'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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Catholic Leaders Address National Social Conference

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Washington, May 28.—The important place being filled by the Catholic Church in the world of social service was clearly emphasized at the National Conference of Social Work which closed here last week following a seven-day session that brought to Washington some of the most distinguished American and foreign leaders in social service fields.

Catholic organizations were represented by scores of delegates and Catholic leaders took parts in the day-by-day program. The National Catholic Welfare Council appointed thirty-one delegates to the Conference.

Dr. John A. Ryan, director of the Social Action Department of the N. C. W. C., was chairman of the conference sessions on "Industry." Abbe Viollet, the moving spirit in the Workingmen's Family Welfare Association of Paris, was one of the most distinguished among the foreign delegates present and delivered one of the outstanding addresses of the entire week. Brother Barnabas, of the Brothers of Christian Schools of Toronto, Canada, not only played an important part in the convention proceedings, but was largely instrumental in securing the designation of Toronto as the next meeting place of the Conference.

One day of the conference was given over to the discussion of each of the following subjects vital to social service work: Health, Industry, Law and Government, the Church, the Home, the School and Public Opinion.

Members of the faculty and the student body of the National Service School for Women were present as delegates or spectators at the most important gatherings of the Conference.

Rockefeller Gifts Total $76,757,040

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

New York, May 25.—The Rockefeller Foundation during the first ten years of its existence has spent $76,757,040, according to the report made by its secretary, Edwin R. Embree. Of this sum $1,107,174 was spent for administrative purposes while the remainder was divided among donations to promote public health, medical, education, war relief, and other philanthropic work.

The sum of $22,298,541 spent for war relief work included $10,956,298 which was distributed among the Y. M. C. A., the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, the Y. W. C. A., and other camp welfare organizations.

President Harding Approves Plan For Fitzsimons Arch

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

St. Mary's, Kans., May 28.—President Warren G. Harding has approved the plan of erecting a "Victory Arch" at St. Mary's College in honor of Lieut. William T. Fitzsimons, former St. Mary's student and the first American officer to be killed in the World War.

"It is a fine thing," President Harding has written the Rev. John E. Reardon, "that such an institution should establish this kind of a memorial to one of its students who has brought it peculiar honor and distinction."

The "Victory Arch" will be erected for the diamond jubilee celebration of St. Mary's, which will be held next month.

AUTO RUNNING WILD, INJURES MANY TAKING PART IN PROCESSION

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

Brussels, May 17.—A serious accident occurred at Bruges during the procession of the Holy Blood. An automobile which had been started by mistake ran amuck, plunging full speed into the crowd. Twenty persons were injured, five of them very seriously. The automobile crashed into a wall and was wrecked.

American Legion Adopts Resolution Against Bigotry

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

Indianapolis, May 25.—A declaration that attempts to introduce religious prejudices into the affairs of the American Legion will be regarded as "unfriendly" acts, is contained in a resolution adopted at the meeting of the national executive committee of the Legion in session here. The resolution reads:

"The American Legion in national executive session wishes the citizens of our beloved country to know that it must consider as unfriendly to our nation any individual group or organization which condemns a comrade because of creed or belief."

This declaration was adopted as a substitute for a resolution introduced by Henry D. Lindsley of New York, past national commander of the Legion, in which the Ku Klux Klan was specifically condemned. It was reported that after Mr. Lindsley's resolution had been read the Rev. William P. O'Connor, National Chaplain of the Legion, spoke against its passage on the ground that nothing should be done that would stir up religious or racial prejudices in the Legion. The committee considered the Klan resolution in closed session.

English Catholic Knights Of Columba Will Issue Magazine

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

London, May 15.—Under the title of "Columba" the order of the Knights of St. Columba are shortly to produce their own magazine, thus adding one more to the organs of the Catholic press.

This fraternal order, while not very well known in the south, has a large membership throughout the Glasgow archdiocese, with subordinate councils in Liverpool and other parts of England. The Knights of St. Columba are in many ways similar to their Catholic brethren of the Knights of Columbus, though the British society has nothing approaching the membership of the Knights across the Atlantic. The new Catholic journal will be published monthly.

"Clean Books" Bill To Be Reintroduced In N. Y. Legislature

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

New York, May 25.—The fight for the "Clean Books" bill which failed to pass at the recent session of the New York Legislature, is to be continued at the next session according to Justice John Ford of the State Supreme Court, organizer of the Clean Books League. Addressing a meeting of the League here, Justice Ford said:

"We are in splendid shape now to push ahead for victory in the next legislature. I am as certain as I am of my own existence that when our people are informed of the shocking immorality of the publications which are put into the hands of their children under sanction of judicial decisions, they will compel their representatives at Albany to abate the evil. This abatement may not come in the form of our mild measure either."

The task which the Clean Books League has mapped out for itself is "to arouse the moral forces in every county of the State", according to Justice Ford. He continued: "We have with us the most powerful religious influences in the State. Our movement is a purely moral one. The church people of right should take the lead and may very properly combat the immoral influences which are operating ceaselessly to defeat the efforts of the Church, the home, and the school to turn the hearts and minds of youth toward virtue and morality. I can conceive of no objection to the religious organizations undertaking an active propaganda against unclean books. Your average Senator or Assemblyman is not powerly impressed by a delegation from some other district than his own. But let even a little group of church people from his own constituents wait upon him with a plea for a moral measure and immediately he is all attention."

Justice Ford declared that the efforts of the Clean Books League need not be confined to working for the identical bill which the League sponsored at the last session of the Legislature, saying that the organization could give its support to any measure that would accomplish the suppression of obscene literature.

Orders Bridal Auto Stripped Of Placards

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

Reading, Pa., May 28.—Placards which sought to make a jest of marriage were ordered stripped from the side of an automobile that brought a wedding couple to St. Joseph's Catholic Church before the Rev. George P. Degnan, rector of the church, would proceed with the marriage services. Father Degnan pointed out that marriage is a sacrament and that the unseemly and unsightly placards sought to ridicule the sacred ceremony.

KNIGHTS GIVE $20,000 TO SANITARIUM

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

Baltimore, May 25.—A donation of $20,000 from the Knights of Columbus towards the $200,000 fund which is being raised for the Eudowood Sanitarium, has been announced here. The donation was made unconditionally.

Both Irish Parties Take To Platform To Present Their Views

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

Dublin, May 15.—All parties are now availing themselves of the platform. Free State politicians have been addressing meetings. Republicans have held their first public meeting since last June.

Frank Fahy, secretary of the Gaelic League, was the principal Republican speaker. Having paid a tribute to those killed on both sides he appealed for a cessation of armed strife. He suggested they should all unite under the old Sinn Fein organization.

In speeches and interviews given to the press James Larkin has strenuously advocated a settlement. He urges the Labor organization to insist with all its strength on peace.

Despite the upheaval through which the nation has passed the Catholic spirit is as active and as strong as ever it was. In the course of an address delivered on the occasion of the laying of the foundation for a new church in County Monaghan, Cardinal Logue observed:

"The old Catholic spirit which ruled Ireland from the days of St. Patrick had, though threatened in later times, never died out or even approached the point of weakening or deteriorating."

700 Adult Converts Are Confirmed By Archbishop Curley

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

Baltimore, May 28.—Seven hundred adult converts were confirmed in the Cathedral by Archbishop Curley on Pentecost Sunday. The confirmation class was the largest in the history of the diocese and the ceremony marked the establishment of a new practice whereby all adult converts of the year will be confirmed on the Feast of Pentecost.

Archbishop Curley exhorted the members of the class to be firm in their faith. "You have come back home by God's grace to a place of rest for your soul," he said. "You are back following the dissension of the sixteenth century. I ask you to use your enthusiasm to spread your faith. If you defend it and stand up for it, your dear good Protestant friends will respect you the more."

On Monday, Archbishop Curley confirmed the adult converts of Washington in St. Patrick's Church.

30,000 Spectators At Passion Play In San Francisco

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

San Francisco, May 27.—Thirty thousand spectators witnessed the "Passion Play of Santa Clara" as presented by the students of the University of Santa Clara in the Civic Auditorium. The performance was given five times in three days. The attendance is said to have established a new record for a Catholic amateur production.

New York, May 25.—Msgr. Joseph Freri, who has just returned from Rome where he was called to attend the first plenary meeting of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, has been raised to the dignity of Prothonotary Apostolic.

To Crush The Klan In Nation, Object Of Chicago Suit

Action Is Brought By The Unity League—100 Page Bill Filed In U. S. District Court

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

Chicago, Ill., May 25.—Crushing the present Ku Klux Klan everywhere, as its predecessor was crushed by the United States Government in 1871, is the purpose of an action begun in the United States District Court here by Attorney Patrick H. O'Donnell, acting for the American Unity League.

Attorney O'Donnell's action is an answer and cross bill to a suit filed a week ago by attorneys for the Klan, asking an injunction against the American Unity League, its publication "[illegible]ance," and its officers, to restrain them from publishing further names of Klan members, and to compel them to [illegible] the Klan officers certain lists of names.

Attorney O'Donnell jumped at the opportunity given by the suit to seek the dissolution of the Klan by court action.

"This suit brings the Klan within the jurisdiction of the court," said Mr. O'Donnell. "We have tried for years to [illegible] into jurisdiction and could not. Now they have laid themselves open, and we are starting a fight to crush the Klan forever."

Co-operation in many parts of the United States [illegible] letters and telegrams dispatched by Attorney O'Donnell [illegible] inent men, who are allied with the American Unity [illegible]. Among those asked to help put the hooded organization [illegible] business, and whose cooperation is certain [illegible]er, of Louisiana, Ex-Senator Leroy Percy [illegible] George E. Peddy, of Houston, Tex. [illegible] ship of Earl Mayfield, an alleged Klan [illegible].

In the 100 page bill filed by Attorney [illegible] referred to as "lawless, corrupt and ill[illegible] conspirators. In a personal statement [illegible] said that his fight on the Klan [illegible] worth of business, which had [illegible] influence, and that his case was [illegible] had had the courage to oppose [illegible].

Convict Producer And Actors Of Immoral Play

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

New York, May 28.—For the first time in thirty years, a New York jury has returned a verdict convicting the producer and actors of an immoral play.

The maximum penalty for the offense is three years in prison or a fine of $300. Judge John F. McIntyre, who tried the case, has intimated that he will not be severe when sentence is passed on June 22.

Harry Weinberger, producer of the play, which is called "God of Vengeance," defended the performance and cited passages from Shakespeare and others for his contention that it was not indecent and that it taught a moral lesson.

"Even though a moral lesson was sought to be taught," said Judge McIntyre in charging the jury, "this cannot be done by lines or words or actions that might amount to immorality or obscenity."

The last conviction for the presentation of an immoral play is said to have been thirty years ago for a play called "Orange Blossoms."

PARIS REPORTS ONE DIVORCE FOR EVERY SEVEN MARRIAGES

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

Paris, May 28.—The ratio of divorce to marriage in Paris last year was nearly one to seven, the statistics showing that there were 38 659 marriages and that 5 237 divorce decrees were granted. Court officials declare that a very large number of the divorces were granted to foreigners, including many Americans, who did not contract marriage in Paris.

In Versailles the proportion was one to eleven; in Rambouillet, one to twelve; Lyons, one to thirteen; and in Marseilles and Bordeaux, one to fourteen.

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