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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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Plan To Mark Soldier Graves With Crosses Wins Wide Support

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, March 21.—Representatives of religious and patriotic organizations appeared before the House of Representatives Committee on Military Affairs in support of the resolution introduced by Representative Andrew of Massachusetts providing for the retention of crosses as markers for American graves in France and for the eventual replacement of the present wooden markers with others made of stone. A statement filed with the committee by the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Special War Activities of the National Catholic War Council, summed up the situation as follows:

"The National Catholic War Council, which, with its Administrative Committee of Bishops, Knights of Columbus Committee on War Activities and its Committee on Special Activities, represented the sum of Catholic effort for our country during the late war heartily approved and earnestly supports the plan outlined in House Concurrent Resolution 15 to provide marble crosses for our Christian soldier dead who are buried overseas.

"Immediately after the close of the late war, the then Secretary of War organized a War Memorial Committee. This Committee was composed of representatives from the seven war-time organizations that participated in the United War Work drive, and representatives from other organizations, such as the Federal Council of Churches.

"It was the unanimous decision of this Committee that marble crosses be placed on the graves of all Christian American dead buried abroad, and that the graves of the Jewish American dead be marked by the five pointed star. The representatives of the War and Navy Departments, who sat on the War Memorial Committee voted in favor of the same resolution.

"We have, therefore, the concurrence of the representatives of our Government; of the seven prominent war-time organizations; of the religious bodies, Protestant, Jewish, Catholic, on this one request concerning the permanent marking of the graves of our honored dead overseas.

"The National Catholic War Council has never lost sight of the sacred memory with which we should cherish our dead. It has followed the work of the Graves Registry and has pleased, by a personal staff, sent to France, Belgium, and England for the purpose, the graves of over 3,000 Catholic dead. It will pursue this work until the graves of the 5,000 Catholic American dead overseas are blessed.

"We feel since the statement and desires of all Americans, Christians and Jews alike, are one on this matter, that Congress will readily sanction the action and grant the necessary appropriations. They who served in life should be honored, as they would have wished, in death."

Among those who favored the resolution before the Committee of the House were: Representative Emanuel Celler of New York; Representative John Philip Hill of Maryland; Representative David J. O'Connell of New York; John Thomas Taylor, Vice-Chairman of the national legislative committee of the American Legion; Lloyd M. Brett, Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mrs. Mathilda Burling, representing the Gold Star Association of New York; Mrs. James Carroll Frazier, President of the Belleau Wood Association; Mrs. Franklin Leebishop, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary; Ernest E. Blocknell, representing the American Red Cross; H. L. Gluckstein, Executive Director of the Jewish Welfare Board; and Daniel J. Ryan, Director of the Department of Historical Records of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. Mr. Ryan, explaining his advocacy of the idea contained in Mr. Andrew's resolution, said:

"The crosses on the graves symbolize the American sacrifices in France during the world war, and our war literature has impressed

Catholicism Making Great Strides Among People of Holland

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, March 14.—"La Croix" has published some official statistics which give striking evidence of the progress of Catholicism in Holland.

For a total of more than 2,000,000 Catholics (a third of the total population of Holland), there were at the beginning of the present year, 1,184 parishes administered by 2,736 priests, the result of a constant increase during the last hundred years. As a matter of fact, in Holland had but 673 parishes with 925 priests and in 1910 there were 1,014 parishes with 2,310 priests.

The number of regular and secular secondary training men for the priesthood in the year 1923 was 41 Little Seminaries with 4,793 students and 42 Great Seminaries with 708 students.

The Catholic public school system is no less flourishing. At the beginning of 1923 there were 703 kindergartens with 71,859 pupils, 1,597 primary schools with 248,600 pupils and 33 secondary schools with 5,114 students. To these must be added the technical, commercial, industrial and other special schools.

To complete this splendid effort in the field of education, came the foundation of the first Catholic University in the Netherlands, the University of Nijmegen, which opened with an initial enrollment of 150 students. There is also a large number of Catholic students at other universities where several Catholic professors occupy chairs.

The situation of Catholicism in Holland, which for so long was a stronghold of Protestantism, is thus shown to be highly satisfactory and a source of legitimate hope for the future despite the fact that Protestants still form the great majority of the population and that many of them remain profoundly hostile to the Roman Church.

Rabbi Says Catholics Alone Have Done Duty In Teaching Religion

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, March 21.—The Rev. Dr. Nathan Krass, rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, in an address before the National Republican Club declared that with the exception of the Catholic Church the churches of the United States have not done their full duty in the matter of providing religious education for children.

"The one great church in America that has done its duty in giving religious instruction to the children is the Catholic Church," he said. "We who are not Catholics may not approve parochial schools, yet by this method the Catholics have taught their children religion. They have done their best. The Protestant and Jews have not done their duty."

Rabbi Krass opposed any project for the teaching of general principles of religion which would be mutually satisfactory to Catholic, Jew and Protestant, in the public schools.

"We can't have a denatured religion," he said. "We may have nearer but we can't have near-religion. Religion must have a certain percentage of spirit in it. This movement to cut religion so that it will be satisfactory to Protestants, Catholics and Jews will not work out. Each group should develop itself."

"Children should receive religious instruction under the auspices of the church to which the child belongs. That's where the Catholic Church has set the example. Let us induce the Government to arrange the schedules of the public schools so that each student may have an hour or an hour and a half daily for religious instruction and let the Protestant and Jewish churches provide this instruction. Then we will have done our duty."

The speaker urged less ill feeling and opposition to each other on the part of the various churches, saying: "It has been said that the religious of the world seem to have enough religion in them to hate one another and not enough religion in them to love one another. There is hatred, hostility and prejudice between the great religions of the world. That is why many thinking people outside the Church using Church in the sense of organized religion—justify their absence from the Church because, they say, the Church does not practice what it stands for. They cannot understand why religion which should stand for peace, encourages war."

"We scold the young men and women for failing to support religion. Youth comes back to us and says: 'What did you accomplish in the last generation, you church members, you representatives of the conservative faith? You were responsible for the most terrific war in history. You were responsible for the hatred of Poland and Russia, Germany and France, Italy and Greece.' What answer have we for the youth?"

The Rev. Dr. Ernest Stires, Rector of St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church, spoke in approval of the ideas expressed by Rabbi Krass. Dr. Stires added that in his opinion, opponents of Catholic parochial schools at least withhold their criticism until their own churches had done as much for the religious education of the young.

Justice Thomas C. C. Crane of the New York Supreme Court and Martin Conboy President of the Catholic Club of New York, were other speakers at the meeting.

Y. M. C. A. Speaker Talked Socialism Says College Paper

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Philadelphia, March 21.—"The Pennsylvania," the daily paper published by the University of Pennsylvania, has protested editorially against lectures delivered at the university by Sherwood Eddy, Associate General Secretary of the International committee of the Y. M. C. A. It is alleged that Mr. Eddy's lectures delivered under the auspices of the University Y. M. C. A. and advertised as religious talks, contained more of socialism than religion.

After having urged its readers to attend Mr. Eddy's lectures in an editorial printed before the first lecture was delivered, the "Pennsylvania" said editorially:

"We apologize to our readers for our misleading conception of Mr. Eddy as evidenced by our editorial of last Monday. We wish to assure them, that when writing the article in question we firmly believed that Mr. Eddy was coming to Pennsylvania to help the students straighten up one of the biggest questions confronting them—their religion."

"Our mistaken idea was no doubt due to the fact that we did not read up on Mr. Eddy as carefully as we should have done, primarily because we had in the back of our mind the idea that any man speaking under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. would talk religious matters as applied to students, for we have always looked upon this as the objective of all Y. M. C. A. endeavor."

"You can imagine our surprise to learn that Mr. Eddy's chief concern seemed to center around the 'Youth Movement.' On hearing and reading this, a flock of queries hit us almost at one time."

Clothing Committee Sends 1,500,000 lbs Of Goods To Germany

New York, March 21.—A total of more than a million pounds of food and clothing have been forwarded to Germany through the efforts of the Catholic Central Clothing Committee with headquarters at 375 Lafayette street here. The exact figures, as set forth in a report compiled by the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Rummel, General Secretary of the Committee and submitted by the Rt. Rev. John J. Dunn, Auxiliary Bishop of New York and chairman of the Committee, are: clothing forwarded, 4,283,000 pieces and 2,828,000 pounds; food forwarded, 600,000 bags of flour, and four barrels of lard, weighing respectively 100,000, 112,000 and 100 pounds.

These operations were carried out with a total expenditure of \$25,317, 85, while receipts to date of the report were \$57,718 leaving a deficit of \$10,536, 477 to be raised by the committee through additional contributions in order to close the campaign.

The approval given to the work of the committee is evidenced by a letter addressed to Father Rummel by Cardinal Gasparri, Papal Secretary of State. This letter reads:

"His Holiness never doubted but that His roles, raised in behalf of Germany, would be looked upon by American Catholics with their eyes many and generous withstanding."

"His Holiness is confident that He will never knock at their hearts in vain, for their hearts are beating in favor with every new need and is always cheerful and ready for every appeal directed to them."

"The consoling report, therefore, which your Reverence in your capacity as Secretary of the Catholic Central Clothing Committee, has sent me about the triumphal progress of the Campaign for Clothing and Food in its full development, confirms most abundantly our desire and firm anticipations."

"The Holy Father is convinced of the very depth of His heart over this tender and touching exhibition of untiring charity and stirring Christian solidarity, which His beloved children of America are bringing to the world. Whilst giving assurance to His great delight, He constitutes Himself the interpreter of the acknowledgment of His brethren who are benighted, freed from their sin the expression of thanks. He is moved to thank them to all Europeans and invite them to their the Apostolic benediction, which is the pledge of the abundant and unending recompense of God."

"With pleasure do I avail myself of this occasion to declare myself with sentiments of sincere and distinguished esteem."

"Most affectionately yours,"

"P. Cardinal Gasparri."

A cablegram received from Monsignor Kreza, President of the German charitable organization reads:

"The Central Council of the Catholic Central Clothing Committee in New York, which sends such great thanks for shipments of clothing at the same time it hoped that supplies as the need is still enormous. We yield in particular for flour, milk, fats, cocoa and rice."

Notable Devotion Of French General Killed By Boesmans

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, March 14.—One of the youngest chiefs of the French army, General Perrotin, has died in Paris as the result of a heroic action. He was one of the few officers who were not killed by the Boesmans during the recent fighting in the north of France.

General Perrotin was killed in an action near the town of Arras, on the 14th of March. He was 35 years of age and had served in the army for 15 years.

General Perrotin was a member of the Legion of Honor and had been decorated with the Croix de Guerre for his services during the war.

His death was a great loss to the French army and to the country.

Youth Meets Death In Trying To Escape From Protectors

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, March 19.—Henry Rogers, a fifteen-year-old inmate of the Catholic Protectors, East Tremont avenue, the Bronx, was inadvertently killed here today when, having improvised a rope of bed linen, he attempted to escape from a fourth floor window of the institution. The improvised rope parted and he was hurled to the concrete areaway below.

The body was discovered at 6 o'clock this morning by Brother Ambrose. Dr. List of Forham Hospital was summoned and pronounced the boy dead. Examination showed that his skull had been crushed and that he had suffered from internal injuries, the direct result of his fall. The youth had spent all but a few days of his life in institutions. When he was but fifteen days old he was placed in St. Mary's Home at Syosset, Long Island, in the Bronx. Last fall with twelve other boys, he escaped from the institution, but was brought back within a few days. Since 1920 the boy had no visitors, all trace of his parents having been lost.

Greensport Pastor Paralysis Victim

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20.—The Rev. Mr. Patrick F. O'Hare, for more than thirty five years pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Manhattan Avenue and Milton Street, Greensport, was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital last Friday, dangerously ill from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. O'Hare is 76 years of age.

Mr. O'Hare was ordained in St. James Pro-Cathedral on Jay street, three years ago. He was rector of St. John's Chapel, Greene Avenue, until he went to St. Anthony's Church in Greensport, thirty-five years ago. His progressive methods there resulted in the building of two large parochial schools, a lyceum and a parish house. He is respected by all Greensporters regardless of faith.

George Gould's Home At Lakewood Bought By Sisters of Mercy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Plainfield, N. J., March 17.—Mount St. Mary's College of Plainfield has purchased the Georgian Court, the Lakewood home of the late George Jay Gould and Edith Kingdom Gould, one of the show places of the state. It is reported the purchase price was \$800,000.

Georgian Court contains more than 300 acres, divided into many gardens and stretches of wooded land. Mount St. Mary's College is under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy. It is one of the largest schools for girls in New Jersey.

Thinks Miracles At Lourdes May Some Day Cease For Period

London, March 18.—The final proof of the miracles at Lourdes would be their cessation, says Father Francis Woodlock, S. J., a great authority on the shrine. He thinks it probable that a time might come when the miracles will cease for a period and then continue. This, he thinks, would be the last answer to unbelievers. The sick would be there, and the water and the crowds, but nothing would happen. This would prove conclusively that the manifestations are not the result of anything but the supernatural.

Administrator Named Natchez, Miss., March 19.

The Very Rev. John M. Prendergast, V. G., rector of St. Paul's Church, Vicksburg, has been named Administrator of the Diocese of Natchez, Miss., pending the appointment and consecration of a successor to the late Bishop John E. Gunn.

Pittsburg Diocese \$3,000,000 Campaign To Start March 29

Pittsburg, March 18.—The diocese of Pittsburg will launch a campaign March 29 to raise \$3,000,000 to finance a comprehensive parochial school program for the entire diocese. The campaign will be continuous and will continue until the goal is reached.

The general purpose of the campaign is to provide a Catholic education for all the 50,000 Catholic children of the Pittsburg diocese. The money raised will be applied first to the more needy districts. A letter has been received from His Holiness Pope Pius XI by Bishop Boye praising his educational program and impugning the apostolic benediction to all who assist in its accomplishment.