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Press Program Being Planned By Belgian Catholics

By Rev. J. Van der Haeghe
(Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. Service)
Brussels, Nov. 2.—Among the Belgians, there is a growing interest in the Belgian Catholic press. A remarkable one on the part of M. Leon Malle, secretary of the Association de la Presse Catholique, and a veteran Catholic journalist of Belgium.

To awaken greater interest for the religious service, M. Malle developed at length upon the importance of the press as a means of propaganda. A great program in point, he said, is the late announcement in "Le Peuple," the French Socialist paper of Brussels, to the effect that a Flemish Socialist daily is soon to be issued in the capital and to be distributed gratis every morning from 100 to a hundred thousand homes. If the number of copies be limited to fifty thousand, it will still entail an expense of 175,000 francs a month for paper alone. This sacrifice, which the socialist leaders impose upon the workers, their co-operation ought to be an eye-opener to Catholics and to impel them to be ever on the alert in order to extend the influence of their press.

Growth Of Religion In Army Reported By Chief Chaplain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Washington, November 11.—The American soldier is making a great stride in religion, and the American Army chaplain is reported to be the most successful of his kind in the world.

Voluntary attendance at religious services in the army has increased more than 100 per cent over the last preceding year. The marked increase and improvement over former years is attributed to the hearty cooperation of commanding officers and chaplains. The chaplain's task has become more complex and diversified, and his services are large and varied, which formerly limited a chaplain to pupil attendance and to religious ministry.

Need of Capable Editors

So far as the number of Catholic dailies, and even their circulation is concerned, the Catholic press can hold its own as against the combined anti-religious papers of the Liberal and the Socialist. The Catholic dailies figure up to twenty-two, to eighteen Liberal and seven Socialist papers. Eight are colorless. Forty-one use the French language, and fourteen the Flemish, to cater to a population of 7,800,000 souls, of which more than one-half speak Flemish as their mother tongue.

To combat the adversary effectively, Mr. Malle said, and to have real and weighing influence, it is not enough to have numerous papers and a large circulation list, but in the editorial rooms must sit men worthy of a high standing in the community, men, therefore, adequately remunerated and daily prosecuted by the power that Catholic papers should be able to furnish the best.

Fifty Students in Cleveland

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cleveland, Nov. 11.—Fifty students have been gathered in Cleveland for the first year of the new philosophy course and were the first year students in that course.

Bishop Joseph Schermer was the principal speaker at the opening of the course. He said that the new philosophy course was a great step forward in the education of the young men of Cleveland. He said that the course was a great step forward in the education of the young men of Cleveland.

Zionists Postpone Opening Balestine Hebrew University

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Jerusalem, Nov. 17.—The official opening of the Hebrew University of Palestine, has been postponed until after the Passover of 1925. Present plans call for Dr. Weixmann to preside at the opening ceremonies which will be held on Mount Scopus.

In the meantime, the work of organizing the University goes on. Dr. Israel of New York, Secretary of the American Physicians Committee, arrived here recently to make final arrangements for the opening of the Micro-Biological Institute of the University which is to be financed for the time being by Jewish physicians in America. A complete X-ray Institute has already been established here by the American Committee, and plans are being considered for material enlargements to the Medical Library. This library was formed originally by the donation of several thousand volumes by Dr. Jarcho of New York.

Development of a great Hebrew University here is one of the important objectives in the Zionist plan for the development of a strong non-Christian culture in Palestine.

Washington Church Tabernacle Pried, Poor Boxes Looted

Washington, Nov. 11.—Thieves last night looted the poor box and collection boxes in St. Paul's Church here and attempted to break into the tabernacle on the main altar where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. They were unable to break into the tabernacle, although the outer door was torn off and the inner steel safe moved several inches out of its setting. Tabernacles on the two side altars, which did not contain the Blessed Sacrament, were broken open. The altar cloth on the high altar was burned where one of the intruders apparently had lit a cigarette down while attempting to open the tabernacle.

Priests at St. Paul's are inclined to the belief that the invasion of the church was the work of an amateur who had secreted himself in a confessional or other secluded part of the church during the day and had not been observed when the building was locked up for the night. There was no evidence of desecration other than that which indicated an apparent effort to find supposed church treasures. All told, it is estimated the thieves or thief did not obtain more than three or four dollars from the collection boxes since these receptacles are opened and emptied several times a week.

Holy Cross Sisters To Build At Fresno

Fresno, Cal., Nov. 5.—A site of one hundred acres on the high bluffs overlooking the San Joaquin River has been purchased by the Sisters of the Holy Cross as the location for a new educational institution.

The plans of the Sisters, it is reported here, call for the erection of school buildings and plant costing approximately a half million dollars.

Catholic Burial Denied Gangster

Chicago, Nov. 14.—Dion O'Banion, gangster, who was killed here Monday, has been denied Catholic burial by a ruling announced by St. Rev. Edward F. Hoban, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese.

A request for a church funeral for the slain gangster made by his widow, Bishop Hoban, replied that years of gang life had severed O'Banion's connection with the church, in which he had been born. Permission has been granted for burial in the family plot but with the proviso that O'Banion is to be buried as a non-member of the Church and that no religious services are to be held at the grave.

Gen. Pershing Attends Armistice Day Mass On Big Ocean Liner

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The American and French flags were unfurled from the mainmast and a two minute period of silence observed. A rifle salute and the sounding of bells in the ship's bell tower followed and Benediction to the crew was given.

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Fiji Islands Have First Ordination

Dublin, Nov. 1.—Father Scully, S. M., a native of Dun Laoghaire, Dublin County, enjoys the distinction of being the first priest ordained in the Fiji Islands. His ordination took place at the Catholic mission in the island. The mission is in the charge of the Holy Fathers.

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