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## Priest Is Victim Of An Outrage In New Mexico

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sante Fe, New Mexico, Dec. 17.—Catholics of New Mexico have appealed to the state authorities to remove from office the local officials of the town of Roy and Mora county on charges of having actively or passively participated in the outrage against Rev. Felix Vachon, O. M. I., who was dragged through the streets of Roy and subjected to the vilest insults at the hands of sworn officers of the law. Catholics who attempted to protest against this official violence were warned that they would suffer a like fate if they persisted.

After holding Father Vachon a prisoner for several hours, he was released on bonds of \$5,000, the charge being that he had a part in the burning of the new high school building of Roy. Last Sunday the officials of Roy entered Holy Family church during the celebration of mass and took out two small boys whom they questioned along lines that indicated a purpose to blacken Father Vachon's character.

Although the population of New Mexico is preponderantly Catholic, Roy, a small place in Mora County, is a hotbed of anti-Catholic bigotry and a center of Masonic influence. Recently the corner stone of a high school building was laid with Masonic ceremonies. In the course of the exercises an official of a Masonic lodge delivered an address warning all churches against interference with the public schools, over which he assumed for Masonry a sort of protectorate. On the corner stone of the school was carved the square and compass of the Masonic emblem.

Father Vachon was outspoken in his condemnation of this Masonic claim to control the public schools, which, he pointed out, were built and maintained by means of taxation to which Catholic citizens contributed a large share. The Masons and anti-Catholic bigots were inflamed by this plain speech from a Catholic priest.

A week ago the school, which was nearing completion, was burned. The bigots at once accused Father Vachon of the crime, and he was arrested and paraded through the streets of the town as a spectacle for the mob. The officers who had taken Father Vachon into custody refused to let any of his parishioners speak with him or approach him. When one of them appealed to the justice of the peace, the latter declared that it was none of his affair and that the parishioner might find himself being dragged through the town. The sheriff of the county made a similar response when he was urged to prevent the outrage against Father Vachon.

Catholics of Roy charge that the privately owned telephone exchange failed to connect them with the outside world when they attempted to communicate with an attorney. One man had to board a train and travel to Springer, whence he sent word of the affair to Santa Fe. Attorney E. P. Davies, former state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, went to Roy and took charge of the case.

Indignation has spread among the Catholics of the state and they are determined to use every

lawful means to oust public officials who not only refused protection to Father Vachon but actually had a guilty share in the outrage against him.

## British Prelates Urge Reading Of Catholic Papers

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Dec. 5.—Striking references to the duty of the laity to read Catholic newspapers were contained in the pastoral letters of the Archbishop of Cardiff and the Bishop of Aberdeen published for Advent.

"It would be well," said the Archbishop of Cardiff, "if on Sunday more time were given to reading Catholic news papers rather than those that are known as Sunday papers, which as a rule are neither helpful nor conducive to faith or morals. If we wish to keep our faith a real living faith we must make use of those means which we have at our disposal, the want of which was the cause of the loss of faith to the Catholics of Wales after the Reformation. There are some excuses for their losing the faith, but for us, who have so many helps to keep our faith alive, there will be no excuse."

The Bishop of Aberdeen made a plea for wider distribution of Catholic literature, pointing out that many good Catholics ascribe their conversion pamphlets sent them by friends or picked up at some Catholic church door.

## Pope's Reply To German Bishops

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, Germany, Dec. 5.—Pope Benedict, replying to the collective letter which the German Bishops sent to him during their meeting in Fulda, last summer, thanks them for their loyalty to the Holy See, speaks of the reconciliation of nations, and approves and encourages their efforts in behalf of German youth. The Holy Father declares that religion must be the foundation of the family, the community and the state, and he urges them not to relax their work of defending the Christian family. The more they are attacked the stronger should be the defense.

God will help and guide, the Holy Father says. The prayers of the Christian people will be heard in Heaven; and the Bishops' labors and sacrifices are sure to have a happy issue.

## EIGHT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE ORDAINED PRIESTS.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Eight young Knights of Columbus were ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop George W. Mundelein at Holy Name Cathedral during the week. While many priests have become Knights of Columbus, it is quite unusual to have an entire class of Knights of Columbus become priests. The young fathers are all graduates of St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. The roster of names and of C. A. affiliations includes: John F. Grant and Francis A. Dampts, Calumet council, Chicago; John J. Mulligan and Francis J. Flaherty, of Patapsco council, Baltimore; Raymond J. O'Brien, Leo XIII council, Francis A. Ryan, St. Patrick's council, Thomas J. Birmingham, Santa Maria council, and William J. Borman of Commodore Barry council, all of Chicago.

## Missionaries' Work Inspires Dramatists

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, O., Dec. 19.—Successful use of the dramatic appeal in popularizing the work of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade is being made in many Catholic institutions of higher learning throughout the land, according to reports being received at national headquarters here.

There is great demand for plays and entertainments based on the missionary idea, and although at present there is said to be scarcely half-a-dozen missionary plays in the English language, the need is being filled by talented young men and women who are members of different units.

Recently the presentation of "That Night in China", a one-act play in two scenes written by John B. Parker and Aloysius Huber was given by Mt. St. Mary's unit here with great success and the production of a playlet "The California Missions" under the auspices of St. Philip Neri Mission Society of St. Francis, Wisconsin was also warmly greeted. "The Chinese Vase", by J. Henry Koelzer and "Alias Lassus Brown", a humorous sketch of the work of the St. Peter Claver Society by the author of "The California Missions" are also available.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods College unit has selected three young women to specialize in supplying mission entertainment material for the use of units composed of young women.

## 500 Units Enrolled in Catholic Student Mission Crusades.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The Catholic Students' Mission Crusade starts the new year with five hundred units enrolled in the great work which has for its slogan: "The Sacred Heart for the World! The World for the Sacred Heart!"

Four hundred and eighty-three units, including 312 of the senior division and 171 in the junior division were enrolled up to December 1, and since that time the figures have been carried well over the five-hundred mark. An endeavor will be made to reach a total of 1000 units before the school terms next summer.

The enthusiasm with which parochial schools have entered into the work is indicated by the reports which show that ninety-two junior units were enrolled from September to December. Indiana leads the list of states with twenty-eight enrollments. Illinois has 19, Ohio 10, Pennsylvania 7, New York 5, Missouri 4, California 3, Massachusetts 3, Minnesota 3, Colorado 3, Michigan 2 and Kentucky, Wisconsin, Iowa, Oregon and Virginia one each. The fact that the junior units have more than doubled their membership in three months is distinctly encouraging to those who originally sponsored their enrollment in the crusade.

London, Dec. 9.—Catholics in England have been increasing for some years past at the rate of one per cent of the total population in every nine years, according to A. H. Nankivell who writes in "The Prospects of Catholicism in England" in a recent issue of The Tablet.

## Rev. A. M. O'Neill Dead

Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church Passes Away After Short Illness.

Rev. Augustine M. O'Neill, M. R., LL. D., pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception for twenty-three years, died at 1:15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the rectory, No. 267 Plymouth avenue, where he had been ill for twelve weeks. Father O'Neill was confined to his bed for about five weeks, when a change for the better occurred. He was up and around for about a month. Then came a relapse and his condition grew gradually worse. His condition became so serious that his attending physician, Dr. James P. Brady, despaired of his recovery. Father O'Neill was born in Auburn on October 1, 1859, the son of Michael O'Neill and Ellen T. Halligan O'Neill. His brothers were John H. O'Neill, William O'Neill and Thomas H. O'Neill, who was mayor of Auburn for a term of two years. Father O'Neill was the youngest of these brothers.

Father O'Neill attended Holy Family and St. Mary's parochial schools in Auburn. With a few other youths of the parish he was privately tutored by Rev. Dr. M.

appointed pastor at Phelps. On the death of Rev. Dr. O'Hare, on August 5, 1898, he was named by Bishop McQuaid rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. In 1905 he was made an irremovable rector by Bishop McQuaid.

Father O'Neill held important positions as an official of the Diocese of Rochester, being at the time of his death a member of the Board of Consultors, a trustee of St. Bernard's Seminary, and a member of the Diocesan School Board. When Father O'Neill went to the Immaculate Conception Church he found a debt of \$24,000, which long since was paid off. Through his efforts the beautiful Convent of the Immaculate Conception, occupied by the Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph, was built at a cost of \$32,000. He also had the church remodeled. Stained glass windows were put in and the interior was decorated at the cost of thousands of dollars.

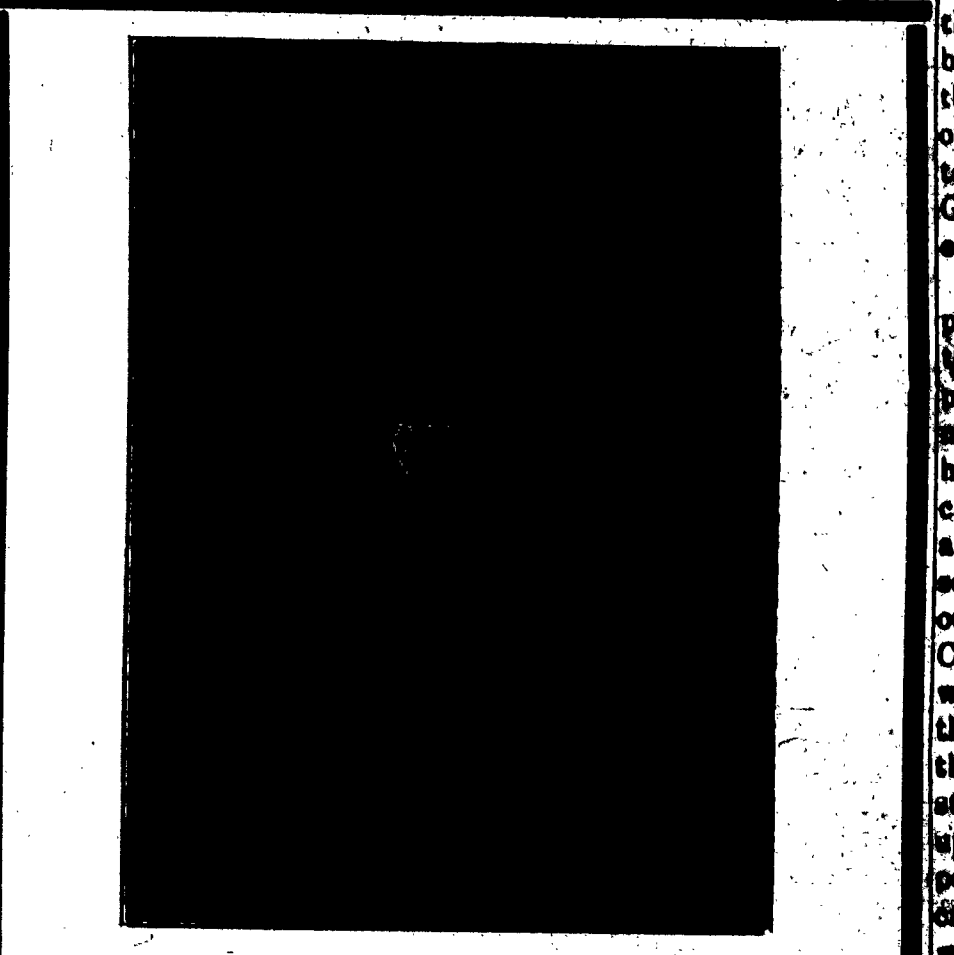
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## Fr. McGowan Resigns

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Department of Social Action, National E. Welfare Council, has resigned from the General Council of the Limitation of Arms, which Samuel Gompers is chairman. The resignation was accepted by Father McGowan.

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J. Loughlin, the rector of St. Mary's Church and under him received his first instruction in the classics.

As a boy of 15 or 16 he was sent to St. Charles College, at Ellicott City, near Baltimore, for his collegiate course. From there he entered Niagara University at Niagara Falls, N. Y., for his training in philosophy. His theological studies were made at St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary at Troy, upon the completion of which he was ordained to the priesthood in St. Patrick's Cathedral, this city, on March 25, 1884, by the late Bishop McQuaid. In the same ordination class were the present bishop of Rochester,

After his ordination he was assigned as assistant to Rev. James F. O'Hare, D. D., rector of the Cathedral. While there he was also a professor at St. Andrew's Seminary and secretary to Bishop McQuaid when he was engaged in diocesan visitations. His health failing, he went to Denver, and while in that city he assisted Rev. J. P. Carrigan, pastor of St. Patrick's Church. Later on he was temporarily attached at Laramie, Wyo. Returning to Rochester in 1886, on the death of his father, he was given temporary charges at Victor, Seneca Falls and Scottsville and in February 1891 he was

tees of the city libraries; member of the Chamber of Commerce; member of the Executive Committee of the State Conference of Charities; president of the State Conference of Charities and presided over the sessions held in Syracuse in November, 1910;

member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic Summer School of America; member of the Reading Circle Committee of Catholic Summer School of America; member of the Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus; member of the Arbitration Board to settle Italian labor troubles a few years ago; member of the Mayor's Committee of Three to investigate the differences between contractors and unions (served on this committee with Judge Adolph J. Rodenbeck, and Rev. Warren S. Stone of the First Presbyterian Church); president of the Rochester Cottage Association of the Catholic Summer School of America at Cliff Haven.

The funeral service was held Friday morning at 10 o'clock. Father O'Neill leaves two nieces, Alice O'Neill, of Auburn, and Mrs. Catherine Walton, of Peoria, and one nephew, Thomas O'Neill, of Auburn.

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the General Convention because I see no way of the Governing Board of original instructions. I tender my resignation of General Convention." "An additional reason for my resignation is the position to the present of the Governing Board. I have the impression that the original instructions were not carefully guarded, and an evil political and social association among a few ourselves included. Chinese resentment will harm the Chinese, and the advantage and the international movement start the American people upon the road of political imperialism. Gray of the Government which reflects upon the body that minor imperfections with the evil which the Government according to the Constitution."

## Knights Prepare Place

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The Knights of Columbus of California are preparing to place a new public library building in the city. The building will be a fine example of modern architecture and will be a great benefit to the community.

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