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## Jesuit College Burned; Priests' Narrow Escape

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Macon, Ga., Nov. 19.—St. Stanislaus' College of this city, the novitiate of the Society of Jesus for the province of New Orleans, was burned to the ground with a loss of \$200,000, one third of which is covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is not known. The fire started early in the evening on the top floor of the college at a time when most of the students and priests were in the lower portion of the building. Rev. James De Potter, S. J., president of the college, and Rev. William A. Meriwether, S. J., 88 years of age, barely escaped the flames. Father Meriwether had hardly fled from the third floor when the floor above collapsed. The priests and students chose to make an attempt to save the libraries rather than their own possessions, and cheated the flames of a number of Latin and Greek classics dating back as far as 1490 and 1492. A Spanish Bible of 1490, said to be the only one of its kind in the world, and another dated 1510 were saved. Thousands of priceless volumes were lost.

The people of Macon in the vicinity of the college and the hotels of the city threw open their doors to the men made homeless by the fire. Non-Catholics are circulating a petition urging the Jesuit Fathers to rebuild on the old site. It is probable that this will be done. Very Rev. E. A. Mattern, S. J., the head of the Jesuits in the province of New Orleans, who arrived in Macon the day following the destruction of the college, has not announced his plans.

St. Stanislaus' College is one of the leading Catholic institutions in the South. It was founded shortly after 1870 by Bishop Gross of Savannah as a diocesan seminary and college, and many Georgia priests and laymen were educated there. When Pope Leo XIII elevated Bishop Gross to the Archbishopric of Oregon City, the Jesuit Fathers purchased the college building and sight and changed the name from Pio Nono to St. Stanislaus'. The college building burned last week was erected in the seventies at a cost of \$150,000. It was five stories in height with a tower in the center, and located in the residential section of Macon on a tract of land of over a hundred acres. It was one of the show places of the Georgia City.

## Priest Was Assigned To Accompany Body Of Unknown Soldier

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—Among those who accompanied the body of the unknown soldier from Europe was Rev. E. A. Buff, a naval chaplain detailed to travel with the body by virtue of his service for three years and a half as naval morale officer of the American fleet in European waters. Father Duff, who was stationed on the flagship of the fleet during most of the period of his service abroad and for a short time in London, was a priest of the Charleston diocese before his appointment to the navy chaplaincy. He expects to be assigned to a shore station in America in the near future.

## Papal Decorations Permitted in France

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Paris, Nov. 10.—The wearing of Papal decorations in the streets and at public gatherings has not been authorized in France since the separation of Church and State. In a letter to Count de Monteton, secret chamberlain of His Holiness, Mgr. Cerretti, Nuncio at Paris, reports that the French Government has issued orders permitting the wearing of Papal decorations by all persons making the request of the Grand Chancellor of the Legion of Honor.

## St. Mary Of Woods Gets 40 New Junior Units

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
South Bend, Ind., Nov. 19.—The Academy of St. Mary of the Woods, South Bend, Indiana, leads in the race of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade for the affiliation of Junior Units. Forty schools have been induced by the students of St. Mary's of the Woods to join the Crusade as Junior Units. Trinity College, Washington has offered a pennant for the Unit affiliating the largest number of Junior Units.

## Retreat For Irish Priests Will Be Given In Gaelic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Dublin, Nov. 12.—A retreat for priests to be conducted in the Irish language is to be given in the Jesuits' House of Retreat, Millstown Park, Dublin. During the Catholic Truth Conference a meeting of Irish speaking priests was held in Dublin. At that meeting the use of the native language by priests on all suitable occasions was advocated. The projected retreat is one practical outcome of the meeting.

## Knights Will Teach By Correspondence

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
New Haven, Nov. 21.—The largest correspondence school in the United States will be started December 1 by the Knights of Columbus, it has been announced. The school will be for the sole service of ex-service men who reside at a distance from the present free schools maintained by the Knights. It will make it possible for every ex-service man regardless of his place of residence or his employment, to participate in the benefits of the K. of C. schools.

## Father Lorden Goes Back To Porto Rico

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Boston, Nov. 19.—Rev. Joseph M. Lorden, C. S. S. R., who is in charge of the Redemptorist missions in Porto Rico, left for the mission field this week. He had been at the Mission Church in this city for the last six months.

## Father Griffin, Noted Chemist, Dead

Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—The death of the Very Rev. John J. Griffin, professor of chemistry at the Catholic University, since 1895, and director of the Martin Maloney Chemical Laboratory, removes from the University one of its oldest faculty members. Father Griffin died at Notre Dame convent in Baltimore.

## Sodalities Are Moral Bulwarks Declares Bishop

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 21.—Urging upon pastors the necessity of keeping alive the spirit of sodalities and, pointing out their influence amidst the dangers of modern evils, the Rt. Rev. H. C. Boyle, Bishop of Pittsburgh, in a recent pastoral letter, declared the sodality offers an escape from moral and spiritual disaster. "It is a bulwark against which the storm breaks harmlessly, and within it youth and innocence enjoy comparative safety," says Bishop Boyle.

"No great penetration is needed to see the great increasing threats to the virtue of young women that are implicit in the casting aside of the traditional restraints of feminine conduct, in the amusements that entice young girls, in the fashions of dress that attract them, and in that looseness of the social code, which permits them a license of conduct and of speech that would make the woman of an older day shudder with horror. Even where these practices are not themselves immoral and sinful, they are often in the way of immorality and sin, and once turned in that direction, the gravest faults loom up as possible in their lives.

"There is a special danger to young girls whose parents are of foreign birth, and whose mothers are thinking of the city life in this country in terms of the life of their own girlhood and of the country from which they have come to us. The very loosening of the bonds of family life and the lessening of the authority of parents over the children in these household groups is in itself a grave disaster. Such children often lose the elementary virtues of respect and regard for their parents; and the self-directed process of their Americanization sometimes involves an imitation of what is least admirable or faulty or vicious in American life. That is one reason why their pastors should call them back to sanity and whole someness through the religious practices and the womanly ideals of the Sodality of Our Lady."

## Cardinal Dougherty Honors War Mother

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—A delicate tribute to England's war mother and the members of her party was paid by Cardinal Dougherty on the occasion of their visit here, when he presented to Mrs. Emma McCudden and to each of those accompanying her an American Beauty rose.

Mrs. McCudden's three sons killed in the war were Catholics and she takes pride in the fact that she reared them in the Catholic faith, though she herself is not a member of the Church. She is accompanied on her American trip by her daughter, Cathleen.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 15.—When Marshal Foch visited Kansas City, ex-Governor Brough, of Arkansas, presented him with a pure diamond, mined at Murphreesboro, Ark., the only diamond field in the United States. The Marshal accepted the unique gift with a smiling promise to bestow it on Madame Foch.

## Gratitude to God For Saving Sight Leads to Gift

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
New York, Nov. 21.—Gratitude to God for the restoration of his sight has prompted Patrick Ryan, contractor and quarryman, to make a gift of \$35,000 to the building of the Holy Innocents Church at Beverly Road and 7th Street, Brooklyn.

Ryan, who is seventy years old, is president of the Patrick Ryan Construction Corporation. Several years ago his sight began to fail. Specialists held out little hope that he would retain his vision. He resorted to prayer. He prayed unflinchingly. A final operation was decided upon and it was successful.

Mr. Ryan attributed the restoration of his sight to prayer. A few days ago he was in an architect's office and became interested in the plans for the new church at Flatbush. He asked permission to attend the next meeting of the committee carrying on the campaign for funds and when introduced to the Rev. Francis J. McMurray, the rector, agreed to give all the granite required for building the church, estimated at \$35,000 in value.

## Jew Gives Bishop Dunn Splendid Pectoral Cross

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
New York, Nov. 18.—One of these rare incidents in the course of the religious life, an ardent, sincere admiration of a Jew for a Catholic clergyman is the feeling shown by Aaron Naumberg, a wealthy New York Jew, for the newly consecrated Bishop-Auxiliary of New York, the Right Rev. John J. Dunn. This admiration has found expression on frequent occasions in the making of contributions by Mr. Naumberg to the cause which has been one of the principal interests of the religious life of the Bishop—the foreign missions.

The depth of this feeling, moreover was amply proven by the fact that when the new Bishop was consecrated, on October 29, one of the many gifts he received was a pectoral cross from Mr. Naumberg. It is a beautiful piece of work, five inches long and 3 1/2 inches across, a fine specimen of the goldsmith's art. It is made of green gold, with a clear sapphire of about one carat, at each extremity. In the center of the cross, in relief, is the Agnus Dei, surrounded by diamonds. The whole cross is engraved with a tracery of wheat and grapes, emblematic of the Sacrifice of the Mass.

## Bigots Are Rebuked in San Francisco

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
San Francisco, November 21.—Anti-Catholic prejudice rode to a hard fall in the recent municipal campaign, when three members of the Board of Education who were vigorously opposed by anti-Catholic elements headed the ticket of seven that was balloted on. Two of the members of the board who were subjected to the biggest opposition were Catholics, Daniel C. Murphy and Alice Rose Power. A third, F. Dohrmann, Jr., had been educated at a Catholic college. Angelo Rossi, who led the list of nine city supervisors elected was also opposed by anti-Catholic organizations and his success in leading the ticket is attributed chiefly to resentment over the efforts of the bigots.

## U. S. Christmas Gift For Starving Foreign Peoples

K. of C. Named in Bill Providing For Distribution of Supplies Surplus

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)  
Washington, D. C., Nov. 21.—Provision for a great Christmas gift of food, clothing and medicines to the suffering peoples of Europe and Asia, particularly those of Russia, the Near East and China, is made in a bill which Senator France, of Maryland, has introduced in Congress and which contemplates the distribution of the surplus supplies purchased by the United States during the war and still remaining unused. Senator France says that the existence of these supplies, the value of which runs into millions, "constitutes a disturbing influence on agriculture, industry and business."

It is specially provided in Senator France's bill that the Knights of Columbus shall be included among the organizations to be created, authorized or appointed to attend to the work of distributing the relief which the disposal of the supplies would make available for the stricken peoples of the countries named.

K. of C. Named in Bill  
Among the organizations mentioned in the bill, besides the Knights of Columbus, are the Relief Committee of the Society of Friends (Quakers), the Near East Relief, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Russian Relief Committee, the Russian Famine Fund, and the Jewish Distribution Committee. It is not improbable that the bill may be broadened in its scope so as to make provision for the suffering people of Germany, Austria and Poland.

## Wireless In Pulpit To Be Used to Carry Mission Sermons

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Pittsburgh, Nov. 21.—A wireless telephone installed in the pulpit of Old St. Patrick's Church will carry the sermons preached during the mission to given there by the Rev. Bertrand L. Conway, C. S. P., and Rev. David W. Kennedy, C. S. P., to hundreds who find themselves unable to attend the services. The wireless will be connected with a central station and the sermons will be heard by all those having wireless telephone attachments.

Questions asked by people of various creeds also will be answered over the wireless. The question boxes will be placed near the door of the church and the answers will be sent out broadcast.

In order to accommodate those who do not care to come to the church, but who wish to learn something about the Catholic faith, a series of noonday talks has been arranged for at the Harris Theater. The mission will start November 25 and continue until December 12.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 21.—The unexpected death of the Rev. Edward A. Bolger, pastor of St. Patrick's Church has caused universal mourning in this city, where he labored for many years of his priestly life. He was a powerful factor in upbuilding the Catholic school educational system.

## Catholic Chaplain Pays Tribute to Protestant

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Cambridge Springs, Pa., Nov. 16.—An evidence of the "brotherhood of spirit" which the Rev. A. Cobb, pastor of the Presbyterian Church here, is observing between people of different faiths, he is relating a story of the honor paid recently by Patrick J. Blake, rector of St. Anthony's Church of Cambridge Springs, to the memory of a Protestant youth who was in the war.

The Rev. Mr. Cobb and Father Blake are natives of two of Massachusetts, the first Bedford and the latter of the River. Chance has made them pastors of churches in the same city. When the body of the soldier was brought back overseas to be interred in Cambridge Springs, the funeral place from the Rev. Mr. Blake, of which he had been a member.

Father Blake announced as a tribute to the heroic Protestant lad he would give a special service in the church at the same hour as the regular service was held. The Presbyterian minister content with this tribute, Blake led his congregation in the singing of the hymn, "The Remains of the Brave," which was borne in spirit.

Rev. Mr. Cobb, in his address with the soldier, related a story of a Methodist minister that "the folk of the world never be saved."

## Archbishop Dwyer To Be Initiated 4th Degree

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)  
Santo Domingo, N. P., Nov. 21.—Thanksgiving services were held in Santo Domingo, N. P., truly in keeping with the history of the city of the Holy Spirit. The Archbishop of Santo Domingo, Dwyer, will take the degree of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. Fully 1000 will take the degree. His Grace, the Most Rev. Dwyer, O. F. M., D. D., bishop of Santo Domingo.

In this vast, sparsely populated territory, this kind of mass participation means miles by train. The officers of the degree will come from Texas; Phoenix, Arizona; from several points in Mexico and the States. The degree will be taken at the Cathedral of Santo Domingo. The new museum of paintings that the walls are symbols of the conquistadors and the settled life of the pilgrims.

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