

Portugal Does Honor To Vasco De Gama's Memory As Explorer

Lisbon, Portugal, Dec. 31.—Warships of virtually all the great sea powers of the world gathered at the mouth of the Tagus on Christmas Day to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the death of Vasco da Gama, the great Catholic admiral who founded Portugal's once immense colonial dominions. Dom da Gama died on Christmas Day in 1524 in India while serving as viceroy of the rich land he had opened to his country.

The celebration was held by the Republic of Portugal, now shorn of virtually all its diadem of colonies but still proud of the achievements of its intrepid sailors. The Government asked the nations to participate.

It was fitting that all the world should unite in the observance, since it was Vasco da Gama who placed the whole Christian world of his day in his debt by frustrating the Turks and opening to the Western world the rich fields of India's trade.

Vasco da Gama, son of an ancient noble family of Portugal, was the most celebrated explorer and discoverer of his day, and at the same time one of the most pious. When, in the fifteenth century, he started on his epochal voyage in an attempt to find a sea route to India so that the Moslem monopoly on that rich country's products by reason of control of the land route might be broken, he, his officers and all his crews received the Sacraments before embarking. The site of the little chapel where this devout rite took place has been marked by a monastery commemorating the event.

Vasco da Gama sailed four months, at the conclusion of which he was at the southern extremity of Africa, in position to attain to India. He sailed on to Calicut, set up a pillar to mark his discovery, assured himself of the land's identity and richness, and returned to Portugal with the news, one of the most intrepid feats of his day. Later his discovery was made the basis for Portugal's vast colonial empire.

It remained to the great admiral to perform one more service for his country before his death, after he had remained at court for years as advisor to the king on the Hindustan trade. In 1514 he was sent to India to untangle a tangle of conditions of maladministration there. He succeeded fully, but paid for his success with his life.

Today Portugal rules only a narrow strip of her once huge Indian empire. She could sell it at great profit and she needs the money it would bring. But such is her pride in the feat of her great admiral and his successors that she has steadfastly refused to dispose of the non-paying remnant of the land he gave to her.

Irish Temperance Workers Will Seek Saloon Referendum

Dublin, Jan. 1.—A new development in connection with the temperance agitation is expected. A provision in the Constitution of the Twenty-six Free State counties enables special legislation to be initiated in the Oireachtas upon a petition signed by 50,000 electors. The Catholic Total Abstinence Federation and other temperance bodies, being dissatisfied with the present temperance bill of the Government, contemplate putting the procedure of legislation by this initiative into operation.

One of the main objections by the temperance organizations to the Government Bill is that it does not reduce the number of licensed saloons, which, they maintain, should be cut down by half. A bill brought forward under the procedure referred to must go to the Dail and Senate, and if rejected, it must be put by referendum before three people.

Then the issue will be "yes" or "no" to the proposal. The referendum would make the question a straight fight and lift it above political considerations. The Catholic Federation is quite satisfied that once a referendum the people would by a large majority endorse its proposals or more drastic measures if desired.

Rev. Joseph Flinn, S. J., considers that the present government bill does not touch the real essentials. Its gradual reform is a slight curtailment of the hours within which the sale of intoxicating liquors can be carried on in licensed saloons.

Cardinal Sends \$500 To Visiting Nurses

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Dec. 26.—His Eminence Cardinal Hayes has sent to the Cardinal Home Society of New York period of service of her order she has received a check for \$500, as a contribution to a fund being raised for the maintenance of additional nurses there.

Bishop Morris Back From Visit To Rome Given Purse of \$5,000

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 1.—Rt. Rev. John B. Morris, D. D., Bishop of Little Rock, with his secretary, Rev. John P. Fisher, arrived in Little Rock after his "Ad Limina" to the Holy See. A delegation of priests headed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Aretz, chancellor and rector of St. John's Seminary, met the Bishop at Memphis, Tenn.

On arriving at Little Rock, the Bishop was met by a delegation of over one hundred business men, who gave him a warm reception and expressed their joy on his safe return home.

St. Andrews Cathedral was crowded to its limits by the laity at the ecclesiastical reception.

The local clergy and the seminarians escorted the Bishop from his house to the sanctuary throne. Rev. James P. Moran, rector of the Cathedral extended a warm welcome to which Bishop Morris gave a most grateful response. He then reviewed his journey to Rome and told an intensely interesting story of his private audience with the Holy Father. He bespoke the keen appreciation Pope Pius has of the American church, its grand achievements and its promising features. He was kindly inquisitive of the Church in the diocese of Little Rock and commended highly the great institutional foundations of Bishop Morris during his eighteen years episcopate, which include a large orphanage, a well equipped college, and St. John's Seminary, with its present registration of sixty-two students. The Holy Father extended a triple blessing to the seminary.

A public reception was given to Bishop Morris in the grand ball room of the Marlton Hotel. All the parishes of the diocese were represented by clergy and laity, and one of the greatest Catholic events in the history of the State featured the warm welcome of a loyal and loving people.

Addresses of welcome were made by W. H. Browning, M. D., James A. Glonoch, Postmaster of Little Rock, Very Rev. Dr. P. F. Horn of Fort Smith, classmate of the Bishop at the North American College, Rome, and Rt. Rev. Monsignor W. H. Aretz, D. D., who presented Bishop Morris with a purse of \$5,000 donated by the clergy and laity of the diocese.

Announcement was made by Bishop Morris that upon request the Holy Father bestowed the honor of Private Chamberlain, with the title of Very Rev. Monsignor, on four of the diocesan deans, Rev. Fathers Augustine Gallagher of Mensa, Joseph Frotzheim of Pocahontas, William J. Carroll of Hot Springs and Walter J. Tynin of Pine Bluff.

Bishop Morris was quite overcome at the ovation of loving loyalty and generous appreciation. He expressed his joy at being at home again, and said that more than ever did he find himself bound to his priests and people with chains of loyalty, appreciation and love.

Village of Area's To "Mundelein"

Chicago, Jan. 3.—The name of the little village of Area, Illinois, where a great new Catholic university is being erected, has been changed to "Mundelein" in honor of Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago.

St. Mary of the Lake Seminary, at Area, which will be a unit of the new university, has been a cherished project of Cardinal Mundelein for years, and it is under his vigorous direction that the new institution is being built up. So near to his heart was it that when Catholics of the Archdiocese presented him with \$1,000,000 upon his return from Rome where he was made a member of the Sacred College, he unhesitatingly turned the money over for use in building the new seminary.

Nun 64 Years Member Of Benedictine Order Dies At Elizabeth, N. J.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Elizabeth, N. J., Jan. 1.—Mother Walburga Hoch, for sixty-four years a member of the Benedictine Order and the founder of Benedictine communities in five States in this country and in South America, died here Friday. She was stricken shortly after dinner, and because of her extreme age failed to rally. She would have been eighty-five years old had she lived two days more.

Mother Walburga entered the religious life in 1860 at Newark. Her home was in Baltimore. In her long life she served in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, New Hampshire, Washington, D. C., and Ecuador, South America.

Jeremiah Mac Sweeney Noted Irish Scholar, Dies At Advanced Age

Dublin, Dec. 25.—The death of Jeremiah Joseph MacSweeney, an eminent literary and linguistic scholar at the advanced age of 88 years.

For 44 years Mr. Mac Sweeney had filled the office of Assistant Librarian of the Royal Irish Academy, Dublin. Long before the Gaelic League was established he was an enthusiastic advocate of the revival of the Irish language. He was one of the founders of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language and acted for many years as secretary of that body.

In that capacity he came into contact with many European scholars and linguists who became deeply interested in the study of Gaelic. Through his exertions the study of Irish was first introduced into the Irish primary and secondary schools. He was also instrumental in founding the Feis Ceoil.

Mr. MacSweeney was a recognized authority on the language, literature and archaeology of Ireland. He organized the movement which resulted in the erection of a memorial cross to the Four Masters in the grounds of St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley Road, Dublin.

Of his family three sons are priests and two daughters are nuns. One of the priests, Rev. P. MacSweeney, is Professor of English Literature, Maynooth College; another, Rev. Eugene MacSweeney, is curate in Arklow, Wicklow county. By his energy and wisdom in organizing the fishermen of Ireland, Rev. Eugene MacSweeney has rendered a real national service to the country.

Trade Commissioner From Canada Opens Irish Headquarters

Dublin, Dec. 26.—A. F. McEachern has come to Dublin as Trade Commissioner for Canada, to develop an increase in trade between Canada and the twenty-six counties of Southern Ireland.

He intends to call on Irish importers to advise them of the address of the Canadian office in Dublin and to furnish them with statistics. If a Canadian exporter of any four wishes to establish a market for his product in Southern Ireland he will communicate with the Dublin office and the Canadian Trade Commissioner there will put him in touch with desirable importers.

A prominent Irish manufacturer fears very much that the function of the Canadian office in Dublin is to push in the twenty-six Counties the sale of Canadian goods most of which Irish manufacturers and producers are able and willing to supply. He asks Mr. McEachern what steps he is taking to increase Irish exports to Canada. This is in view of the facts, a pertinent question. For the ten months, January-October, the value of the imports from Canada into the twenty-six counties was over \$5,000,000. In the same period exports from the twenty-six counties to Canada represented only \$100,000.

Authoritative Irish History Is Planned

Dublin, Dec. 25.—A movement is afoot in support of the preparation of an authoritative and impartial history of Ireland, compiled from the original records in Irish and foreign libraries. Through the destruction of the Public Record office, Four Courts Dublin, many documents of historic interest were lost. Some of these documents went back to the days of the Anglo-Norman invasion and embraced state papers of all classes, including many autograph letters of English monarchs, of Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, and other Irish chieftains. They also included the marriage license of the Duke of Wellington and portions of the wills of Swift and Daniel O'Connell.

Joseph Gummersbach, Leading Catholic Publisher, Is Dead

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Joseph Gummersbach, president of the B. Herder Company, died at West Palm Beach, Florida, on Christmas Day, at the age of eighty. The funeral services, with Requiem Mass were held yesterday in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Grand and Lindell Boulevards, the deceased having been a member of that parish for years, with his residence at 3840 Westminster Place. Mr. Gummersbach was born at Bonn, Germany, in 1873 and came to St. Louis, Mo., thereafter establishing the publishing house. His health had been failing rapidly since October last. Formerly he was president of the American Publishing Co., which for half a century published the German-Catholic daily, "Amerika". He is survived by Mrs. Gummersbach, three daughters and five sons.

Redemption Grotto To Contain Stones From Many States

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) West Bend, Iowa, Dec. 29.—Two car loads of stones gathered in the Black Hills of South Dakota are the latest component parts of the "Grotto of the Redemption" to reach this justly famous Catholic shrine. The stones were personally selected by the Rev. P. M. Dobberstein, pastor of St. Peter and Paul's Church here, who, with his own hands is building the Grotto in fulfillment of a promise made during his student days many years ago.

The Grotto, now one third completed, symbolizes in its various divisions the work of man's redemption. There is a section symbolic of the Garden of Eden with the Tree of Life, the Serpent and Adam and Eve, the gate of the Garden and the Angel with the flaming sword. Other subdivisions of the Grotto depict the phases of the Redemption. The Grotto proper is built in three half-circular divisions symbolizing the Blessed Trinity and uniting above in an impressive dome symbolizing the "Unity of One God in Three Persons".

Father Dobberstein estimates that it will take him from six to eight years more to complete his Grotto. He has been working on it since 1912. He does all of the manual labor himself and every Spring and Fall makes trips to various parts of the country to gather stones. When the Grotto is finished it will contain stones from every State in the Union as well as from many foreign countries. Even in its incomplete state the Grotto has attracted widespread attention and more than 158,000 persons have visited it so far.

Illinois University Turns Out In Force For Bishop Schrembs

Champaign, Ill., Dec.—One of the most notable addresses in the history of the Institution was given here recently by the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, D. D., Bishop of Cleveland, before the faculty and student body of the University of Illinois.

It is the custom here to bring once a month to the campus, a speaker of national reputation, to address an All-University audience. As this was the first occasion on which a Catholic Bishop had ever addressed the faculty and general student body of the University, an audience of 2500 people turned out, taxing the capacity of the huge University auditorium. Dean Kendrick C. Babcock of the University, presided. President Kinley also was on the platform.

Speaking on "The Providential Mission of America", Bishop said: "The history of the races forms a high tapestry in which each nation weaves the pattern of its distinctive contribution to the progress of the world. Through centuries shrouded in the darkness of pagan idolatry, the Jewish nation was divinely destined to keep alive the belief in the true God. Greece has contributed the finest concepts of surpassing beauty in art, music and culture. Rome furnished the fundamental principles of jurisprudence so that the lex Romana remains to this day as the basic legal code of the world. Egypt has contributed the science of mathematics and other elements of worth. Centuries later, when the countries of Europe were being torn asunder by religious strife and men were persecuted for worshipping God according to the dictates of their conscience, a New World was providentially discovered across the seas. It was destined by God to be the land of liberty where no man would be persecuted because of his religious belief, racial extraction or political faith. The perpetuation of this glorious ideal of liberty, freedom and tolerance for all mankind—that is the providential mission of America. The great statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor, holding aloft her torch is but the sculptured avoicing of the guarantee that is woven into the warp and woof of the Constitution—the guarantee of freedom to all her citizens. "Certainly one of the greatest services which this great University of Illinois, with all its advantages for the dissemination of knowledge and light, can render to the nation, is the graduation from the minds of intelligent citizens of those elements of religious bias and racial prejudice which are vexing our country and impeding her in the complete fulfillment of her providential destiny." The President of the University, the bearers were John, Joseph and the Patrick Sullivan, Joseph P. Collins, and the Bishop's Daniel J. McCarthy and Sherwood O. Fearnea.

Gen. Davis Thanks Catholic Papers And The N. C. W. C.

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Dec. 31.—The departments of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and the Catholic press have won a letter of warm praise from Maj. Gen. Robert C. Davis, Adjutant General of the United States Army, for their serenity in encouraging veterans of the World War to apply for their Adjusted Compensation. The action of these Catholic agencies, says General Davis, has not only helped the Government by reducing the cost of administering the Compensation Act.

General Davis' letter, addressed to D. J. Ryan, Director of the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Historical Records, which is engaged in compiling the records of Catholics in the World War, is as follows:

My Dear Mr. Ryan: It is a pleasure to note the results obtained through the cooperation of the N. C. W. C. affiliated groups and agencies in encouraging those veterans who intend to apply eventually for adjusted compensation to do so immediately, and advising those who do not desire the compensation to communicate with the Department to that effect.

The support of the papers served by the N. C. W. C. News Service in placing this matter before the veteran has already assisted the Department in its efforts to reduce the cost of the administration of the Act, and at the same time to protect those who dependents of those who served their country faithfully and who desire to avail themselves of the benefits conferred.

Sincerely yours, Robert C. Davis, Major General, The Adjutant General.

It was only in November that General Davis wrote Mr. Ryan asking the cooperation of the N. C. W. C. His present letter is the more flattering since it attests the gaining of noteworthy results through the request only a month after it was made. The support of the papers served by the N. C. W. C. News Service in placing this matter before the veteran has already assisted the Department in its efforts to reduce the cost of the administration of the Act, and at the same time to protect those who dependents of those who served their country faithfully and who desire to avail themselves of the benefits conferred.

Immediately upon receiving the Adjutant General's request, Mr. Ryan announced that his office would accept from all veterans who desired application blanks or other information concerning adjusted compensation, and see that these requests were transmitted to the proper government offices. Since this announcement was distributed through the Catholic press, with the N. C. W. C. News Service as a medium, the Historical Records office has received a daily stream of applications. Numerous others, it is certain, have been sent in direct to the government offices.

One of the gratifying results of the effort to respond to the Government's request is that the Historical Records Bureau has been able to add materially to its lists of Catholic war veterans through the communications that have thus passed through its hands. Another, according to Mr. Ryan, was the cordial cooperation of Catholic lay bodies which incorporated the plea in their own literature and thus reached all their members individually.

DEATHS

(Corrigan)—D. J. Corrigan, M. D., aged 48 years, died at his home, East Main street, Webster, January 7. Funeral from Holy Trinity Church January 9. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Kuder—Frank A. Kuder died at his residence, No. 28 Robin street, January 6, aged 59 years. Funeral from Holy Rosary Church January 9. McCarthy—Timothy J. McCarthy died January 5, at his home, No. 74 Pomeroy street, aged 37 years. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church January 9.

Sullivan—The funeral of Katherine Sullivan took place Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock from the residence of her sister, Mrs. P. Collins, No. 256 Flower City park, and at 9 o'clock from Sacred Heart Church. A solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke, with Rev. Thomas Duggan, as sub-deacon. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, and there were many friends at the home and church. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where final blessing was given by Rev. Daniel B. O'Rourke.

The bearers were John, Joseph and the Patrick Sullivan, Joseph P. Collins, and the Bishop's Daniel J. McCarthy and Sherwood O. Fearnea.

Deaths of the Week

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. May their souls rest in peace.

The funeral of Mrs. Anna McDonald McCaffrey who died on last Saturday at her home, No. 9 Lambert park, took place on Wednesday morning at 8:30 from the home and at 9 o'clock from this church. Burial was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Baker—Mildred Mae Baker, aged 44 years, died January 3, at No. 113 Ford street. Funeral from the immaculate Conception Church January 7.

Fleming—Albert Fleming, aged 50 years, died January 2, at his home, No. 27 Jones street. Funeral from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, January 7.

Bruman—Jane Doris Bruman died January 6, at the family home, No. 11 Sheridan street. Funeral January 8. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

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McCarthy—Timothy J. McCarthy died January 5, at his home, No. 74 Pomeroy street, aged 37 years. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church, January 9.

Crane—Daniel Crane died January 2, at the family residence, No. 523 Plymouth avenue, aged 77 years. Funeral from the immaculate Conception Church January 5.

Donovan—Mary Agnes Donovan of No. 103 Caledonia avenue, died January 2, at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 20 years. Funeral from the immaculate Conception Church January 5th.

Le Frois—Mary Zimmer Le Frois died at her home in Union Hill, January 1. Funeral from Holy Trinity Church, Webster, N. Y., January 3.

Sandrey—Louis W. Sandrey, of No. 105 William street, died January 2. Funeral from St. Mary's Church January 5.

Sullivan—Timothy J. Sullivan died January 2, at the family home, No. 248 Bronson avenue. Funeral from the immaculate Conception Church January 5.

McCaffrey—Mrs. Anna McDonald McCaffrey died January 3, at the family residence, No. 9 Lambert park. Funeral from St. Peter and Paul's Church January 7.

Loretto Circle Members of Loretto Circle met to see at the Orphanage on Thursday afternoon, January 8th. Mrs. Margaret Danford was the hostess for the afternoon assisted by the following ladies: Mrs. J. M. Brennan, Mrs. L. Gragen, Mrs. Eugene Sackett, Mrs. J. S. Sheehan, Miss Marguerite Sheehan, Mrs. Charles Maloy, Mrs. Wm. Blackwood, Mrs. A. Shearer, Mrs. F. G. Young, Mrs. J. E. Goggin and Mrs. D. Garin.

Klehr—Susan Klehr died January 7, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Anthony Sattel, No. 40 Tremont street, in her 71st year. Funeral from St. Michael's Church January 10.

Hanlette—Miss Helen E. Hanlette died January 6, at her home, in this city. Funeral from St. Agnes' Church, Avon, N. Y., January 10 with interment in the family lot in Avon, N. Y.

Spain—Magdalena Spain died at her home, No. 42 Centennial street, January 7. Funeral from Holy Family Church January 10.

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