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Sen. Watson Takes Responsibility For "Sentinel's" Libels

Adds False Statement That President Harding Named Priest Consul To Rome

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, D. C., June 30.—Senator Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, in the latest issue of his weekly publication, The Columbia Sentinel, has assumed personal responsibility for all the charges made against the Catholic clergy and sisterhoods in a previous edition of his paper, and adds new charges. One of these editorial charges is the following: "When Mr. Harding named the Romanist priest of Marion, Ohio, for the consulship at Rome, it seemed to me that the President was virtually sending an envoy to the Vatican, but there was no evidence which could be produced, and it would have been useless to have raised a row over the appointment."

"I am in a minority; in a minority, common sense is my guide, and I do not intend to waste time and strength on small, doubtful matters."

"If it should hereafter become evident that the Marion priest is meddling with our foreign affairs in Rome, I will be heard from, you may be sure."

No Priest Appointed

President Harding has not named or appointed a Catholic priest of Marion, Ohio, or any other city or place, as consul at Rome or elsewhere. The post of American Consul General at Rome is held by Francis B. Keene, of Milwaukee, who was appointed by President Wilson in June, 1917. Mr. Keene is not a priest, he is not a Catholic. None of the four American vice-consuls in Rome is a priest.

As a member of the Senate, Mr. Watson must have known that President Harding had not appointed a priest as consul at Rome; that no appointment of any one had yet been made as successor to Mr. Keene, or any of his vice-consuls. The appointment of a consul at Rome would have required confirmation by the Senate, and as a member of that body Senator Watson would have known the identity, the calling and all the facts about the President's nominee.

Senator Watson in his latest tirade devotes four paragraphs to a virulent assault on Richard Reid, publicity director of the Georgia Laymen's Association. He is resentful toward Mr. Reid for sending to the President and to members of Congress The Sentinel's outrageous attack on the Good Shepherd Sisterhood and on the priests of the country.

Threat Against Director Reid

Only Senator Watson knows what he had in mind when he wrote the following:

"If you inflame any one of your murder gang to attack me here in Washington, what do you suppose my Augusta friends will do to you?"

Mr. Reid's activity has been wholly confined to sending to the President and members of Congress copies of Watson's own slanders. He will continue to keep them posted on the Georgia Senator's defamations.

In the latest issue of his paper Senator Watson also continues his abuse of President Harding.

Catholic Congress To Meet in Warsaw Next September

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Warsaw, June 29.—The Polish capital is preparing for a great Catholic congress to be held in September. The Congress, which will be the first national convention of all the Catholic bodies of Poland since the reestablishment of independence in 1918, will be held under the patronage of His Eminence Cardinal Alexander Kakowski, Archbishop and Metropolitan of Warsaw, and will have among other distinguished guests Right Rev. Monsignor Lauri, the Papal Nuncio to Poland.

Catholic activity during recent months has undergone a widespread revival, following the signing of peace with Russia and the general reestablishment of normal conditions throughout the country. Meetings of the Polish hierarchy have been frequent, and through these an ecclesiastical committee has been formed for the coordination of Catholic work in connection with the government of the Republic and public affairs in general. Diocesan and provincial synods are being held, the most recent of these having just taken place at Cracow, May 28.

The Warsaw Congress will last four days, from Sept. 4 to 7, and will bring together delegations from hundreds of lay organizations representing a total Catholic population of over twenty million people. The laymen's committee of the Congress is under the presidency of Count Sobanski, one of the foremost Catholic leaders of the country, whose wife, Countess Sobanski, is the founder of the Women's Federation of Poland. Their son, Viscount Anthony, is well known to Americans in Poland, having for more than two years filled an important position with the American Red Cross in its relief work in the Eastern regions. He expects to go soon to the United States to complete his professional studies in an American university.

New French Steamer Has a Permanent Catholic Chapel

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, July 4.—The transatlantic S. S. Paris, the largest French steamer, which reached New York on its maiden voyage on June 22, has a permanent Catholic chapel. Masses are celebrated regularly when crossing the ocean. During the maiden trip, Mass was said by Mgr. Landrieux, Bishop of Dijon, who accompanied Marshal Fayolle on his mission to Canada. The chapel is located in the center of the ship and opens into the large first-class saloon. It is decorated in blue, and has a magnificent altar surmounted by an artistic cross.

It is the first French commercial vessel to have a permanent chapel.

MISS MARY A. BARR ELECTED

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Boston, June 30.—The National Alumnae of Notre Dame de Namur will hold its national convention in Boston in June of next year. Miss Mary A. Barr, one of the most prominent Catholic women of Boston, has just been elected president of the State Federation of Notre Dame alumnae.

Right Of Church To Direct Its Own Schools Affirmed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Cincinnati, Ohio, June 30.—Resolutions firmly reasserting the Church's right to found, direct, control and govern her own schools; reaffirming the traditional ideal, "Every Catholic child in a Catholic school," and reiterating the obligation of Catholic parents to provide their offspring with a Catholic education, were among the vital declarations adopted by the Catholic Educational Association at its annual convention in this city. The convention adjourned today, after having been in session since last Monday.

The Association also pledged its readiness to serve the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States, collectively and individually, in their "sacred mission to further Catholic educational interests," and to cooperate with Most Rev. Archbishop Austin Dowling, of St. Paul, in his efforts to safeguard and advance every interest of Catholic education. Archbishop Dowling is chairman of the Department of Education of the National Catholic Welfare Council.

The officers elected by the Association for the year were: President-general, Right Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, rector of the Catholic University; first vice-president, Right Rev. Monsignor John B. Peterson, Boston; second vice-president, Rev. James A. Burns, C. S. C., Notre Dame; third vice-president, Rev. Peter C. Yorke, San Francisco; treasurer-general, Rev. Francis T. Moran, Cleveland; secretary-general, Right Rev. Francis W. Howard, Columbus.

The Association committed its members to an incessant combat against teachings subversive of American constitutional life, or hostile to the civil institutions inherited from the founders of the Republic.

Filial homage to Pope Benedict, gratitude to Most Rev. Archbishop Moeller, at whose invitation and under whose patronage the convention was held in Cincinnati, and regret at the death of Cardinal Gibbons, with rejoicing at the heritage with which he endowed the Church of his love, and the land of his birth, were expressed in other resolutions adopted by the Association.

Archbishop Glennon Gets Gift Of \$250,000

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
St. Louis, June 30.—Plagues and cash to the amount of more than \$250,000 were presented to Most Rev. John J. Glennon by the priests and people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis as a memorial of the silver jubilee of his consecration. Archbishop Glennon has already announced that he will use this gift for the benefit of Catholic education in the Archdiocese.

The presentation of the fund was made at a public reception to His Grace on the lawn of the new cathedral, following religious services in the forenoon and in the evening. A great concourse of Catholics, including thousands of members of the Catholic Women's League, attended the ceremonies.

The oldest French auto owned by Abbe Gaveis, is to be sold for charity.

Rockefeller Gift Of \$200,000 for Catholic College

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Dubuque, Iowa, June 27.—A donation of \$200,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation to Columbia College was announced today by the Rev. J. C. Stuart, president of the college. This sum will be added to the permanent endowment of the college, which already totals more than \$1,000,000.

Negotiations for the donation were initiated last spring at the suggestion of Archbishop James J. Keane of Dubuque. A committee representing the trustees of the Foundation came to Dubuque and spent several days examining the institution, paying special attention to its educational work and financial standing. Official notification of the award was received by the college yesterday.

The fund to be received from the Rockefeller Foundation is the largest single donation which has been made to Columbia College. Several years ago a campaign resulted in the raising of a permanent endowment fund of more than \$1,000,000 and additions have been made to that fund from time to time. Since 1904 a total of thirty-eight scholarships have been founded at Columbia College. More than a dozen of these have been established during the past two years at a cost of \$5,000 each.

Columbia College was founded in 1873 and is in charge of the priests of the Archdiocese of Dubuque. In all there were 679 students enrolled during the school year 1919-20. Of this number, 174 were in the college department. The college campus includes 43 acres, 10 acres of which are devoted to an athletic field.

The college is recognized by the State University of Iowa and is a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Priest Urges Crowd To Aid Police To Find Contractor's Slayer

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Chicago, June 30.—Standing over the body of Joseph Laspisa, a plastering contractor who was shot to death in his automobile here last Sunday, Father Louis M. Giambastiano pastor of St. Philip Benizi's church, adjured his parishioners, if they knew anything of the murder, to inform the police. The identity of the two men who killed Laspisa has not been established.

The automobile in which Laspisa was driving with two companions plunged over a curb and crashed into a building after the bullets pierced the driver's brain. The noise of the impact and the screams of women and children were heard in St. Philip's Church, where Father Giambastiano was giving Benediction. He continued until the end of the service and then, removing surplice, stole, and cope, went into the street.

After saying prayers for Laspisa, Father Giambastiano spoke to his people.

"If you know the men who have done this fearful crime, and if there is in you the least spirit of Americanism, you will go to the police and tell," he said.

"I implore you in the name of all good Italians, in the name of all good Americans, and in the name of the Lord, to tell the Police."

Rev. Michael C. Wall Transferred to Avon

Danville, July 5.—The Rev. Michael C. Wall, who has been in charge of St. Patrick's Church here for 12 years, has been appointed pastor of St. Agnes Church, Avon, by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey and will assume charge sometime this week. During the 12 years he has spent in Danville he has worked wholeheartedly for the good of the community.



Rev. Michael C. Wall

Father Wall was born in Cobourg, Canada. His parents moved to Rochester during his childhood and his early education was received at St. Patrick's Cathedral School. After graduation he at once entered St. Andrew's preparatory school. After finishing the course of studies he went for a year to the school at Troy and then he entered St. Bernard's for his final studies for the priesthood and was ordained by the Right Rev. Bernard McQuaid in June, 1897, a priest of the diocese of Rochester.

Since he assumed charge the parish has prospered spiritually and materially, until today it is one of the most prosperous churches in the diocese.

Father Wall was given a purse of \$1,000 at a reception on the church lawn Wednesday evening. The whole town had been invited and there was a large crowd present. The presentation took place on a platform, which had been erected for the occasion. On the platform were seated Mayor Joseph Steigler, the church trustees, Rev. Charles Muckle, of Mount Morris; Rev. Leo Hofschneider, of St. Mary's Church, Danville; William F. Kelley, the chairman, and James V. Muldoon, grand knight of the Knights of Columbus.

Edward E. Brogan made the presentation speech. Talks were also given by Mayor Steigler, Father Muckle, Father Hofschneider and Mr. Muldoon.

He will be succeeded here by the Rev. John E. Masseth of Stanley.

Church Debt in Pittsford Canceled

Pittsford, July 4.—Special services were held in St. Louis church Sunday morning in observance of the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Louis E. Edelman. Included was music by the choir directed by Mrs. Heinrich Jacobson.

The congregation marked the anniversary also by raising \$2,194 to cancel all indebtedness on the church, held a reception on the lawn of the rectory, and as a personal tribute presented to the Father Edelman a substantial purse of money.

Catholic Teachers Hold Two-day Conference

The 17th annual conference of the Diocesan School Association was opened in Cathedral Hall Tuesday morning. Bishop Thomas F. Hickey presiding. Following the opening of the conference, Bishop Hickey introduced the Rev. Charles F. McQuay, A. M., superintendent of schools for the diocese of Syracuse, and the Rev. Alphonsus J. Donlon, former president of Georgetown University. Both Father McQuay and Father Donlon spoke at the conference Wednesday.

In addition to 350 teachers the sessions were attended by a number of members of the clergy from various parts of the diocese.

There are three teaching communities of religious women in the diocese of Rochester, the Sisters of St. Joseph who number more than 500; Sisters of Mercy and the Sisters of Notre Dame. In a recent report by the Rev. Joseph S. Cameron, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Rochester, a registration of about 28,000 children was given in the parochial grammar and high schools of the diocese.

Padraic Pearce Council More Than Doubles Membership

Padraic Pearce Council of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Race more than doubled its membership in a two-week drive which closed Tuesday. At a meeting in Mannercher Hall Wednesday evening it was announced that the council now had 5,144 members. Before the drive started it had about 2,400.

It was decided to have the annual picnic the last Sunday of this month and this committee was appointed to check the picnic and make arrangements. The Carter, C. J. Cox, Mrs. L. Armstrong, Miss Margaret Madden and Miss Loretta Hoffman.

A field day will be held in the fall and an effort will be made to obtain Mary McSwiney, widow of the late Mayor of Cort, as speaker.

CANANDAIGUA CHURCH IS FREE OF DEBT

Canandaigua, July 5.—Bishop Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, Bishop of Rochester, officiated at a service of thanksgiving held at St. Mary's Church last Monday evening to mark the wiping out of the parish debt. Bishop Hickey congratulated the Rev. James T. Deane, rector, late rector of St. Mary's and lauded the parishioners for their generosity. During the eleven months the parishioners wiped out a debt of \$25,000. E. Abraham gave an organ and the choir furnished a musical program in connection with the service.

CANANDAIGUA KNIGHTS WILL NOT PURCHASE M'CLELLAN PROPERTY

Canandaigua, July 4.—The Canandaigua Council, Knights of Columbus, have turned their backs on the Dr. George W. M'Clellan property on North Main street over to Ahrens & Brown, funeral directors. The council decided not to purchase the property for use as a home as was originally planned. The property is now being held by the city of Canandaigua.