

"In vain will you found
missions and build
schools, if you are not
able to wield the offensive
and defensive weapons of
a loyal Catholic Press."
—Pope Pius X

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Irish Free State Enforcing Strict Press Censorship

Great Damage Being Done Country
By The Conflict

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Dublin, July 23.—The armed conflict between the Free State Army and the Republican forces continues, and in Dublin there is a strict censorship of the Press by the Free State.

Dublin City which was the first place affected by the struggle has got back to normal life. Free State troops operating from the capital and other centers have spread through County Dublin and the surrounding counties including Meath, Westmeath, Wicklow, Wexford, Kildare, Carlow, Offaly, Leitrim, Louth, Longford and most of Kilkenny. Practically the entire province of Leinster is in the hands of the army of the Free State Government.

Three counties of Ulster are outside the jurisdiction of the Belfast Parliament. In two of these, Monaghan and Cavan, there is little or no trouble. In the third, Donegal, there has been some severe fighting and the Republicans hold local strongholds.

In the province of Connaught, County Mayo is the chief storm center. It is one of the largest counties in Ireland. There have been some big concentrations of Republican forces in this area.

The south of Ireland, embracing the counties of Cork, Kerry, Limerick, Waterford, Clare and the southern part of Tipperary, are at the moment cut from Dublin. On the direct railway from Dublin to Cork, trains run only about 60 miles from the capital. From the Cork end the line is free for about 80 miles. On the intervening gap of 80 miles no trains are running.

A service on a limited scale is maintained by a circuitous route via Waterford; but sometimes this involves two days' traveling on the single journey as compared with four hours by the direct route. Again and again rails on the Waterford route have been torn up.

With the exception of Limerick city and parts of Clare and Tipperary, Free State troops were not stationed in the Munster counties in any considerable numbers before the outbreak. Its forces in Court City and county were negligible. Cork is completely in the hands of the Republicans. The "Cork Examiner," a supporter of the Free State has been annexed by Republican officers, a number of columns are reserved daily for Republican publicity.

In Limerick city a furious battle was waged. In all probability decisive battles between the opposing forces will take place in the line of country between Limerick and Clonmel. To the rear and south of this line are the famed Galtee mountains. As the Free State troops have to march southwards it is obvious that it will take some time before they can establish contact with their opponents who are supposed to be massing in or about the line mentioned.

Already there have been some stiff encounters in the Thurles region which is at the Dublin side of Clonmel. It is quite possible that battles in this area may develop into decisive engagements, that is, if the Republicans advance from the south.

Winners of K. of C. Scholarships at C. U. Announced

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, D. C., July 31.—

Announcement of the names of nineteen successful candidates in the examinations for graduate Knights of Columbus' scholarships at the Catholic University was made today from the office of the Right Rev. Monsignor Edward A. Pace, general secretary of the University Senate.

In addition to the nineteen successful candidates named, it was announced that two other candidates were successful in the examinations, but as they will not receive the bachelor's degree until September, the award of their scholarships will be deferred until that time. Successful candidates named represent eleven states and New Brunswick.

Traffic Rules Were First Made By Pope Boniface

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
London, July 23.—In England the rule of the road is that all traffic shall keep to the left, and an agitation has been started by the Safety First Society to have pedestrians observe this rule which they do not.

In the discussion of the regulation the interesting fact has been brought out that this English rule of keeping to the left was instituted by Pope Boniface VIII. The reasons that induced the Pope to introduce the rule for traffic, which the English still observe, is that at the Papal Jubilee in 1300 the concourse of pilgrims and visitors to Rome was so great that the Pope devised these rules for the regulation of traffic.

As to the present Continental rule of keeping to the right, this is said to have dated from the time of the French Revolution, when an obstinate opposition to anything like an ecclesiastical direction brought about a reversal of the old rule.

1500 Public School Teachers at Funeral Of Catholic Educator

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, July 30.—Attended by more than fifteen hundred members of the New York public schools system, funeral services for the late Mrs. Grace Strachan Forsythe, associate superintendent of schools were held last Monday in the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, where a solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. Thomas G. Philbin, assisted by the Rev. John J. Kennedy of St. John's College, Brooklyn, as deacon and the Rev. William Creedon as sub-deacon. Former Governor Alfred E. Smith was among the honorary pallbearers who included men and women prominent in every walk of public life. Mrs. Forsythe had been for fourteen successive years president of the Interborough Association of Women Teachers.

Favors Religion in School
Pasadena, Cal., July 31.—At least an hour of religious study for three days a week was advocated for the public schools of California by Dr. Warren H. Landon, moderator of the Presbyterian Synod of California in his address on the opening day of California and Arizona Synod.

Many Plans Formed For Aid of Foreign Students in Paris

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, July 11.—The general meeting of the Foreign Catholic students of Paris was held at the close of the school year in July under the auspices of the Comité Catholique des Amis Français.

Among the students were many Americans from the United States, Canada, Ecuador, Colombia and Haiti, and a large number of Spaniards, Poles, Italians, Egyptians and Chinese, as well as some students from Jugoslavia and Czechoslovakia.

The principal questions discussed at the meeting concerned the activities planned for the next year by the Comité des Amis Français. Many excursions, lectures, visits to organizations and religious ceremonies are planned, and there will be a special Canadian celebration in honor of the centennial of the birth of the first Canadian Bishop. It is hoped to open a special reading and assembly room for foreign students and to organize an information center which will enable them to benefit by all the intellectual attractions which Paris has to offer. The president of the French Federation of Catholic Students has promised the help of his organization in carrying out these plans.

Canon Beaupin, General Secretary of the Comité des Amis Français at his address at the meeting stated that Catholics should strengthen the ties which unite them over and above all frontiers, in order to prove to the world that true peace between peoples will be best established through the real and effective fraternity of the Catholics of all countries.

To Stop Sunday Auction Sales

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, July 20.—The Labor Committee of the Chamber of Deputies has approved the report of the Duke of Dalmatie in favor of the adoption of the bill presented by Abbe Lemire on the subject of Sunday auction sales.

Despite the legal institution of Sunday as a day of rest, it is the custom in some rural districts to hold auction sales on Sunday because it is the one day when the farmers are not at work in the fields. It has been proved, however, that these sales deprive many notaries, clerks, etc., of their Sunday rest, and the bill of Abbe Lemire proposes to abolish all auction sales on Sunday.

Priest As Traffic Policeman Directs Motorists To Safety

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, July 31.—Motorists who passed the Church of St. Nicholas of Tolentine near Flushing last Sunday stopped and started to the signal of the Rev. Edward J. Murtaugh, O. S. A., pastor of the church, who acted as traffic policeman for more than an hour. Father Murtaugh witnessed a serious accident a week previous in front of his church due to the fact that there was no traffic officer on hand and he decided to play the part himself until a policeman was installed at the post. Following high mass he stepped into the middle of the road and using a newspaper as a signal, directed every motorist to safety.

German Catholic Press in Difficulty

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Cologne, July 21.—The Catholic press of Germany is in dire straits, and determined efforts are being made to save it from ruin.

Recently it was announced that nine-five newspapers and periodicals in Germany would suspend. Others are expected soon to follow their example. Nearly every Catholic newspaper is in difficulty. An appeal to save the Catholic press was made recently by the Most Rev. Dr. Augustin Kilian of Limburg. Now another Bishop, Dr. Wilhelm Berning of Osnabruck, has made a similar appeal.

"For a long time," says Bishop Berning, "the distress of the Catholic press has been well known to all. The calamity is increasing from day to day and threatens to end with catastrophe. The Catholic papers face greater difficulties than even the other German papers. It would be a disaster if our Catholic papers should go out of existence or fade into insignificance. We must not lose our organs, which defend the faith in public, which stimulate our religious ideals and inform us concerning Catholic life. Without our Catholic press we will be in times of strife and struggle without arms for the combat."

"The duty of all Catholics therefore is to remove the threat that hangs over our press. We must guarantee our press a sure existence and the possibility of development. More than ever must we keep before us the slogan 'A Catholic paper in every Catholic home.'"

German Mission Workers to Meet In Aix-la-Chapelle

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Cologne, July 21.—Aix-la-Chapelle will be the scene of a great gathering of missionary workers of Germany in September when a mission week will be held there. This city is not only the center of mission work in Germany, but also the seat of the chief agency of the Francis Xavier Mission Union, which has to do with the missions of the whole world.

Prince Alois of Loewenstein, the president of the mission week, is already making preparations for the event and great interest is being taken in the work by his active assistants, Dr. Lausberg, auxiliary Bishop of Cologne and Monsignor Weber of Trier.

Cardinal Schulte and many German bishops will speak at the different meetings and as many important mission confederations will hold their meetings at Aix-la-Chapelle during mission week the assembly promises to be one of the most notable of the year. Relics of St. Francis Xavier will be translated to Aix-la-Chapelle on September 9, and will be venerated for nine days in St. Michael's Church.

Eleventh Century Church Destroyed

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, July 20.—Fire, caused by lightning, has destroyed the historical church of Premières, near Dijon. The tower, forty meters high, was struck and started to burn about eight o'clock in the evening and the fire quickly spread to the roof. In spite of all efforts to save the building, which was built in the eleventh century, nothing but the four walls now remain.

Archbishop Christie Shows Americanism Of Parochial Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Portland, Ore., July 31.—The Most Reverend Alexander Christie, Archbishop of Oregon City, has issued a pastoral letter dealing with proposed legislation whereby attendance at public schools would be made compulsory in the state of Oregon.

The letter quotes the late Theodore Roosevelt, Chief Justice William Howard Taft, former Vice-President Marshall and leaders of various religious denominations to show the necessity of a thorough religious education being imparted to children.

Speaking of the Americanism of parochial schools, the letter says in part: "You beloved members of the hierarchy, are the best proofs of the Americanism of our parochial schools. You know that these schools are absolutely American for innumerable reasons among which are the following: First—Their teachers are American. Their religious schools are not a foreign importation. Second—Their curriculum is American. Our religious education follows the accepted American course of studies from the first grade to the university. Third—Their teachers are Americans. The nation has no better or truer citizens than the instructors in our denominational schools. Fourth—Their pupils are Americans, or under the influence of their training, they are being rapidly changed into the native and finished product. Fifth—Their ideals are American; nowhere is love and respect and devotion to the flag more insistently taught than there. Every Crisis in American History Has Proven Sixth—The motto of every patriotic American is 'For God and Country.' For God and Country is a fitting complement to the motto of our nation: 'In God We Trust.' And so, beloved members of the hierarchy, the five elements that make the public schools of America great are shared and at Times Exceeded by the denominational schools of Oregon and elsewhere."

Cardinal Decorated
On His Silver Jubilee
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Rome, July 20.—On the occasion of the golden jubilee of the ordination of Cardinal Bascani of Turin, which is also his silver jubilee as archbishop of that city and his 24th anniversary as a cardinal, the Grand Master of the Constantinian Order of Saint George has conferred upon the cardinal by motto, the Grand Cross, the highest decoration which the Order can give.

Priest Wins Literary Prize
Paris, July 20.—The Bretteville Gonin prize of 15,000 francs awarded by the French Academy for historical work of unusual merit was given this year to the priest, Abbe Cheneveau, of Orleans.

Golden Crown Given Dominican Shrine By The Vatican

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Santo Domingo, D. R., July 31.—Word has been received from Rome that Archbishop of Santo Domingo has been awarded the Golden Crown by the Vatican.

The ceremony will be held on August 11, the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The great religious shrine of Santo Domingo, which was founded for that purpose, is the only shrine of the Virgin Mary in the Americas. Many legends are told of the shrine and the Church is a great center of devotion to the Virgin.

This recognition of the shrine is a great honor and a sign of the Vatican's interest in the Americas. The shrine is a place of pilgrimage for many Catholics in the Americas and is a great center of devotion to the Virgin Mary.

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