

"In vain will you find mission 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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FRENCH-VATICAN AGREEMENT HAS TO BE DEFERRED

Cardinals Seek Additional Information and Will Take Time For Further Study

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Paris, Oct. 15.—The negotiations opened between the French Government and the Vatican for establishing by common accord the legal status of the Church in France, are for the time being at a standstill. The Roman Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical Affairs, to which the Supreme Pontiff had submitted the arrangements prepared in Paris, has asked for additional information and study before making its conclusions known. This delay for several weeks, or perhaps several months, has been expected, which will be made by the Pope. It has now been made known on what particular points the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation desire further information.

The law of 1905, which put an end to the Concordate, proclaimed the separation of Church and State and suppressed the budget for worship. It also established for the administration of Church property, an organization which was acceptable to the Holy See. All buildings, lands, capital and revenues of the parishes and bishoprics, were, under this organization, to have been administered by associations composed of the body of the faithful in such parishes or dioceses. These groups, known as "cultuelles," would alone have authority to re-

claim, within a period of one year, the religious properties which, under the Concordate, were considered as property under the administration of the government for the service of worship. If not reclaimed within the specified period, these properties were to be awarded to charitable institutions or to public services.

Pope Pius X having judged the organization of the "cultuelles" to be contrary to the fundamental organization of the Church, the Catholics did not form the associations and, consequently, the church properties, worth about 330 millions of francs, were not awarded to them. As regards the churches and chapels, however, the government recognized the impossibility of refusing to allow them to be used by the faithful, and M. Briand caused a supplementary law to be passed allowing the Catholics to have permanent use of the places of worship. This is the present situation of the Church in France as far as the law is concerned. It occupies the houses of prayer, but does not own them. On the other hand, it has never regained possession of the property which was at its disposal under the regime of the Concordate.

San Francisco K. C. Chandler Proud Of Stand Against Ku Klux Klan

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
San Francisco, Oct. 23.—Plans for the erection of a \$1,000,000 Catholic community building have been announced here by Knights of Columbus. The building, according to Harry I. Mulcrevy, grand knight, will be of ample proportions to house all San Francisco Catholic societies not now suitably accommodated.

San Francisco already has several substantial structures erected by Catholic organizations, including the \$250,000 home of San Francisco Council, No. 615. K. of C., and the Young Men's Institute Building which was erected at a cost of \$400,000 by the Young Men's Institute and the Young Ladies' Institute, and which houses the Donahue Library, as well as making provision for recreational activities, with a fine swimming pool. The Ancient Order of Hibernians has also erected a \$100,000 home.

Plans for a commodious center that would house many organizations that have not suitable quarters have been under discussion for several years.

Coadjutor-Bishop For St. Joseph to be Consecrated Nov. 8

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
St. Louis, Oct. 21.—The announcement has just been made here that Wednesday, November 8, is the day selected for the consecration of the Rev. Francis Gillman as Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of St. Joseph, Mo. The ceremony will be held in the new Cathedral, Lindell Boulevard and Newstead avenue, and His Grace Archbishop Glennon will officiate as the consecrating prelate.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, Oct. 20.—In a letter to the Director of the N. C. W. C. News Service, Representative Walter M. Chandler of New York expresses his gratification at the widespread attention and publicity given to his recent speech in the House of Representatives in which he attacked the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Chandler's letter reads:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of yours of October 16 with clippings from newspapers and to thank you for writing to me and sending me these extracts. "It is very gratifying to me to learn that my effort in Congress was heard and felt throughout the Republic. If I could be instrumental in wiping out this blot of Ku Klux Klanism I would not only exchange the proud satisfaction that I should enjoy for all the honors ever decreed to the most successful conqueror."

Catholic Right To Hold Processions Is Upheld In France

Paris, Oct. 15.—The Socialist mayor of Riauley, a small town in the Department of Nord, having forbidden all exterior manifestations of religious worship, including processions, the carrying of the Viaticum, funeral processions, etc., in his municipality, the pastor of the parish referred the decision to the Council of State. This higher assembly has annulled the mayor's decision as exceeding his authority, declaring that the demonstrations and processions which disturb the public peace, but that this motive cannot be invoked when it is a question of religious ceremonies.

Louisville Plans Royal Welcome for Catholic Alumnae

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Louisville, Ky., Oct. 20.—While the people of Oregon, during these last days of October and the first days of November, are debating whether or not they will try to abolish the Catholic school, the people of Louisville will be acting host and extending the hospitality for which Kentucky and the South are noted, to a distinguished body of educated Catholic women, namely, the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae, which will hold its fifth biennial convention in Louisville beginning Wednesday, October 26, and continuing for ten days.

Founded in New York in 1914, with the approbation of Cardinals Gibbons, Farley and O'Connell, and with a charter membership of more than one hundred Alumnae Associations in the United States and Canada, the International Federation of Catholic Alumnae has since extended its organizations till it now includes the leading countries of Europe as well as America, and ranks foremost among federations of educated women throughout the world.

Military Mass Marks Opening Of American Legion Convention

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New Orleans, Oct. 21.—Solemn High Military Mass, celebrated in Lafayette Square by a priest who had served as a private in the French army, marked the opening of the annual convention of the American Legion held here this week. The Mass was arranged in a fitting inauguration of a program mapped out by the Knights of Columbus for the ex-service men who were here by the thousands and was one of the most impressive out-door devotional services ever held in New Orleans.

Served As Altar Boy And Bell-Ringer For Seventy-Five Years

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Oct. 12.—Modeste Pellet, a familiar figure of Courtilois in the Chalons diocese has just died at the age of 82. He had been in the service of his church since the age of seven when he made his debut as altar boy, and from the age of 13 he had been the bell-ringer of the parish. The Bishop of Chalons recently presented him with a monetary reward for his 75 years of faithful service.

Former Teacher Of Marshal Foch Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Oct. 12.—Rev. Father Murry, S. J., has just died at Strasbourg in the 84th year of his age and the 66th of his religious profession. A well-known writer and famous educator, he numbered among his former pupils many young men who have since become famous. Among them are Marshal Foch, General de Maud'huy and General de Castelnau.

Cardinal Logue 82 Years Old

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, Oct. 13.—His Eminence the Cardinal Logue celebrated his 82nd birthday last Sunday. He, of course, will be held Bishop of the diocese of Wexford, at the 8 o'clock Mass in St. Michael's Cathedral and gave Holy Communion and presided later at the High Mass celebrated by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Ward.

Missionary Orders To Re-open Their Houses In France

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Oct. 12.—A cable to the N. C. W. C. recently announced that the Municipal Council of the city of Lyons, largely composed of Socialists and radicals, had voted unanimously in favor of the reopening of three houses to be used as novitiates by religious congregations. The requests presented by the congregations were submitted by the Prefect of the Department of Rhone to the municipality of the city in which the houses were to be established. The mayor of Lyons, the radical deputy Herriot, before consulting the Municipal Council, decided to learn whether or not the National Government considered the requests to be justifiable.

The following is the answer forwarded by M. Poincare as Minister of Foreign Affairs: "I have the honor to inform you that my department appreciates highly the work of these missionaries abroad, and that it greatly desires that the authorization they request for the purpose of maintaining in France the establishments necessary for the recruiting of their foreign missionaries may be granted them, as provided for in article 18 of the law of July 1, 1901."

The law of 1901 (passed by Waldeck Rousseau) against the religious congregations, makes the existence of religious establishments in France subject to legislative authorization. M. Combes, while Premier, caused the rejection of all requests for authorization. From the letter of M. Poincare it is clear that the present government is disposed to grant authorizations, at least to missionary orders.

Gen. Collins' Fiancee May Enter Convent

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, Oct. 23.—Miss Kitty Kiernan, fiancee of Michael Collins, who was killed while leading a detachment of Irish Free State troops on the very day which he had set for his marriage, is to enter a convent, according to her cousin, Francis O'Reilly, who has just returned from Ireland.

Latest Belfast News Daily Plan to Dominate The Six Counties

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, Oct. 15.—The Belfast News Daily, a newspaper owned by the local authorities in the Six Counties, has announced that the next election will be held on the system in vogue prior to the production of proportional representation. This alteration in the system of voting is being accompanied by a change in the division of the wards, which is likely to increase the Protestant representation and diminish that of the Catholics.

Apostolic Delegate To Pontificate At Cleveland Ceremony

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cleveland, Oct. 21.—Archbishop John Bonzano has promised to be celebrant of the Mass in St. John's Cathedral in this city on the morning of November 7 when the observance of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the diocese will be held. Bishop A. J. Schwertner of Wichita, Kansas will preach the sermon. At a mass meeting in the evening, Rev. John Cavanaugh will be the principal speaker.

FR. FRIGON TELLS OF BLESSING WAR GRAVES IN FRANCE

Pope Expresses Satisfaction at Work Done by American Priests (By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—Piety and devotion of American Catholics in behalf of their war dead, buried in American cemeteries overseas, as manifested by the manner in which they searched out their graves in order that they may kneel there and pray for them, have created a profound impression upon both Catholic and non-Catholic abroad, according to the Rev. Jean B. Frigon, O. M. I., who has just returned from France.

A representative of the National Catholic Welfare Council, Father Frigon, who left here last June, blessed the graves of more than one thousand Catholic soldiers who now sleep in the fields of France. He visited the six American national cemeteries of that country in which Catholics have been buried since the beginning of the war. Frigon, who has just returned from France, has seen thousands of graves of Catholic soldiers, but the fact that complete records of the locations of Catholic graves, due to the unavailability, made it impossible to continue the work further this summer. Frigon is being asked to secure complete and accurate records that will make it possible to bless every known grave in which a Catholic soldier is buried and a representative in Paris has been engaged to carry on the work.

The chief difficulty experienced by Father Frigon, who carried with him the records of approximately fifteen thousand American Catholic soldiers buried in America's permanent national cemeteries in France, was due to the fact that many of the bodies were still retained in vaults and had not been interred in the cemeteries as sections of many of the cemeteries were not yet ready for permanent interment. The records were still in process of completion.

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The object appears to be to have as many as possible of the local bodies dominated by Protestant majorities so as to obviate the argument of the Catholics for inclusion in the Free State when the Boundary Commission will hear evidence on the point. To meet that situation the Catholic mayor of Derry has called a meeting of Catholic representatives for consideration of the Six Counties. The representatives may also recognize their attitude towards the Belfast Hamlet.