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Cabinet Changes

Pre-election predictions that President Coolidge would, if re-elected, surround himself with a Cabinet of his own choosing, are coming true.

Promotion of Attorney-General Harlan Stone to be a Justice of the Supreme Court was unexpected as was the selection of former Senator Charles E. Warren to succeed Mr. Stone as attorney-general over the announced protest of Senator Coughlin of Michigan.

Still more unexpected and surprising came the news last Sunday that Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes had tendered his resignation to take effect March 4th. While the exchange of courtesies between the retiring Secretary of State and the President would indicate no lack of cordiality, there is no secret that Mr. Hughes resents the attempted domination of this country's affairs by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, headed by Senator William E. Borah who has clashed often with Secretary Hughes, notably over Russia. Senator Borah advocates recognition of the Soviet while Secretary Hughes is unalterably opposed, as common sense and regard for decency and established law would appear to dictate.

Apparently, President Coolidge is likely to coincide with Senator Borah, seeing he has parted company with Secretary Hughes. The country at large believed Charles E. Hughes and trusted him in his direction of our foreign affairs. They are not so well acquainted with the new Secretary of State, Mr. Frank B. Kellogg, retiring ambassador to Great Britain and will be inclined to reserve decision. They hope for the best.

Quite apparent is the decision of President Coolidge to be the dominating and dominant figure in his own administration.

Salaries

There will be public approval, we fancy, if the City administration decides to increase the annual wage of the policemen and firemen—by \$200 a year. The wages of the patrolmen and firemen have not been increased commensurate with the increase in cost of living. As a matter of fact, they were fixed years ago.

In one hard fire, on a winter's night, firemen go through more than the most of us undergo in an entire year. They are kept away from home, they are deprived of most of the home and family comforts we enjoy.

Policemen take their lives in their hands every time they set out to patrol a beat. Both policemen and firemen have to appear spick and span and their uniforms cost more than the average citizen's clothing.

An advance of \$200 a year will not add appreciably to the tax of the average citizen.

Mr. Lowman of Elmira, looks like he wants to be a state leader.

Mr. James Hamilton steps right out of the Secretaryship of New York State into another job at as good a salary and thrice as long a term.

The Aquinas Institute will be a study center serving a good purpose.

His many friends hope Governor Smith will appoint Richard E. Curran to be a member of the State Council of Education.

Really, Mr. Al. Smith really likes to and George Linn is a member of the Public Service Commission.

Bear In Mind

An insidious attempt on the part of singers used as "supernumeraries" in the recent tour of the Sistine choir has been exposed by the Associated Advertising Clubs as set forth in the following notice from the National Catholic Welfare Council's News Service:—

Advertisements announcing that a part of the Sistine Choir from the Vatican, Rome, has remained in America and might be heard in motion picture theatres and dance halls at prices as low as 10 cents are announced as deceptive by the national vigilance committee of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World in a current bulletin.

In line with its work of protecting public confidence in advertising, the committee a few weeks ago, hearing that the "eight celebrated soloists of the Sistine Choir" planned a "grand tour for a limited season," started an investigation which resulted in the announcement.

The advertisements went on to say that the "remarkable success of the Sistine Choir was achieved through the splendid art of these eight celebrated soloists to whose work the world's foremost critics paid unbounded homage." "A spectacular songfest direct from the Sistine Chapel, Rome," was to be presented.

Monsignor Rella, vice-director of the Sistine Chapel, has advised, however, that these men are not part of the Sistine Choir and "probably do not know where the Sistine Chapel is to be found in the Vatican."

He added that they "were only used to reinforce my singers, as some had to be left behind in Rome for official occasions."

The Sistine Chapel Choir visited America in 1923 under the patronage of the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, and under the management of Frank W. Healey, San Francisco.

Referring to the so-called Sistine Choir soloists, Mr. Healey said: "They are in no wise representative of the Sistine Chapel Choir. They have never appeared in the Sistine Chapel, nor for that matter in any of the Roman Basilicas, but, on the contrary, sang three or four times each day in the moving picture houses of Australia and New Zealand."

Catholic Press

Catholic Bishops know the value of a strong, Catholic press as a supplement to the pulpit. Here is a recent pronouncement of Cardinal Mundelein:—

A Catholic newspaper or journal is today a necessity in the crowded centers like our cities, as well as in the sparsely settled country districts.

It is a necessary supplement to the Catholic pulpit and to the Catholic school. It is the one means of publicity we have for correcting erroneous reports and doctrines, for conveying needed information on important topics and events to our people and through them to their non-Catholic neighbors. It is the written word of the Catholic press that supports the spoken word from the altar.

The editor of a Catholic paper is really participating in a divine mission, for he is sharing in the priest's mission of teaching; even as the religious teaching the little ones in the classroom, he is teaching the grown-ups in their homes and in their places of business, where his paper enters; he helps to separate truth from error, to bring light into dark places, to champion the cause of righteousness against its traducers.

The Fourth Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus do well to observe Lincoln's Birthday fittingly.

John McCormack is and will be a favorite with Rochester audiences.

Will there be a large number of pilgrims to Rome from Rochester for the Jubilee Year?

Perhaps, Judge Landis has found out that when newspaper men, set out to solve a mystery quite often they solve it.

Governor Smith sent in a ringing state message to the New York State Legislature.

President Coolidge's sausage and pancake breakfasts may yet distance the famous every day spread Mark Hanna used to give at the National Capitol.

Will Secretary of Labor James J. Davis survive the slaughter of the old Harding Cabinet?

State Comptroller Vincent Murray starts right off as a busy official.

Do Not Believe

The Union and Times publishes a few salient things that Catholics do not believe in the following paragraphs:—

Here are a dozen matters which Catholics do not believe:

1. Image worship. The worship (in the sense of paying divine honors) of the Blessed Virgin. They honor her as the Mother of Christ.

2. That an indulgence is a permission to commit sin. It is not.

3. That a mere confession of sins to the priest and absolution is sufficient to merit forgiveness. There must be sincere sorrow, a purpose to do better and restitution.

4. That the Pope cannot commit sin, or err in matters of science. Some Popes have erred, at times, even as writers on theological questions.

5. That Catholics cannot "search the Scriptures." Nearly every Catholic has a Bible in his house.

6. That republican forms of government are in disfavor with the Church. Far from it. The Pope has praised our form of government.

7. That the Catholic Church is opposed to religious toleration. Not at all. We hate persecution.

8. That the end justifies the means. It does not.

9. That lying is ever permissible. Never. Tell the truth always.

10. That the world may not be older than 6000 years. Who says so?

11. That innocent recreation on Sunday is forbidden. It is not.

Who She Is

A Catholic exchange gives this information regarding a person who is touring and lecturing to credulous non-Catholic audiences:—

HELEN JACKSON, Self-Styled Ex-Nun.—The specialty of the woman named above is to pose as an ex-nun, and to slander the good Sisters, who were her best friends.

She was committed to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd as unmanageable, at Detroit, in 1895. She affects some kind of a garb in imitation of the nuns; but Catholics who know their religion, know that those who come, or are sent, to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd for reformation, are never permitted to become members of the Order.

Even the Ku Klux Klan, The Fiery Cross, published at Indianapolis, could not stand for Helen, and, Dec. 17, 1922, published the following: "She makes a living out of the game and so does her husband. Her mission is purely mercenary. She poses in what she says is a nun's garb, but it is not. Investigation always proves that these speakers do not have a pure motive."

Wherever she has been imported, she spreads her poison and does positive harm.

Our old friend, Don Manning, outdid his former standards in the way he directed and staged Rochester Press Club's Roastfest of 1924.

Charles Evans Hughes and William Jennings Bryan at least have one experience in common. Both resigned the Secretaryship of State.

New York State's first woman Secretary of State has a press agent who is on the job.

Proposal To Remove Naval Chaplains In France Rejected

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Jan. 2.—During the discussion of the Navy Budget, the Chamber of Deputies received a proposal to suppress the few remaining Catholic chaplains in the Navy. Only three chaplains are assigned to the Navy in peacetime, and they are on the training ships. The proposal was not adopted.

The suppression was requested by two socialist deputies, notably by Admiral Jaures, brother of the famous leader who was assassinated at the beginning of the war. The radical Minister of Marine, M. Dumessnil, opposed the amendment and pointed out that since the law governing public education has maintained chaplains in the lycées, the student-officers should have the same treatment as the lycées.

"You are right," a Catholic deputy, M. de Menton, declared. "You already have sufficient difficulty in recruiting naval officers at the present time. If you run the risk of frightening their families by measures such as the suppression of chaplains, they will keep their sons away from a naval career."

In view of the opposition of the Minister, the two deputies did not insist, and withdrew their amendment themselves.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, January 18.—St. Peter's Chair at Rome. It was an ancient custom observed by the Churches to keep an annual festival of the consecration of their Bishops. The feast of St. Peter's Chair is found in the earliest martyrologies and Christians justly celebrate the establishment of this mother-church, the center of Catholic communion in thanksgiving to God for His Mercy to His Church, and to implore His future blessings.

Monday, January 19.—St. Canutus, King and Martyr, was a ruler of Denmark. His most noted characteristic was devotion to the cause of Christianity and solicitude for the welfare of his people. When a rebellion broke out in his kingdom Canutus was surrounded in a Church. Perceiving his danger, he confessed his sins at the foot of the altar and received the Holy Eucharist. He fervently recommended his soul to God and while kneeling before the altar he was killed by a javelin thrown through one of the windows.

Tuesday, January 20.—St. Sebastian, martyr, was an officer in the Roman Army. In his zeal he led multitudes to the True Faith and among the converts was the Prefect of Rome betrayed by a false disciple, Sebastian was led before Diocletian and at the Emperor's command was pierced with arrows and left for dead. God raised the Saint up again and he went before the Emperor to warn him to stay the persecution of the Church. Again sentenced to death, the Saint was beaten with clubs until he expired.

Wednesday, January 21.—St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr, was only twelve years old when she was led before the altar of Minerva in Rome and ordered to offer incense. In the midst of the idolatrous rites she raised her hands and made the sign of the Cross. After being subjected to torture and humiliation she was beheaded.

Thursday, January 22.—St. Vincent, martyr, was Archdeacon of Saragosa. Together with the Bishop Valerian he was brought before the tyrant Diocletian during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. The Bishop was sent into exile and Vincent remained to suffer and die. After severe tortures he was sent to prison to recover with the design of torturing him anew. However, before his wounds had healed he died.

Friday, January 23.—St. Raymond of Peñafort, was a distinguished teacher and member of the Spanish nobility. In the middle age he denounced all his honors to enter the order of St. Dominic. He labored throughout his life for the redemption of Christian captives and for the conversion of the infidels. Several miracles are credited to his intercession.

Saturday, January 24.—St. Timothy, Bishop and Martyr, was converted by St. Paul. In company with the latter, Timothy visited the cities of Asia Minor and Greece and was finally made Bishop of Ephesus where he won his martyr's crown.

First Catholic Ceremony of Kind Since Reformation

London, Jan. 5.—For the first time since the Reformation there was a civic procession to the Catholic Church at Durham on Sunday, when the Mayor, accompanied by the corporation, attended Mass. The Mayor, Councillor Holiday, is a Catholic.

It was the Mayor of Durham's refusal to attend an Anglican service that caused an outburst by the Dean of Durham recently. The Dean then suggested that a man who refused to go to the State church was lacking in patriotism.

This prompted a reference to patriotism by the preacher at the civic Mass on Sunday. Dr. Towers, of Ushaw College, said that patriotism and loyalty were not merely civic things. They were part of the Catholic's religion, and part of his service to God.

Bishop Amigo Recovers

London, Jan. 2.—Bishop Amigo, of Southwark, who has passed through a critical illness extending over several months, is now able to get about. He celebrated Mass this week for the first time in several months.

Priest Serves 50 Years in One Town

London, Jan. 1.—Fifty years in one town is the record of Father Walter Morris, of Cheadle. His parishioners gave him a check for \$500 to mark the anniversary. Father Morris, who is over-80 years of age, gave \$450 to the schools and \$50 to the church heating fund. He has been a member of the Board of Guardians for 40 years.

Campaign Planned By Bishop Kelley

Oklahoma City, Jan. 8.—An intensive missionary campaign during the present year has been announced in the first pastoral letter issued by the Rt. Rev. Francis C. Kelley, Bishop of Oklahoma.

The plan as outlined in the letter contemplates the following objectives:

"1. To reach every baptized Catholic in the Diocese, no matter where that person may be, with an invitation to fervor and loyalty for the Church established for his or her eternal salvation. For some this invitation will be an appeal to return to a lost fervor and loyalty, for others to increase both in their souls.

"2.—To reach every Catholic child with instruction in the Catechism, through personal contact with teachers if possible, but if that be impossible because of our vast territory and our scattered flock, to reach them with lessons and instructions through correspondence courses.

"3. To reach as many as possible of our separated brethren with a clear cut statement of Catholic truth, inviting them to consider the beauty and wealth of Catholic teaching and to see the Spouse of Christ as she is and not as her enemies have represented her to be."

To have general supervision of the campaign outlined for the year Bishop Kelley has appointed the Very Rev. R. Stevens of Enid as Vicar for Missions. The Rev. Thomas J. McNulty has been made Diocesan Director of Christian Instruction. Arrangements are now being made for five or more priests, some of them members of religious orders to deliver series of lectures and sermons in the various parishes of the diocese. While these priests are engaged in this work they will also make surveys of the various parishes and missions and report their findings on specially prepared printed forms. The committee which will prepare these forms is to be composed of laymen as well as ecclesiastics. Each pastor has been directed to name two delegates from his parish to attend the First Oklahoma Missionary Conference, which Bishop Kelley will convene at a date to be announced later. The pastors are asked to select as delegates "men or women deeply interested and able to give intelligent cooperation."

Absence of any manifestation of will is to be the primary characteristic of the missionary campaign as outlined by Bishop Kelley.

The keynote of all our missionary efforts under this plan must be insisted upon. It is kindness, the pastoral letter reads. "We must not answer abuse with abuse, nor rail with railing. That method is not Catholic because it is not Christian. Our separated brethren have been grossly deceived by men who benefited by making deception profitable. Non-Catholics have heard one side of the story and that presented with bitterness and by falsehood. The sublime virtue of patriotism has been used to make the deception all the greater. No wonder that many have fallen into the error of misjudging us. We must not hold this against sincere men and women. There must be no attempt at even the slightest reprisals in business or social life. There must be an end to the saying of harsh things. One remedy only may be effectually employed and that is the Charity of Christ, not only for our own sakes but for the sake of His Truth. I beg of you therefore to put all bitterness out of your hearts and bar it from re-entrance, not alone during the time allotted to prayer for our effort, but for all time."

French Court Holds New Year's Day Not A Local Holiday

Paris, Jan. 2.—The French Federation of Catholic Employees Syndicates has won a suit against the Prefect of Police of Paris, which came to trial before the Council of State. The suit concerned the observance of Sunday as a day of rest.

French law orders the closing of certain shops on Sunday but provides exceptions, and permits to open when granted merchants when Sunday be considered a local holiday.

The Prefect of Police, on the basis of the latitude thus allowed him, had signed a decree stating that shops might remain open when New Year's Day falls on Sunday. He considered New Year's day to be a local holiday.

A member of the Catholic Employees Syndicate attacked this decree before the Council of State, denying that New Year's Day could be considered a local holiday.

The Federation of Catholic Employees Syndicates intervened to support the case. The Council of State decided the suit in favor of the appellant and annulled the decree of the prefect. Hereafter, therefore, when New Year's Day falls on Sunday it will be a day of rest.

Court Sustains Convent in Suit Of Dismissed Girl

London, Jan. 5.—Sister Mechtilde, Superior of the Convent of Notre Dame at Northampton, has been sustained by the Court there in proceedings brought by the father of a girl who was dismissed from the convent school for carrying a letter written by another girl to a boy. The other girl was expelled also. The father sought an injunction to restrain Sister Mechtilde from refusing to admit his daughter.

On behalf of the daughter it was alleged that she did not know the character of the letter which she carried. This was denied by the writer of the letter, a girl of thirteen.

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