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POPE PLEADS FOR STARVING IN SOUTH RUSSIA

Sends Letter to Cardinal Gasparri Appealing to Nations

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(Rome Correspondent N. C. W. C. News Service)

Rome, Sept. 1.—The interest of Pope Benedict in the sufferings of the people of Southern Russia which has been shown on several occasions recently has found expression once more in a letter to Cardinal Gasparri, the Papal Secretary of State. His Holiness writes as follows:

"My Lord Cardinal: The news that has lately reached us regarding the conditions of the Russian people is as you well know, Eminence, particularly grave. By what we learn from the laconic brevity of these first advices we are confronted by one of the most frightful catastrophes recorded in history. Incalculable numbers of human beings exhausted by famine and weakened by typhus and cholera are roaming desperately through an arid land, then streaming into the most crowded centers whence they are ousted ferociously by force of arms.

"From the banks of the Volga millions of men, faced by grim death in its worst form, cry pitifully for help. These cries of anguish, Eminence, have touched us deeply. Here is a people already tried to the uttermost by the scourge of war—a people marked with the sign of Christ—a people who have always ardently desired to belong to the great Christian fold. Although separated from us by barriers several centuries have built up, the greater their sufferings, the nearer are they to our heart.

Calls for United Action
"Your Eminence, we feel it our duty, notwithstanding our own poverty to do the utmost we can to help these children of ours who are far away. But the greatness of the needs is such that all Nations should unite to come to their help; for no effort, however great, will cope sufficiently with the immensity of the disaster. We invite Your Eminence to use all possible means to persuade the Governments of the different Powers of the necessity of prompt and practical cooperation.

"Our appeal goes first to all Christian nations who know the Divine Redeemer's infinite charity—the Redeemer who has given His own blood to the end that we all fraternize. Secondly, our appeal goes to all other civilized nations because every man worthy of the name should feel it his duty to hasten wherever another man is dying.

"In these years of woe, the Holy See faithful to the high and sweet mission, entrusted to it by God has more than once been heard among the nations entreating and admonishing. If once more then, we come imploring Charity when the echo of our last exhortations and prayers has not yet died out, it is only because the new afflictions equalize and perhaps even surpass the former sufferings.

"Meanwhile all the children of Christ's Church who are scattered over the earth, the rich and poor alike, when they give their offering for their brothers should, full of faith, lift up unto God their prayers that He may deign to succor us and end such a terrible scourge.

"With this hope, Your Eminence, we send you with great pleasure the Apostolic Benediction."

Cardinal Gasparri has communicated this letter formally to all members of the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See.

Doctors Authenticate Six Remarkable Cures At the Shrine of Lourdes

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Lourdes, Sept. 2.—The summer months not only have witnessed thousands of pilgrims from all parts of Europe flocking to the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Lourdes, but have been remarkable for the number of cures reported.

Some of these cures have been of most extraordinary character and are fully authenticated by physicians. During June and July there were six cases of cures of major importance; one of which is regarded as the most startling manifestation of the power of the Blessed Virgin since the war.

This was the restoration of Miss Valentine Gougard, of Rennes, a young woman 27 years old who had suffered since childhood from a succession of diseases, among which tuberculosis predominated. For the greater portion of her journey to Lourdes she was unconscious. For years her only nourishment had been milk taken from a bottle like a child.

From 1916, when she was operated on for appendicitis, she had suffered from a disease of the hip joint, which caused her to be sent to the famous hospital "Roseoff," where she remained for eight months in a plaster cast. In 1918, after she had suffered from pneumonia for six weeks, Dr. Augier and three physicians diagnosed her malady as Potts' disease, and she was again placed in a plaster cast. Shortly before she was brought to Lourdes, ankylosis of the left knee manifested itself and there was a shortening of the left leg by more than two centimeters.

Miss Gougard arrived at Lourdes June 14, after a very painful journey. On Wednesday, June 15, when her plaster cast was being taken off in order that she might be immersed in the water, she suffered intensely. On being immersed she felt a queer sensation, unknown to her before. All her pains had suddenly vanished, but having been accustomed to suffering all her life, she could not understand this new sensation.

In the afternoon she was given another bath and this time the ankylosis of the left knee disappeared and she was able to bend the knee. Even then she did not realize that she was cured. It was not until evening, in the hospital that she seemed to be conscious of the great favor that had been granted her. She arose without any help and walking to all the other patients in the room, embraced them. Then she ate a substantial meal, following which she went to sleep and passed an excellent night in repose.

On the next day, an examination was made by four physicians: Doctors Marchand, Cox, Petitpierre and Piroulet. The examination showed that the cure had been complete in every respect, that respiration was normal, the deformities of the limbs, which had been apparent, were no longer to be observed and that all movements of the body were executed without difficulty and with no pain.

It was given as a conclusion that because of its instantaneous character, the cure could be attributed to no natural processes.

Dept. of Justice Urged To Expose Methods Of Klan

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 9.—Pressure being brought to bear on the Department of Justice to expose and suppress the Ku-Klux gang, promises to result in vigorous action by the Federal authorities now that the menace of the organization's activities has been shown by the unofficial revelation of its plans and methods. Congress is to take part in the investigation and a general public "drive" against the "Invisible Empire" is preparing.

Already it is made manifest that the organizers of the Klan not only have capitalized the racial and religious bigotry of their dupes to the extent of many hundred thousands of dollars, but have inflamed prejudices and hatreds to a degree that threatens bloodshed. The power of this secret, oathbound organization against Catholics, Jews and negroes is illustrated by the admission from Oklahoma that several of the prosecuting and executive officials of that State have deputized members of the Klan to play the part of officers of the law. It is believed that the inquiries to be instituted by the Federal Government will disclose that many public officials in different States have membership in the organization and have been abetting its agents in its campaign.

Klan Still Growing
Thus far, in spite of vigorous attacks on the Klan by leading officials, religious leaders and many influential newspapers, north and south, the organization gives evidence of steady growth. While its membership is said to be very much larger in the north than in the south, no aggressions have been committed in its name in the northern section of the country. Gangs of terrorists calling themselves members and emissaries of the Klan continue their offenses against individual citizens in the South, apparently without interference from public officials.

BISHOP CRANE TO BE CONSECRATED SEPT. 19

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Philadelphia, Sept. 9.—Right Rev. Michael J. Crane, D. D., V. G., who was recently appointed Auxiliary to His Eminence Cardinal Dougherty, and titular Bishop of Curium, will be consecrated in the Cathedral here on September 19. His Eminence the Cardinal will consecrate the new Bishop.

Preparations for the solemn ceremony and the tribute which the clergy of Philadelphia will pay to the Bishop-elect, are now in progress. The event promises to be one of the most important in the recent history of the diocese.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Baltimore, Md., Sept. 10.—John A. J. McKenna, known as the "father of Sunday baseball", and who represented the Tenth Ward in the First Branch City Council died here last Tuesday. He was a prominent member of the Holy Name Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Prelates To Pass On N. C. W. C. Work And Make Plans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—Prior to a meeting of the hierarchy of the United States at the Catholic University on September 21, there will be two important gatherings of prelates of the church in this city.

The first will be the meeting of the administrative committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council, which will be held on Monday, September 19 at the N. C. W. C. headquarters, 1312 Massachusetts Avenue. The meeting will be presided over by the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, chairman of the administrative committee, and reports of the chairmen of the various departments will be discussed and recommendations made for the meeting of the hierarchy the following Wednesday.

Prelates who are members of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University will meet on Tuesday, September 20 at the University.

More than seventy bishops and archbishops are expected to attend the meeting of the hierarchy on Wednesday, September 21.

Eight Hundred Societies Enroll In Women's Council

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—More than eight hundred Catholic women's organizations are affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women according to the report made today from the office of Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary, in which organization activities until the end of August were summarized.

The report, which will probably be the last report on organization until the great gathering of Catholic women to be held here for the national convention of the N. C. W. C. on October 12, 13 and 14, indicates that one national, one diocesan and twenty-one local organizations affiliated with the Women's Council during August.

Oldest Church In U. S. Scene Of Retreat By Sante Fe Laymen

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Sante Fe, N. M., Sept. 8.—Spiritual retreats for laymen of this Catholic state have been assured as an annual event by the success of that which was brought to a close in this city a few days ago. Fourteen men went into retirement at San Miguel college here on August 24 for four days of devotion and reflection—far from the business and cares of their daily lives.

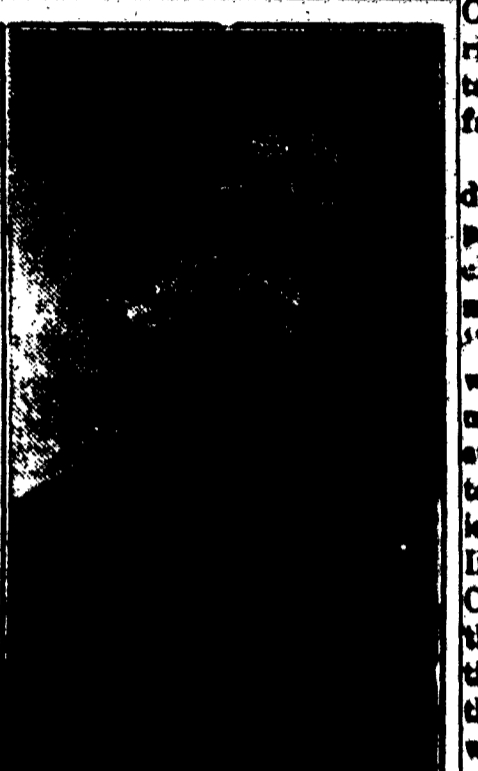
In the group of fourteen who made the retreat there were bankers, bakers, teachers, writers and merchants. All were Americans—including one full-blooded Pueblo Indian. As for the rest, they were descendants of various European peoples—Spanish, Irish and German predominating.

The retreat was conducted by Rev. Ernest Ott, O. F. M., whose own change from Saul to Paul was an inspiration to these laymen. Still youthful, Father Ernest has undergone vicissitudes and gathered experiences that make him new an earnest and eloquent harvester of souls.

On their departure from San Miguel's retreatants presented to Father Ernest a set of toilet accessories.

Father Harrington Laid To Rest

Ithaca, Sept. 13.—Funeral services for the late Rev. W. H. Harrington were held this morning at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, of which he was a pastor for fourteen years. Bishop Hickey in a forceful sermon to the hundreds who packed the church urged the people to recognize the lesson taught by death and to take time in preparation for eternity.



Rev. Wm. H. Harrington

Interment was made in the priest's plot in Calvary Cemetery which the late priest had been active in securing for the parish, and in which he had erected a beautiful marble statue.

Over fifty priests attended the services, the majority of them being from Rochester and vicinity. Among those who served during the mass in addition to Bishop Hickey, who was the celebrant, were: Monsignor Joseph W. Hendrick of Geneva, assistant priest; Rev. A. M. O'Neill of Rochester, deacon of honor; Rev. John M. Sellinger of Rochester, master of ceremonies; Rev. Joseph Gullfoff of Waterloo, assistant master of ceremonies; Rev. Leo V. Smith of Rochester, organ bearer; Rev. D. V. Lane of Mt. Morris, book bearer; Rev. William Byrne of Ontario and Rev. Joseph Cameron of Bath, acolytes.

Among the priests present were the following from Rochester: Rev. Father Fitzsimmons, Rev. J. M. Pettey, Rev. George V. Burns, Rev. James F. Kennedy, Rev. James B. Keenan, Rev. A. A. Hughes, Rev. J. F. Neilligan, Rev. A. J. McCabe, Rev. J. E. Gelfand, Rev. Daniel Quigley of Hammondsport; Rev. T. P. Stafford of Ovid, and Rev. C. F. O'Laughlin of Waterloo.

CATHOLICS BUY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 7.—The new Gothic edifice to be built at Santa Monica for St. Monica's parish, will stand on the site of the First Presbyterian church. Right Rev. John J. Cantwell, Bishop of Monterey and Los Angeles, announces the new church is to cost \$100,000. It will replace the present St. Monica's church.

The R. E. L. Evening School Can give you instruction in subjects that will enable you to secure a better business position. It opens Tuesday evening, September 20, at 7:30. Offices open at a quarter to seven. You may register on that evening or at any time before. Rochester Business Institute, 172 Clinton Avenue south.—Adv.

Truce Kept By Catholics By Orange

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, Aug. 31.—A truce was declared there last night and in the Catholic north of Ireland. There have been all complaints of Orangeism. Using bombs and rifles, they have once again attacked Catholic quarters in fast.

Incitements are frequently dressed to the mobs by the press to speak as follows: including Protestant churches meetings held to celebrate "Relief of Derry" a resolution was passed demanding the immediate release of six men in custody on a charge of murdering Irish Hierarchy and the Church. Hopes were expressed that the Anglo-Irish negotiations would break down that the British Government would, by force, reconquer the whole of Ireland. The Orange is the outstanding cause of peace. Although an agreement between the British and the Dal Eireann has not been reached it is the first step towards a truce in the north with the present agreement a result in a permanent truce.

Mr. Frank Walsh, secretary, is in constant communication with the heads of the Irish. Mr. Harry Boland, secretary, Mr. de Valera, who has been years in Washington, has his colleagues in the Irish was accompanied from America among others, the Rev. Thomas Shanley, New York.

Ireland And Spain Will Have Direct Trade Relations

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Dublin, Sept. 1.—In a few days intimate relations between Ireland and Spain will be maintained. Relations between these two Catholic countries about to be revived. A shipping service between the two countries has been arranged. Ireland receives large quantities of fruit, cotton and commodities from Spain. The latter requires in return woolen goods and linen. The exchange of trade has not been carried on for many years.

NEW YORK CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

New York, Sept. 10.—St. Bernard's parish is preparing to celebrate on October 14 the anniversary of its founding. Rev. Patrick J. Harty, pastor, will preside at the anniversary. Thanksgiving and the feast of St. Bernard will be celebrated on the same day. The rector of St. Bernard's was the Rev. John J. Harty, who died in 1871.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)

Boston, Sept. 10.—John J. O'Connell, rector of St. John's Church, Boston, will be in Rochester on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:30. Offices open at a quarter to seven. You may register on that evening or at any time before. Rochester Business Institute, 172 Clinton Avenue south.—Adv.