

Judge Ben Lindsey Sees Klan Blackmail Plot In Fight On Him

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Denver, Sept. 15.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey, veteran jurist of the Juvenile Court here and known throughout the country for his work on behalf of boys, has charged the Ku Klux Klan openly with attempting to control his court with its regard "for no other purpose than to gain access to this splendid source of blackmail."

"The Klan, he admits has won here and there, the admiration and respect of decent citizens. "But it has gained as well," he adds, "the opposition of all men who as such as they respect openly voiced declarations of principles, equally deplore political movements which originate in the darkness of secret gatherings and are backed by men who dare not brave public opinion by admitting their membership in or adherence to such groups."

"Actually," the judge continues, "this endeavor is to determine whether the people of Colorado are to be so blinded to the ideals of the Grand Dragon that they will cast decency to the winds and elect candidates who already, beneath flaming crosses, have pledged their allegiance to the Grand Dragon."

"There are in my court records dating twenty-five years. They are records which involve perhaps 75 per cent of the so-called prominent families of this city. They are sealed not only in the vaults of my memory but in the locked and barred recesses of the court."

"In every one of these cases justice has been met. And these records are of no value whatever other than that of blackmail. The Klan seeks today to gain control of my court for no other purpose than to gain access to this splendid source of blackmail."

Judge Lindsey declares there is only one issue in the fight—whether government under the Constitution or government by the Klan shall endure.

Defense Day Shows Chaplains Ready For Call In Emergency

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Sept. 15.—National Defense Day demonstrated that proper provision has been made to insure an adequate supply of chaplains to meet the spiritual needs of American military forces in any future emergency, according to Col. John T. Axton, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. A. "It was a splendid success," said Col. Axton referring to the Defense Test as applied to the Chaplains Corps. "It demonstrated that we have the trained corps of chaplains to meet the demands which would be made by the initial mobilization. Also it was found that we have established contracts with the various churches which will ensure increases and replacements in our branch of the service to keep pace with the normal increments of the other branches. In the event of a general mobilization in time of emergency, we will never again be met with the situation where chaplains are being demanded to care for the spiritual welfare of the men and properly trained men are not available."

On Defense Day the office of the Chief of Chaplains went through the motions of expansion which would accompany an actual mobilization. Reserve Corps chaplains of all denominations reported for duty and were assigned to the tasks which would devolve upon them in time of war. Although there was no mobilization about the matter, every chaplain who was asked to report did so. So far as the chaplains assigned to duty at the War Department are concerned the test resulted in "a grade of 100 per cent," as one of the chaplains phrased it.

Part of the program for the day in the chaplain's office consisted of an address by Chaplain Julian E. Yates, U. S. A. on the work of expansion of the Chaplains' Corps, procurement and training of personnel, which would take place in a national emergency. Catholic chaplains who took part in the Defense Day test in the office of the Chief of Chaplains were the Rev. Dr. John E. Conoley and the Rev. Benjamin F. Tarskey.

While the chaplains were assembled there was an informal discussion of the subject for the erection of a memorial to the twenty-two Chaplains who died during the war. Col. Axton indicated the subject and indicated that the memorial will be taken up by the War Department.

Irish Trade Returns For Half Year Show Big Adverse Balance

Dublin, Sept. 10.—The returns of the trade of the Southern Counties for the first half of the current year have just been issued. The imports for the period were valued at \$3,478,305 pounds and the exports at 21,877,493 pounds leaving an adverse balance of over nine million pounds. Of the total imports Great Britain sent goods to the value of 2,356,648, while she received exports to the value of 18,348,510 pounds. The United States proved the next best customer sending goods valued at 1,791,351 pounds and receiving in return goods to the value 97,811 pounds.

An examination of the figures, however, reveals the fact that with the exception of the trade with Britain, commercial intercourse with foreign countries proved altogether unfavorable to Southern Ireland. As a matter of fact, the imports from all those countries were approximately forty times greater in value than the exports. On the whole, the returns are regarded as unsatisfactory both from the point of view of the adverse balance and the decline in the exports of some of the commodities, especially agricultural produce, in which Ireland should have a much stronger market in Great Britain.

However, efforts are now being made to improve the position. On one hand the Dublin Industrial Development Association has declared that already the modified form of protection granted by the recently imposed tariffs has improved the position of manufacturers in the home market. Similar news comes from Cork, where the Lee Boot Factory has had to increase its staff very considerably to cope with the increased home demand.

The United States Shipping Lines have now opened elaborate offices in Dublin with a view to the development of trade between Ireland and America. On September 2 Irish newspapers contained a full-page display advertisement inserted by one of the Irish-American national organizations announcing that special facilities had been secured for all Irish manufacturers who desired to pay a personal visit to see how things are done in the great factories of America, and it is believed that a large number of industrialists will avail themselves of the offer.

Another notable development is taking place in North Cork, where the project for the establishment of the sugar beet industry is being energetically pushed forward. This movement has been approved by a special meeting of the Bishop and priests of Cloyne and is being enthusiastically adopted by the farmers.

Pope Sends Blessing To Holy Ghost Order

Ridgefield, Conn. Sept. 16.—The Holy Father sent his special blessing recently to all the Colored missions of the Holy Ghost Fathers in the United States. His Holiness takes a very great and personal interest in the progress of the Catholic Church among American negroes. He makes special inquiries about the negroes in the various dioceses from their respective Bishops on the occasion of their official visits to Rome. One American Bishop just wrote from Rome:

"I had a delightful audience with the Holy Father this morning. When I mentioned that the Holy Ghost Fathers are attending to the Colored folks of my diocese, he said repeatedly: 'They are very good,' repeating Holy Ghost Fathers in English. I asked the Holy Father's special blessing for the Colored work in my own diocese and for the priests and sisters engaged in it. He showed the greatest interest and was pleased to hear of the progress made, and gave his paternal blessing to it."

The Holy Ghost Fathers have been engaged in Negro Mission work in the United States since 1888. They take special interest in that work because it was through an American Bishop that they first undertook their extensive missions in Africa in 1843. At present they have over 35 Colored Missions in the United States, in the Archdioceses of New York, Philadelphia and New Orleans and in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Detroit, Richmond, Charleston, Alexandria, Lafayette and Little Rock.

Belgian Princess Guest At Convent Offer School Days

London, Sept. 19.—Princess Marie Jose of Belgium has returned to Brussels after a three week sojourn in the Ursuline Convent, Brentwood. It was in this convent that the Princess, then a schoolgirl, found refuge during the war.

Schools Are Problem In Cleveland, Bishop Schrembs Points Out

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cleveland, Sept. 18.—Speaking after celebration of pontifical Mass on Sunday in observance of the third anniversary of his installation as head of the diocese of Cleveland, Bishop Joseph Schrembs said that perhaps the most serious problem before the diocese was that of providing schools for fifty per cent of the Catholic children who are not attending Catholic schools.

The problem also involved the Bishop said, the adding of smaller parishes which are unable to provide their own schools. The number of teachers which is now 1400, should be twice as large, the Bishop said.

He appealed to young women to consider the religious life as a career and said that there are many young women whose life is largely a selfish career who could do a wonderful work for the church if they entered the sisterhoods.

The three years of his administration in Cleveland have passed quickly the Bishop said in reviewing his work thus far. "Although it has meant much labor, the labor has been made easy by the hearty cooperation in all my appeals by priests and laity," he remarked.

"If much has been done, much still remains to be done," he continued. "We may not cease work for one moment; we must labor until our dying day, and what sweeter prospect can there be as we pass out of life than the recollection that we did all we could to advance the Kingdom of Christ."

Fr. Lasance, Author Of Devotional Books, Retires As Chaplain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, Sept. 19.—On account of ill health Rev. F. X. Lasance, author of many prayer books and other devotional works, will retire from the chaplaincy at Notre Dame Academy this city at the end of this month and will have a suite of rooms at St. Francis Hospital. No other plans have been made for the future of Father Lasance, although it is expected he will continue his literary work which already numbers 21 prayerbooks and other spiritual writings.

Two of Father Lasance's books "Guide for Young Men" and "The Catholic Girl's Guide" are text books in the schools of the diocese of Duquesne.

Rev. Charles Hickey, who has resigned as pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Dayton, after thirty years succeeds Father Lasance as chaplain at the Notre Dame Academy. Father Hickey takes the less burdensome work as chaplain at the convent because of poor health.

Said My Prayers, Now I'll Rest", Said Sister About To Die

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, Sept. 17.—Sister Mary Urbaine of the Sacred Heart Home in this city who died here a few days ago was an exile from France twenty-one years ago when the French government closed the schools and institutions under direction of the religious. Sister Urbaine came to Cincinnati and had lived here since.

Toward the end, Sister Urbaine had expressed the desire that she might die on a Saturday or on a feast day of the Blessed Virgin. This wish was granted and she did die on Saturday. She remarked to one of the other nuns: "I have said my prayer—I will now rest." She lay down on a couch, fully dressed, and within a few minutes was dead.

Bishop Dunn Ordains One and Gives Minor Orders At Maryknoll

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Ossining, N. Y. Sept. 20.—Ordination and Minor Orders were conferred by the Right Rev. John J. Dunn, D. D. Auxiliary Bishop of New York, at the Catholic Foreign Mission Seminary of America, at Maryknoll, today.

The priest ordained was the Rev. Leo J. Farnon of Dowagiac, Michigan, an alumnus of Notre Dame University and later of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati. Father Jones will assist the Maryknoll Faculty at its preparatory college, the Venard, near Scranton, Pa., for a year and later will be sent to the mission field.

In addition, thirteen were advanced to the decemate, three received Minor Orders and fifteen were given the tonsure.

"Life Of Christ" As Movie Offering Arouses Criticism

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Sept. 12.—The reported purchase by an American film company of the screen rights of Papini's "Life of Christ" is not kindly received by the "Universe", which criticizes the Hollywood policy of filming "every" book that achieves a third edition, thereby exploiting the publicity created by the booksellers.

The "Universe" cinema critic admits that most of the Passion plays already produced were capable of doing much good.

"But there must be a purpose behind them higher than the one discernable in the present instance if they are to be acceptable. Edification and instruction should be leading motives of the producer who attempts a Passion play; but here see nothing more at work than the commercial instinct."

Representations of Our Lord on the screen are forbidden by the National Board of Film Censors, which operates throughout the country. Such films can be shown at special exhibitions, but their public is considerably restricted by the ban.

Methodist Minister Acts Good Samaritan To Catholic Priests

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 19.—The Rev. D. A. McBurney, Methodist Minister at Onawa, Ia., came to the assistance of two Catholic priests who were injured when the automobile in which they were riding went into the ditch near Whiting, Iowa. The two priests are the Rev. George Cooke of Marcus, Ia., and the Rev. Patrick M. Costello of Ida Grove, Ia.

The minister, who was driving past, brought the two priests to St. Louis City for hospital treatment. Father Costello was able to leave the hospital the same evening but Father Cooke remained for treatment of contusions and bruises which, it was thought, would keep him in the hospital for several days.

Mother Alphonsa's Order Aiding Cancer Fight 25 Years Old

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Sept. 19.—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer was celebrated at Rosary Hill Home near White Plains.

Mother Alphonsa, formerly Mrs. George Parsons Lathrop, youngest daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne presided at the ceremonies. Speakers referred to the development of the work established by Mother Alphonsa particularly at the outset; that the asylum be non-sectarian and the beneficiaries limited to poverty-stricken persons suffering from incurable ailments.

It was announced that \$50,000 had been donated recently toward a building fund for the construction of a \$400,000 steel and concrete building to replace the present wooden home.

Only Nine Catholic Magistrates In 170 In Manchester City

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Sept. 12.—Of the 170 magistrates in Manchester, only nine are Catholics. The Bishop of Salford, in a message to the Diocesan Federation, complains that the position is little less than a scandal. He says that for 21 years he has consistently made representations to various authorities, and has received nothing but fair words and promises.

As magistrates are appointed, and not elected, the Catholics of Manchester are powerless to remedy the matter, despite their numerical strength.

Dominican Sisters Buy \$250,000 Estate For Women's College

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New Haven, Conn., Sept. 16.—The Prospect Hill estate of Major Louis E. Stoddard here has been purchased by the Dominican Sisters for use as a college for young women which the Sisters plan to open. It is understood that the price paid for the estate is approximately \$250,000.

Plans announced for the new college contemplate that it will open in September 1925.

King Of Spain Sends Regrets For Failure To Pay Lourdes Visit

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 11.—Msgr. Schoepfer, Bishop of Lourdes, recently asked the King Alfonso XIII to renew the visits to the Grotto which he made on July 25, 1905, and with Queen Victoria on August 25, 1907.

This is the text of the letter, dated from the Royal Palace of the Magdalen, which was received by the prelate:

"I must first beg Your Highness to be gracious enough to forgive me for having delayed my answer to your kind letter inviting me to Lourdes, on the occasion of the Spanish pilgrimage of Catalonia and the Balearic Islands, presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Vidal Baraquet."

"My numerous occupations prevented my joining my compatriots in order personally to take part in their prayers, but your Highness may be assured that my heart was not far from those pious and faithful ones who went to the Massabieville Grotto to implore the benediction of Heaven on your noble country and its people."

"I am sure that I shall some day have occasion to greet Your Highness, I seize this opportunity to express my most respectful and friendly sentiments."

Polish Democratic Party Seeks To Keep Religion In Schools

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Warsaw, Sept. 10.—The National Democratic party in the Polish parliament has adopted the following platforms:

1. To oppose any plan for the separation of Church and State, and not to permit religious education to be dropped from the schools or field chaplains to be charged from the army. 2. To hasten the conclusion of the agreement with the Apostolic See. 3. To oppose the legality of civil marriages. Further of Roubaix was acquitted by the correctional tribunal of Lille. As the abolition of all restrictions on the Catholic Church, imposed during the Russian period.

Policeman Roy Dies Of Wound Inflicted By Klan Adherent

Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—Frank X. Roy, policeman of Lower Merion township who was shot by Klansmen July 3 near Ardmore, Pa., died Sunday of his wounds. Authorities immediately rounded up five men who had been arrested charged with taking part in the demonstration preceding the shooting, and later had been released on bail. Of these, Lattimer McCourt, Robert Stewart and John Buckholder were held without bail on a charge of murder and the other two men were released.

Roy was shot when he responded to a call that robed Klansmen were more and were terrifying negroes. When he and his deputies appeared on the scene, the Klansmen ran, but one of them fired on the policeman before he fled.

General Lyautey Dodges Reception To Assist At Mass

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 11.—La Croix relates that upon his recent return from Morocco, Marshal Lyautey, Resident General of France in that country, landed at Bordeaux on Sunday at about 10 o'clock in the morning. The authorities went to bid him welcome on the bridge of the tug.

"Excuse me, gentleman," he said. "It is time for Mass. I do not wish to miss it."

And, leaving them there, he disappeared quickly.

Canadian Pilgrims Put Flag On Tomb Of Little Flower

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 11.—An embroidered banner has been placed in the name of the Catholics of Canada on the tomb of the Blessed Sister Teresa of the Child Jesus, at the Carmel Chapel of Lisieux. It was brought by the delegation of pilgrims which, under the guidance of Father Dupuis, parish priest of Saint Eusebius of Mont-Lourdes, and Lisleux, after assisting at the Eucharistic Congress in Amsterdan.

Medical Student Among Those Cured At Lourdes Shrine

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 11.—Among several Lourdes cures attested in the Medical Bulletin of Lourdes of the sick who took part in the great national pilgrimage recently, there is one which is particularly worthy of notice, for it is the story of a young girl who benefited by the student of medicine who has been able to supply the practitioners with the most complete and definite information about the origin and development of the ailment of which she was cured.

She is Mlle. Parisot, of Pavillon-Bois near Paris, 24 years old. At the age of 9, she had appendicitis. Since that time she has been constantly ill. She has been operated upon four times since May 1921. She has taken every imaginable treatment, her condition becoming steadily worse, and she arrived in Lourdes supposed to be of bacillary origin. Having been plunged into the pool shortly after her arrival in Lourdes, Mlle. Parisot almost immediately noticed a great improvement in her condition, then all pain ceased. The improvement continued, the young girl was taken to the bureau of medical reports, where she was examined and questioned for an hour and a quarter before forty physicians present unanimously answered that Mlle. Parisot had really been ill and that she had been cured under the conditions which human science is unable to explain.

Seller Of Indecent Books Sent To Jail On Parents' Action

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 11.—Prosecuted by the Association of Fathers of Families for having displayed in the window of his shop, books with indecent titles and with indecent pictures upon their covers, a bookseller of Roubaix was acquitted by the correctional tribunal of Lille. As the publications displayed bore, according to regulations, the names of the publishers and of the authors, the tribunal held that there was no misdemeanor.

French Nuns Forced To Dissolve House By New Government

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, Sept. 11.—The nuns of the Order of Saint Claire established at Alencon, in Normandy, were ordered to dissolve at the time of the Combes regime. They returned to Alencon during the war, and under the favor of a tolerant administration which had appeared to become permanent, they remained there. But they recently learned that the Government intended to notify them to respect the former order issued against them.

In order not to expose the entire Order to new difficulties, their superior has instructed them to separate immediately without waiting for ministerial instructions.

The nuns have caused great feeling in Alencon, where a protest against the intentions of the Government is receiving many signatures. In all France, also, it is being bitterly commented upon by Catholic newspapers who see in it the signal for again taking up arms against the congregations.

British Cabinet Officer Authorizes Change Of Belief

(By M. Massiani) (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

London, Sept. 12.—The Health Ministry, an important department of the Government, must be consulted before an inmate of a Poor Law institution can change the religion of his religion. The point was raised this week when the Chelsea (London) Guardians considered the application of an old lady of 81, inel of Lisieux. It was brought by the mate of an infirm, who asked that the record of her religious creed be altered from "Church of England" to "Roman Catholic." In giving their sanction to the change, the Guardians, after ascertaining that it would be necessary to secure the approval of the Ministry of Health.