rev. Martin E. Fahy, chaplain of the Guild and Rev. Francis P. Duffy. Judge Dowling enthusiastically praised the organization for its great growth, numbering, as it does now, some 2,300 members, and said there was reason to believe that within a very short time the Guild would become a national body.

Father Duffy gave the jovial turn to the afternoon's oratory and sent the guests home laughing, and on splendid terms with themselves and the Guild.

K. Of C. of New York Purchase Landing Place Of Columbus

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rochester, N. Y., May 25.—The landing place of Columbus near Nassau in the Bahama Islands is included in 2,600 acres of land which have been purchased by the New York State Council of the Knights of Columbus. Acceptance of an offer to sell this estate to the Knights was voted unanimously at the State convention of the order here.

Watlings Island is the modern name of the particular island upon which the great discoverer landed, and which was known to the Spaniards as San Salvador. The Knights plan to maintain the estate in perpetuity in honor of the memory of the illustrious patron of their order.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, May 18.—Rev. Francis L. Fenwick, S. J., assistant chaplain of Georgetown University Hospital and a member of the faculty of the University, died early yesterday morning at the hospital. He was 37 years old. Father Fenwick was a native of Baltimore and a graduate of Loyola College in that city with the class of 1904.

Newark Priest Celebrates

Rev. J. J. Gibbons
Newark, N. Y., May 28.—James J. Gibbons, of Newark, celebrated the silver anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood May 30 by a solemn Mass in St. Michael's church in Newark. Father Gibbons, ordained at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Rochester on May 18, 1896, by the late Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, his classmates, Rev. Stephen McPadden, of Newark; Rev. J. Kelley, of Newark; Rev. J. Maloy, of Elmira; Rev. John Brennan, of St. Bridget's Church, Rochester; Rev. John O'Brien, of St. Augustine church, Rochester; Rev. John Schellhorn, of Our Lady of the Pastoral Help Church, Rochester; Rev. M. U. Dwyer, of Falls, and Rev. S. Englehart, of Greece, N. Y., all of whom are still living.

25th Anniversary Of Geneva Priests

Geneva, May 28.—The 25th anniversary of the foundation of the priesthood was celebrated by Rev. Stephen McPadden, rector of St. Ignace Church here Monday. A Mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock after which took place the celebration of the silver jubilee. The organ, which was a tribute that Father McPadden would accept in recognition of his silver jubilee, was presented to the church by the people of the parish and the people of the city as a mark of esteem and affection for McPadden's work in this city. His entire career as a priest was spent in this city. The committee in charge of the celebration has caused to be placed in the sanctuary of the church a bronze tablet upon which is stated the fact of the celebration presented as a memento to the priest who developed the church.

25th Anniversary Rev. J. H. Hickey

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. J. H. Hickey, pastor of St. Ignace Church on Hill avenue, was celebrated Monday. Solemn high Mass was celebrated in the morning evening Father O'Brien presided with a set of vestments and it was announced that \$25,000 which Father Hickey had made his own contribution to the church fund had been subscribed and that the totalled more than was expected that the fund would be broken for the new church in a short time.

Bishop Hickey At Bishop M. Hartigan

Providence, R. I., May 28.—The funeral of Bishop M. Hartigan, for three years pastor of the Providence of the Providence, held in the Cathedral and Paul had many churches. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock. The body was placed in a crypt under the Cathedral. His remains were taken to Providence, R. I., where they were buried in the crypt of the Cathedral. He was a native of Providence, R. I., and a graduate of the class of 1904.