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Belfast Bigotry Due To Ignorance, Statistics Show

Faultily and Poorly Educated Youths Tools of Agitators

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

Dublin, Sept. 11.—Returns recently cast a curious sidelight upon education in Belfast, the stronghold of Orangeism. Of the 11,000 young people who leave school in Belfast annually and seek employment, only 15 per cent receive a decent education; and of these boys and girls 8,000 were totally unfitted educationally for skilled employment.

It is stated that nearly all the $5,000,000 damage caused in the city during last year's riots (when the houses of hundreds of Catholics were burned) was the work of young people between 13 and 18 years of age.

It is these ignorant youths and young ignorant adults whom William Coote, the Orange Member of Parliament, and men like him, are urging to be more aggressive.

Incited the Recent Pogrom

In addressing a meeting of Orangemen in County Down, Coote asserted that Rome was behind Sinn Fein. He further asserted that the Catholic Church was at the beginning of the end in Ireland. And to this latter statement the wish was, of course, father to the thought.

What has been the effect of Mr. Coote's words advocating oppression? There has been another fierce Orange outbreak in Belfast. Houses in the Catholic quarters have been bombed. Areas where Catholics reside have been surrounded by bands of Orangemen armed with rifles and revolvers. Catholics were forced to defend themselves with the result that there were pitched battles in the streets.

This latest attack upon the Catholic community was arranged and plotted in cold blood. Before the outbreak took place a friendly Orangeman gave the following advice to a Catholic resident in one of the districts subsequently attacked:

"Take your holidays during the week-end, your street will soon become unhealthy."

In the first days of the outbreak fifteen persons were killed and 109 wounded. Within the past 13 months 120 persons have been killed and 879 wounded in Belfast.

"Death to Catholics!"

Commenting on the latest Orange orgy of violence the Irish Independent says:

"The story of Belfast's Orange pogroms will go down in history as one of the blackest pages in the annals of organized massacres of religious minorities..... The painful happenings of the present week force upon one's mind the conviction that the watchword of the braves who shoulder their rifles with impunity in the Capital of Sir James Craig's principality is henceforth to be 'Death to the Catholics.' For the present appalling outbreak not a tittle of excuse or provocation can be urged. We are not satisfied that a sufficient effort was made by the Crown forces to end this carnage, else how could the Orange mob have continued its work of slaughter up to the hour of curfew, and that within a stone's throw of a military barracks? If a single individual were done to death in a Southern County as scores have been done to death in Belfast, thousands of armed forces would be rushed into the district and martial law proclaimed within 24 hours."

In pursuance of the policy of vindictiveness toward Catholics the Northern Parliament intends to proceed with the "reform" or secularization of primary education.

Catholics who have built and maintained their own schools with their own money will not willingly surrender their rights and assent to an arrangement under which they have to pay for non-Catholic schools as well as their own.

40,000 Attend Soldiers' Memorial Mass at Lourdes

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

Paris, Sept. 11.—On the last day of the National Pilgrimage to Lourdes, an imposing ceremony was held on the site of what is to be the monument of Interallied Gratitude. In the presence of the Archbishop of Algiers, the bishops of Lourdes, Verdun, Chalons, and Frejus, several hundred priests and 40,000 faithful, a solemn high Mass was sung for the repose of the souls of those who died during the war. The liturgical chants of the Office of the Dead were executed with perfect ensemble by the assistants. Mgr. Schepfer, Bishop of Lourdes, delivered an eloquent sermon and prayers were recited for the allied nations, especially the United States, whose flag floated near the temporary altar with the flags of the Allies.

The monument of Interallied Gratitude is to be erected near the famous sanctuary and will be sacred to the memory of all the allies who fell in the great war. The cornerstone was laid November 11, 1920, the anniversary of the armistice, in the presence of several cardinals, delegations from the allied countries and 20,000 veterans of the war.

The crypt was built in the winter and spring of 1921. It is now completed. It is a subterranean temple, and the galleries are forty meters long. The walls of this catacomb have a total surface of four hundred square meters. They will be covered with the names, written in mosaics, of these who seek a tomb and find it near the Divine Mother.

Panels will also be provided to receive small personal remembrances of the deceased soldiers, crosses, portraits, letters, decorations, which will make their presence in Lourdes seem more real and place them more directly under the blessing of the Virgin.

Irish Convention of Third Order Planned

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

Dublin, Sept. 9.—The solemn Triduum prescribed by the Pope in connection with the Seventh Centenary celebrations of the Third Order of St. Francis will be held immediately in all the Franciscan Churches in Ireland. Steps are also being taken for the organization of an All-Ireland Convention of the order in Dublin.

The order embraces scores of thousands of members. The great Tertiary International Congress of the Order was held in Rome from September 16 to 18. One hundred Third Order pilgrims from Ireland were present at the Congress.

Priests Consider Arbuckle Scandal Proof of Film Taint

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

Chicago, Sept. 16.—The Roscoe Arbuckle scandal in San Francisco may be made the basis for revival of the efforts made last year to put into effect in Chicago a drastic moving picture censorship. Without passing on the guilt or innocence of Arbuckle, the champions of clean movies declare that the revelations attending the case are of themselves sufficient to show that the source of the moving pictures in many cases is so low morally, that their productions cannot escape the taint.

Among the statements issued was one from the Rev. Frederick Seidenberg, S. J., Dean of Sociology of Loyola University, and member of the city commission on motion pictures that last year, after a thorough survey, made a fight for an ordinance creating a public board of censorship. Father Seidenberg said:

"Without prejudice to anyone it has been apparent for a long time that many of the leaders of 'movieland' are wholly unworthy of the leadership which the films naturally give them. It is not surprising, therefore; that we have so little art and so much vulgarity and worse on our screens, for the effect cannot exceed the cause."

A more drastic indictment of the uncleanness at the source of much of the motion picture production was made by the Rev. William T. Kane, S. J. head of Literature of St. Ignatius College, who said:

"Arbuckle may or may not be guilty of the crimes he is charged with. That is a question for the courts to decide. The outstanding fact is that we have another slimy daub on the personnel of the moving-picture industry. It is significant as stamping upon the public mind the suspicion which had long been matter of widespread private talk; that an industry which has for a considerable time been pandering to the morbid sex-impulses of its patrons is tarred with its own brush.

"There are, beyond question, many honorable and self-respecting men and women engaged in the moving picture industry. But even they are in a position where they must prove their cleanness of character before a doubting public opinion. Their profession is tainted. It will continue to be tainted until the industry reforms itself, until the producers and performers in it insist that it no longer stink of the brothel."

250 PRIETTS ATTEND CHAPLAIN'S FUNERAL

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

Holyoke, Mass., Sept. 19.—More than two hundred and fifty clergymen, including a dozen army chaplains, attended the services held here last Monday in Sacred Heart Church when final honors were paid to the Rev. William F. Devitt, chaplain of the 125th infantry of the 32nd Division, said to have been the last American officer killed in the World War. The pontifical high mass of requiem was sung by the Right Rev Thomas M. O'Leary, of Springfield. The military funeral was the largest ever held in this section of the state.

Six Maryknoll Nuns Sail To Work In China

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

Maryknoll, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Six nuns who have been specially trained for the missions in the Far East have left for China and expect to reach their destination in about a month. They are the first nuns of Maryknoll to join the apostolate in that country. They follow the six priests who were sent from Maryknoll to the Chinese missions a week ago.

The ceremony of farewell to the nuns was attended by Most Rev. Patrick J. Hayes, Archbishop of New York, and many priests. The great gong, which is sounded each time a missionary band leaves Maryknoll, was heard as the nuns made ready to go. The last act of the God-speed given them was the singing of the Maryknoll hymn. This came after the nuns had said their adieux to all their relatives and friends.

In this first group of nuns to go from Maryknoll are Sisters Mary Imelda, of Scranton, Pa.; Mary Barbara, Merrill, Wis.; Mary Monica, Mary Paul and Mary Lawrence, Fall River; and Mary Rose, Schenectady. Sister Mary Paul will be in charge of the group.

Bishop Urges Women Of Buffalo Diocese To Support Council

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

Buffalo, N.Y., Sept. 19.—Catholic women do not need to be told how to vote or how to dress, declared the Right Rev. William Turner, Bishop of Buffalo, in addressing four hundred members of the National Council of Catholic Women at a dinner given in Hotel Statler at which Miss Agnes G. Regan, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women was a distinguished guest.

Bishop Turner declared his conviction that the women of the Buffalo diocese were foremost in America in their work for the National Council of Catholic Women. Mrs. John Mulroy, the local president urged the members to attend the October convention in Washington and as a result of her appeal it is expected that the delegation will be nearly doubled.

Women of Georgia To Present Sword To Admiral Benson

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

Waycross, Ga., Sept. 16.—Daughters of the Confederacy of Georgia are to present to Admiral William S. Benson, a jeweled sword on the occasion of their twenty-sixth annual convention here on October 18-20. Admiral Benson and Mrs. Benson have been invited to the convention and it is announced that they will attend.

The State Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy were sponsors of a movement last year to erect a statue to Admiral Benson, who is a native of Georgia, but this was defeated by anti-Catholic propaganda waged by political associates of Thomas E. Watson.

Admiral Benson is president of the District Council of the National Council of Catholic Men in the archdiocese of Baltimore.

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October 28 Set For Consecration Of Monsignor Dunn

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

New York, Sept. 17.—The date for the consecration of the Right Rev. John J. Dunn, recently named by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XV as the Auxiliary Bishop of New York, has been definitely announced as Oct. 28, the feast of Sts. Simon and Jude. The selection of the date, made by Archbishop Patrick J. Hayes, is a touching evidence of the affection which has long existed between the Archbishop and his newly named Auxiliary, for it was the date of the episcopal consecration of the Archbishop, and was chosen by him because it was the first selected for the consecration of the first Bishops of the Church.

Archbishop Hayes will officiate at the consecration, and will be assisted by the Right Rev. John J. O'Connor, Bishop of Newark, N. J. and the Right Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, Bishop of Ogdensburg, N. Y.

It is expected that on the day of the consecration St. Patrick's Cathedral, where the ceremony will take place, will be thronged by one of the most notable gatherings of prelates that ever assembled before its altar. They will come from all over the country. In addition there will be a great throng of local clergy and laymen. Monsignor Dunn, in his work as Chancellor of the Archdiocese and director of the New York Branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, has won the affectionate regard of men of all classes and all faiths.

Father Dunn is a pioneer member of the Knights of Columbus, being a charter member of Castillian Council. He is chaplain of the New York chapter and the chapter is arranging to give him a record breaking reception a few days after his consecration.

Cardinal Mercier's Nephew in Faculty Of Notre Dame

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

Notre Dame, Ind., Sept. 16.—Dr. Charles Mercier, nephew of Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, has been added to the faculty of Notre Dame, and begins his work here with the opening of the University. He will teach philosophy.

Before departing for America, Dr. Mercier visited his famous uncle, who spoke affectionately of the United States and its people.

Dr. Mercier is a native of Belgium and was a lieutenant in the Belgian army during the war.

Dr. Mercier's father, now dead, was a brother of the Primate of Belgium.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF VIRGIN'S APPEARANCE AT LA SALETTE IS CELEBRATED THIS MONTH

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

Paris, Sept. 9.—This year, when the whole world is celebrating glorious anniversaries, both sacred and profane: of St. Francis and St. Dominic, of the Pilgrims and of Dante Allighieri, Catholic France is again reminded that she has ever been the favored country of the Blessed Virgin, for she is solemnly and joyously celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of Our Lady's Apparition at La Salette on September 19, 1846.

Ku Klux Denounced To Federal Grand Jury By Judge In New York

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

New York, Sept. 17.—Members of the federal grand jury of this district, acting under instructions of Judge William B. Shepherd, a Florida jurist now sitting in the United States District court here, are receiving information of the organization, purposes and practices of the Ku Klux Klan. It is believed that evidence of the Klan's activities in this vicinity and of its methods elsewhere will be furnished to the grand jurors.

Without mentioning the Ku Klux gang by name, Judge Shepherd made it plain in his instructions to the grand jury that he had it in mind.

Attempts to prevent citizens from the enjoyment of their constitutional rights are amenable to prosecution in the Federal courts through presentment or indictment by the grand jury, Judge Shepherd said. Continuing his formal instructions he declared:

"Any organization which holds its meetings by the light of bonfires in secret places, whose members wear white suits and masks, and which attempts to prevent orderly citizens from the enjoyment of their constitutional rights—freedom of speech, conscience and right of trial by jury—is a proper subject for investigation by a grand jury.

"That is because such [illegible] on the part of a secret [illegible] conspiracy, and the law [illegible] brought to bear upon its members.

"It is not within the province of secret societies to say who is or is not a desirable citizen."

Judge Shepherd then said that according to newspaper reports there "is a certain organization the members of which are undertaking to censor the conduct of their fellow citizens." If this were tolerated, the judge said, one might well ask what difference there is between the United States and bolshevism in Russia.

Spokesmen for the Klan have shown a disposition since the exposure of their organization and activities, to disclaim any hostility to Jews and Catholics, and represent the Klan as a Protestant institution. Protestants, however, are among the most vigorous critics of the Klan.

San Antonio Church Damaged By Flood

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

San Antonio, Sept. 16.—St. Mary's Church, the oldest religious edifice for English speaking people in San Antonio, and one of the most beautiful structures in the southwest, was severely damaged by the flood which took death and destruction in this city last Saturday and Sunday.

The damage to the church, which is under the direction of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and of which the Rev. J. H. Quinn, O.M.I., is pastor, will run into thousands of dollars. Located within a stone's throw of where the San Antonio River winds through the city in the business district, the water flooded the church to a height of more than five feet, destroying vestments, pews, organ [illegible] is declared, priceless. A full inventory of the damage has not yet been made.

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