

Minnesota Editor Defends Catholics Against Attacks

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Winona, Minn., Aug. 14.—For two weeks a newspaper controversy has been carried on in the columns of "The Republican-Herald" of this city on the subject of the patriotism of Catholics. A correspondent named Mark Elliott has endeavored, in his communications, to impugn the loyalty of members of the Church, and William R. Walsh has defended the Catholic position. In closing the controversy, "The Republican-Herald" publishes an editorial headed "One Hundred Per Cent Americans" in which it says: "The One hundred per centism of Americans has been the subject of considerable discussion in the columns of The Republican-Herald during the past two weeks, through the 'Republic Pulse' communications of Mark Elliott and William R. Walsh. Mr. Elliott has endeavored to demonstrate that members of the Catholic church in America are responsible to a foreign power who is their sovereign in matters civil as well as ecclesiastical, and as such cannot be classed as wholehearted Americans; while Mr. Walsh has contributed a spirited defense of the Catholic school system of the Catholic church as a whole, and of the position of the Catholic layman in his relation to his church and his country.

"In view of the secrecy of the Klan register, disinterested observers (who in this case would appear to be those American-born Gentiles and Protestants who are not affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan) do not act as individuals comprising membership of the organization for which Mr. Elliott is spokesman. But they do know the individuals who as a composite body form the membership of the Catholic churches of Winona and vicinity, and knowing them, are not stampeded by assertions reflecting on the patriotism and Americanism of the Catholics of this country.

Winona Catholics, in common with American Catholics everywhere, need no defense of their patriotism and loyalty. It has been demonstrated so many times, in peace and war, that it should be a subject beyond controversy. The pupils of Winona Catholic schools, from testimony of those who have observed them as students in those schools and in their activities as residents of the community following graduation, give the unbiased observer full confidence in their Americanism, their patriotism, and their possession of a 'unified American ideal' which encourages them to be worthy citizens of this country.

"The time is approaching when it will no longer be an honor to be known as a '100 per cent American' if the appellation is to carry with it the practice of religious bigotry and class hatred. Anti-Catholic agitation is a menace to the best conduct of political affairs, breeding a very regrettable bitterness and suspicion among the fellow citizens of any community in which it takes place. Protestant churches in the best spirit of Christian charity should lose no opportunity to quiet it, and to do away with the strange anomaly of a religion of love producing hate, and a gospel of peace engendering strife and animosity.

In his letter, Mr. Elliott introduced the bogus Fourth Degree Oath of the Knights of Columbus. "The being shown around a church by a Republican-Herald" refers to this priest when they came to the front of its editorial as "a curious jumble of vile and vulgar pledges," which has so many times followed, and he left the church a proven false that it carries no weight with the Protestant of open mind. But, since the bogus document has been introduced, the newspaper thinks its refutation should be given equal prominence. So, as part of its editorial comment it submits the report of the four Past Grand Masters of the Masonic Order of California, who examined the ritual and oaths of the Knights of Columbus and declared the bogus oath "scurrilous, wicked and libelous and the invention of an impious and venomous mind." This report was read into the "Congressional Record" as part of a speech delivered January 29, 1915 by Representative William Kettner of California, himself a thirty-third degree Mason.

Klan Enters Idaho Primary Elections

Boise, Idaho, Aug. 15.—The first appearance of the Ku Klux Klan as an active political force in the Idaho capital was noted in the primary elections here last Saturday when a majority of the candidates nominated on the Republican ticket in this county carried the endorsement of the klan. In the case of the legislative representatives, all of the successful candidates in the primary were supported by the klan.

Ruthenian Bishops Warmly Welcomed On Their Arrival

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Aug. 14.—Rt. Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky and Rt. Rev. Basil Takasz, Ruthenian Greek Catholic bishops of Lemberg, Galicia, were greeted by more than five hundred delegates and priests representing the various Ruthenian dioceses and parishes all over the country, when the S. S. Mauretania docked this evening at 9 p. m. at the Cunard Line pier in this city.

In the lounging rooms of the huge pier an informal reception was held at which both bishops addressed the crowds assembled to greet them, and both expressed thanks to the people for so cordial a welcome, and a hope that their work among the Ruthenians in this country would be fruitful.

After the reception the bishops were escorted to Hotel Pennsylvania where they will remain until tomorrow. At the hotel a banquet was arranged as part of the reception to be accorded the prelates.

Bishop Takasz, who has charge of the Ukrainian people coming from Czechoslovakia, will take up his duties in New York City as bishop of the Ruthenian Catholic church as a whole, and of the position of the Catholic layman in his relation to his church and his country.

American "Ad" Man Baptized In London

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Aug. 14.—The American community in which it takes place, the Church shortly after his arrival in England on a visit is Mr. Archibald Clement, of Chicago, it may now be said to quiet it, and to do away with the strange anomaly of a religion of love producing hate, and a gospel of peace engendering strife and animosity.

German Bishops Meeting At Fulda

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, Aug. 4.—A double added solemnity will attend the German Bishops' Conference at Fulda this year, which convenes August 16. There will be celebrated at the Conference the twelve hundredth anniversary of the famous incident when Saint Boniface, at Geismar, Hesse, cut down the oak tree sacred to the ancient German god Donar. At the same time there also will be observed the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Boniface Union, which has its central agency at Paderborn. Fulda is the resting place of the body of the great German saint.

Ireland Winning Praise of Flood Of U. S. Visitors

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Aug. 7.—There has been an unusually large influx of American visitors to Ireland. The delegates to the Advertising Convention have been delighted with their visit and reception. These were followed by a large section of members of the American Bar. All the visitors have received most favorable impressions of the country.

Mr. Homer J. Buckley, president of the Chicago Advertising Club and Chairman of the visiting delegation of American advertising agents to Ireland, declared that his opinion is that Ireland is in every way peaceable and its people most law-abiding. He feels that everyone in the country is favorable toward peace and good will.

His advice to the Irish people is: "Forget about politics, get together and get to work."

Scenic Beauty Charms The scenic beauty of the country charmed Mr. Buckley and the other delegates. The scenery at Killarney far exceeded their expectations, they said in the course of further observations, Mr. Buckley said: "Everyone of the 125 members of the delegation will go back to America with a new and a splendid impression of Ireland, of its people and their hospitality. Every member of the delegation will henceforth be a true friend of Ireland. The Irish people will have the friendship of the publicists of America, who will go back to the States and dispel from the minds of the people there any qualms that they may have regarding the peaceful conditions in Ireland."

Mr. Buckley was born in the United States, but his father hailed from Newmarket, Cork County, and his mother came from Kesturk, in the same county.

The Distinguished Visitors Among the other distinguished visitors is Judge J. P. O'Brien, of New York. He visited Ireland on his way to South of France and Lourdes. Later, he intends to pay a more prolonged visit to this country. Judge O'Brien considers that John McCormack the Irish tenor, has done more than anyone in this generation to bring lustre to the Irish in America. Although Mr. McCormack belonged to Ireland, all America claimed him as its own—not only Irishmen but people of every race and every religion, he said.

Mr. McCormack himself is in Ireland where he came to be a judge in the musical section of the Tailteann Games. He is quite enthusiastic about the Games.

Ireland's Folklore Studied By Savant

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, August 4.—Dr. Sydow, Professor of Folklore and Traditional Culture, of Sweden, is on a visit to gather Irish folklore and cultural traditions.

In Dublin he visited Carysfort Training College, where there are 200 nuns from all parts of Ireland following an advanced course in the Irish language. In a brief address to the nuns, Dr. Sydow said that the real national culture is preserved by the Common people in countries like Ireland and Scandinavia. One must get in touch with the living traditions in the Gaelic speaking districts, in story, poem and music.

Pure Books Movement Making Remarkable Strides In Germany

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, Aug. 4.—The Wolframbund, an organization founded since the war with a view to popularizing the works of Catholic authors and purifying German literature, has not only risen to powerful dimensions in Germany itself, but also has spread to Austria, the Tyrol, Czechoslovakia and other countries. Its effects are being felt throughout the country.

For years the expression "Catholicism non legatur" (Catholic books are not read) was widespread in Germany. Catholic poets and prose writers had the greatest difficulty in getting their works published, and when the Catholic press published them, non-Catholics ignored them. The only recourse was to have them published by the non-Catholic press. The consequence was that great works by Catholics passed through German literature unnoticed. The same was true of the theatre.

With the coming of the difficult post-war period, when thoughtful men turned their eyes to good books as a means of counteracting the influences working for the demoralization of the German people, there was a determined move to get Catholic writers' works to the reading public.

Accordingly, there was organized the Wolframbund, named for that great medieval author of "Parzival", Wolfram von Eschenbach, the poet of German Christian nationality. The organization proposed to support Catholic writers and publishers, and at its head was placed the famous Jesuit, Father Hermann Frederic Muckermann, editor of the Monthly periodical "Der Orator", the leading Catholic literary review of Germany.

Two objectives have been mapped out for the Wolframbund: First, it seeks a religious renovation. Conditions after the war, it is pointed out, have turned the German mind to religion. In fact, so much has been lost it seems to some that religion alone survives. The good book is the best means of transmitting religious and moral ideas to the hearts of the people. In addition, merely as a literary work, a good book is a rare source of pleasure and enjoyment.

Second, the Wolframbund intends a national movement to combat moral evils. Even the belles lettres works of the day have done much to poison and corrupt the people, not only in Germany but in other countries. The flood of occult, erotic and criminal literature is immense. Therefore, it is proposed to put good German Catholic books in the hands of the people, wherein will be taught the ancient German ideals of fidelity, piety and purity.

There is at hand for the work a plentiful supply of good Catholic writers in Germany and fairly strong publishing firms. The fund of cultural traditions, historical incident and age-old ideals in Catholicism is, of course, a rich field. With these assets, it is hoped to renovate literature and bring it back to sanity and piety.

Sermon Of Peace Preached To Irish At Holy Mountain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Aug. 7.—Thousands of Catholic took part in the pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick, Mayo County. Excursion trains brought contingents from places as remote as Dublin and Limerick.

Pilgrims started their ascent of the mountain at midnight Saturday, who will be advanced to Chief of Staff to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of General Pershing. General Nolan is a Catholic. He was born in Akron, New York, April 22, 1872, and was appointed to the Military Academy from that State. He was graduated in 1896 and commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry. He served in the Santiago campaign where he earned recommendations for brevets to the rank of First Lieutenant and Captain. In the Philippine Insurrection he served as a Major of Cavalry, participating in active operations from June, 1899, to January, 1900. He was a member of the War Department General Staff from 1903 to 1906.

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Orange Bigotry Again Crops Up In North Ireland

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Aug. 7.—The town of Newry, largely Catholic, is within the six counties and under the jurisdiction of the Belfast government. St. Brigid's Pipers band, attached to the Pioneer Temperance League of the Sacred Heart, Glasgow, is spending a holiday in the neighborhood. Having paid a visit to the Poor Clare Convent, Newry, the members of the band marched through the leading Catholic thoroughfare playfully sacred airs in the center of that thoroughfare, the men were informed by the police that no more music would be permitted. This extraordinary action on the part of the Orange authorities has caused intense dissatisfaction.

Orange men are permitted not only to beat their drums to their hearts content, but to play offensive party airs through the streets, escorted by the police who object to the strains of a Catholic band. While irritating incidents like these are of frequent occurrence in the northeast corner, tributes are being paid by the majority in the twenty-six counties of insipidly with which they have Southern Ireland to the fairness and been treated by the authorities and by their Catholic fellow-countrymen.

Dr. Gerald P. O'Hara Is Made Secretary To Card. Dougherty

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 15.—The Rev. Dr. Gerald P. O'Hara, D.D., J.U.D., a Philadelphian since boyhood, who has just returned from six years' study in Rome, has been appointed secretary to Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia. He assumes the post made vacant some time ago when the Rev. Dr. Hugh L. Lamb, then secretary to the Cardinal, was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Parochial Schools.

Doctor O'Hara is the son of Dr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Hara, of this city, and received his early education here, studying at St. Joseph's College and at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Overbrook. His first solemn high Mass in this country was celebrated Sunday, August 3, at the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows here, where he was graduated from the parochial school and where he served as an altar boy six years ago.

Gen. Dennis Nolan Appointed Deputy Chief of Staff

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Aug. 15.—Brigadier General Dennis E. Nolan, will be come Deputy Chief of Staff, the second officer in authority in the United States Army, September 13, according to announcement made by the Secretary of War. General Nolan will succeed Major General John L. Hines, who will be advanced to Chief of Staff to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of General Pershing. General Nolan is a Catholic. He was born in Akron, New York, April 22, 1872, and was appointed to the Military Academy from that State. He was graduated in 1896 and commissioned a Lieutenant of Infantry. He served in the Santiago campaign where he earned recommendations for brevets to the rank of First Lieutenant and Captain. In the Philippine Insurrection he served as a Major of Cavalry, participating in active operations from June, 1899, to January, 1900. He was a member of the War Department General Staff from 1903 to 1906.

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Since his return to the United States, General Nolan has been a student at the Army War College, director of the Intelligence course at that institution, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Commander of the Second Field Artillery Brigade, Commander of the Second Division, and since December 1, 1923, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, in charge of the Supply Division of the General Staff.

General Nolan has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal. The citation accompanying the former reads: "For extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. While the enemy was preparing a counter attack, which they preceded by a terrific barrage, General Nolan made his way into the town of Apremont and personally directed the movements of his tanks under a most harassing fire of enemy machine guns, rifles and artillery.

The Distinguished Service Medal was awarded him "For exceptionally meritorious and distinguished services. He organized and administered with marked ability the Intelligence Section of the General Staff of the American Expeditionary Forces." Very recently General Nolan was awarded citation stars for his services in Cuba during the Spanish War.

Paris Names Street For Noted Catholic

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, August 8.—The Municipal Council of Paris has decided to give the name of Albert de Mun to a street in Trocadero quarter. The famous Catholic orator, Albert de Mun, was an officer in the regular army. He resigned his commission in order to devote himself to social work among the laboring classes and became the most admired orator in the French Parliament. He died at Bordeaux in October, 1924.

Archbishop of Cork Admonishes Nation To Oppose Divorce

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, Aug. 8.—The Most Rev. Dr. Cahan, Bishop of Cork, puts the question "Shall we have, in the Irish Free State, divorce from the bond of marriage, with the right of re-marriage for divorced parties?"

Having explained the situation, under the Anglo-Irish treaty, "in the twenty-six counties of Southern Ireland, Bishop Cahan says: "It is well that the Catholics of the country should know that the question might enter into the sphere of practical politics and administration. Catholics should declare themselves immovably opposed to divorce. "It may possibly be said that Protestants would be denied what they enjoyed under British rule, and that a disability would be inflicted on them if divorce from the bond of marriage were refused to them. But why should any party in the State get facility for doing what the Catholic Church regards as a violation of a Divine Law? States do not enact laws to facilitate or give cover for violations of the other Commandments.

"No one wishes that disabilities should be inflicted on Protestants by positive Acts of Parliament. What we want is not positive Acts imposing new disabilities, but abatement from putting into force the power of divorce hitherto unknown in Ireland. I hope if action in this matter is threatened that every public body and every congregation of the faithful will protest vigorously against the concession of divorce facilities in the country." Korea.

University Refuses Pavilion For Klan Use

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Madison, Wis., Aug. 15.—The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin has refused a request for the use of the university's stock pavilion for a Ku Klux Klan meeting.

Dr. Schreiber, Bishop of Meissen, the philosopher among the bishops, will deliver an address at an assembly in the town hall of Fulda following the Bishops' Conference.