

Center Party Gives New Proof of Loyalty To German Republic

Cologne, Aug. 9.—Further proof that, despite the attacks against the Republic and the Constitution from many quarters, the Center party, and with it the Catholics of Germany, held that both the Republic and the Constitution must be defended and respected, was provided August 5, when great Center party meetings reaffirmed this stand. One of these meetings of particularly large proportions was held at Glatz, in Silesia, and another was held at Windhorst.

"We also declare, and demand observance of the moral obligation to collaborate in the tasks of the State, with a view to deepening the feeling of the people and to securing and vivifying democratic and social thought in the policy of the Reich. With regard to the undiminished tenacity with which the enemies of the new State are openly and secretly endeavoring with cunning and violence to continue their work of destruction, we affirm that it is absolutely necessary that we pursue steadily our aim of energetic cooperation on the part of all those who acknowledge the Weimar State and are followers of the Republic. That is the commandment of the hour, and we recommend vigilance and energetic development of all the branches of the German Windthorstbund."

French Priests Who Were In Army Decides To Organize

Paris, Aug. 15.—Abbe Bergay, former army chaplain, pastor of Saint Emilion, who was elected deputy from the Gironde at the last elections and has already won a prominent place in the Chamber, has announced that with the permission of his superiors, he is founding a Federation of Catholic Priests who served with the colors during the World War. Secular priests, members of religious orders and brothers may belong to it, as well as the parents of priests who died on the field of honor.

In each diocese, with the permission of the bishop, there will be a group of the Federation. The diocesan groups will have a general secretary in Paris, with an information bureau, pamphlet department, equipment for publicity campaigns, etc.

This organization will enable Catholic priests to make known, for the benefit of the cause they serve, the name they won for their courage, devotion and heroism during the war. It will also enable them to defend themselves collectively against calumnies and attacks, or against the offensive of anti-religious secretarism which is being manifested by the parties of the Left.

Catholic Boy Scouts Mass Said At Wembley

London, Aug. 15.—A hundred and fifty Catholic Boy Scouts from all over the world are taking part in the great "Wembley" at the Wembley Exhibition, and Mass is said for them in a special marquee in the administrative section of the camp. Cardinal Bourne inspected the boys and gave them a stirring address, praising the Scout movement as a means of bringing about a brotherhood of men throughout all the world.

Klan Busy In Many Lines One Week

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Aug. 23.—Activities of members and branches of the Ku Klux Klan during the past week varied from alleged instigation of an invasion and robbery of a Catholic Cathedral to the holding of a "baptism" in the front yard of a Catholic family.

At Burlington, Vt., two men arrested in connection with the robbery of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, told police that had been to commit the crime by William C. Moyers, a Klan organizer. Moyers was later apprehended at Newmarket, Tenn., and then released under bond of 5,000.

F. M. Francisco of Great Notch, N. J., and his family, all Catholics, were the amused witnesses of a Klan "baptism" staged on the Francisco front lawn without permission. Mr. Francisco was on his front porch when a group of Klansmen arrived in automobiles, erected a wooden cross and, under the direction of a hooded member, thought to be a Protestant minister from Jersey City, conducted the ceremony at which six children were "baptized."

In Herrin, Ill., the first of the charges against S. Glenn Young, Klan dry rider was called for trial during the week. Young's difficulties grow out of the rioting here last February which necessitated calling out the State militia. There are fifteen assorted charges of robbery, assault with deadly weapons, and attempt to murder, on the docket against Young and his associates in the attempt to bring righteousness to Williamson County.

Eight Klansmen and five anti-Klansmen, all alleged participants in the disturbances near Haverhill, Mass., July 31, were found guilty of disturbing the peace and all sentenced to thirty days in jail. The cases were appealed and the defendants released on bond.

In Louisiana internal squabbling in the Klan came to a head with the reorganization of the order for that State. One of the new State officers was quoted by New Orleans newspapers as declaring:

"All I have to say is that the Klan will observe the constitutional law of Louisiana. Louisiana has enacted an anti-secrecy statute that becomes effective September 1, and it will be respected by the Klan."

It is understood that the dissension within the Klan in Louisiana was brought on by passage of an anti-masking law by the State legislature.

New Abbot Named For Belmont Abbey

Belmont Abbey, N. C., Aug. 21.—The Rev. Vincent Taylor, O. S. B., pastor of St. Benedict's Church, Greenboro, N. C. was elected Abbot of Belmont Abbey at the Chapter held here yesterday. He succeeds as Abbot, the Rt. Rev. Leo Hald, O. S. B., Abbot of Belmont and Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina, who died three weeks ago.

Father Taylor was born at Norfolk, Va., September 19, 1877. He received his early education in the parochial schools there and later was graduated from Belmont Abbey College. He was ordained to the priesthood May 24, 1902.

Liturgical Worship Started in London

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Aug. 17.—A movement for the promotion of liturgical worship and the active participation of the laity therein, similar to the movement in Belgium, is being started in England. A committee appointed by the Hierarchy has compiled a syllabus and music-book to be introduced next school term in all Catholic schools. This preliminary ground-work is to include a plain setting of the Litany of Loreto, the Antiphons of Our Lady, the Veni Creator, etc., as well as English hymns.

German Architect Saves Strasbourg Cathedral Tower

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Strasbourg, Aug. 13.—The work of strengthening the tower of the Strasbourg Cathedral has been completed, after fifteen years.

The operation was of a most delicate nature. The tower, which is 142 meters high, appeared to be sinking, and it became necessary, after having dug down about the foundations, to raise the pillars. The pillar bearing the greatest load was surrounded by a steel framework and an immense scaffolding which occupied three bays of the great nave, to support the part of the edifice under construction. On November 16, 1911, the teacher's authority was from God, and through the parents and no one else, and place the teacher in loco parentis.

The work of reconstruction was undertaken fifteen years ago under the direction of a German architect, is only continuous with and in no way interrupted, the French Government allowed the same architect to continue in charge even after Strasbourg had been restored to France. The entire cathedral, the Gothic tower which dominates the city and the entire plain of Alsace, was begun in 1277 by Erwin de Strasbourg. It was continued by Ulrich of Cologne.

Priest Aviator Making a Flight Across Continent

New York, Aug. 23.—In an army airplane Rev. John J. Sullivan, rector of St. Augustine's Church, Boston, Mass., left Mitchell Field this week on a transcontinental trip. Sullivan was an aviator chaplain overseas in the war and was known as one of the "flying parsons." In his first lap of the flight across the country he will go to Chicago by way of Cleveland.

The Army has arranged that aviators from various army posts will give the priest lifts on his way to San Francisco, and it is expected that he will reach the Pacific Coast in about three months.

German Catholic Students Withdraw From Hochschurling

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, Aug. 14.—As a direct result of the hostility of non-Catholic students toward Catholic students at the time of the Hitler-Ludendorff trial, the Catholic students' organization this week decided to withdraw from the Hochschurling, or League of student unions.

Following the anti-Catholicemonstrations by the non-Catholic students, who are in a majority, even in Catholic Bavaria, representations were made to the central body by the Catholic students. It was when the resulting negotiations came to nothing that the Catholic group withdrew. It declared, in announcing its intention, that the Hochschurling has abandoned the principals on which it was founded.

Bill To Bar Sale Of Matter Refused Use Of The Mails

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 22.—A bill to make it a misdemeanor to sell or publicly display printed matter bearing the United States mails, is pending in the lower House of the State Legislature here.

Sister Of Charity Dies While On Train

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 22.—Sister M. Gabriel McGee, of the Sisters of Charity, died on a Pennsylvania railroad train that before the train reached Dayton Monday night, was en route from Normandy, Mo., where she had attended a retreat with the four other Sisters who accompanied her, to Philadelphia.

State's Authority To Teach Denied By Card. Bourne

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Aug. 18.—State absolutism in the schools was strenuously attacked by Cardinal Bourne at a luncheon to which he was invited at the Imperial Hotel, London, by five Station WHK at 8 p. m.

The first talk was by Dean Francis S. White, of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. His theme was "The Background of Religion." A ten minute talk "Comment on Current Religious News" will be given Sunday night. This comment will be given by Rev. E. R. Wright, executive secretary of the Federated Churches, and will consist of editorial discussion of local, national and world events.

A special program committee for radio service will be appointed at the next meeting of the executive committee of the Federated Church-Union. Mr. Wright announced. The service is intended to be as representative of the religious life of the city of Cleveland as it is possible to be and clergy members of all creeds will be asked to participate.

British Polo Player Owes Life to Nun

New York, Aug. 23.—Major F. B. Hurdall of the British Army, who arrived here this week on the "Minnewaska," to play in the international polo games to be held next month, told the N. C. W. C. correspondent today that it was due to the persistence of Sister M. Bernadette, Sister Superior of St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown, Ireland, who rubbed his body with alcohol for three hours after the hospital surgeon had pronounced him to be dead, that he is able to compete with the British polo team in the coming matches.

Richard Crane Made Knight Commander of Order Of St. Gregory

Cincinnati, August 22.—Richard Crane of this city has been made a following resolution was adopted: "The International Workmen's Conference believes the introduction of a compulsory eight-hour normal day an economic possibility. Legislation, however, must take into account the various occupations and the possibility of injury. Cooperation of Workmen's organizations and owners must be obtained, to effect realization of work day regulation.

"As organizations which demand for economic life a due consideration of spiritual and moral welfare, we also affirm that a normal eight-hour work day seems more than anything else to assure the workman of an opportunity to participate in the spiritual and ethical progress of the nation. It will give him time to attend to his religious duties, and also an opportunity to restore and confirm family life in the Christian spirit.

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Regular Radio Religious Service

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Catholic Artist Wins Prix De Rome With Gospel Subject

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Aug. 13.—The competition for the Prix de Rome, a contest open to the advance pupils of the National School of Fine Arts, offered three subjects this year for the choice of the competitors. One of the subjects was taken from the Gospel: Jesus at the Home of Martha and Mary. The artist who won the first prize selected this theme.

A certain artistic writing on the work of the competitors, stated that those who had selected the theme of Jesus in the Home of Martha and Mary, lacked the essential thing to handle this subject: Faith.

For Encouragement Of Private Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Per-Md., Aug. 22.—Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, addressing 10,000 members of the Knights of Columbus at their eighth annual reunion here declared himself in favor of state encouragement of private schools as well as support of the public schools. He said the State would be taking a narrow view of the situation if it confined its interest in education to schools under State control and supervision.

Eight Hour Day Aid To Spiritual And Moral Progress

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, Aug. 9.—The eight hour day as an aid to spiritual and moral progress was stressed and the principle of it reaffirmed, at the recent International Conference of Catholic Workmen's Unions at Avers. The resolutions adopted.

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