

Chicago Pilgrims To Rome Arrange Their Itinerary

(N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24.—The first Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome will be announced by Chicago Catholics...

The party, which provides for a minimum of 150 and a maximum of 500, plans to leave Chicago on the morning of July 2 for a 65 day trip...

Monseigneur Kiley and Father Harmon who will accompany the pilgrims as spiritual directors will arrange to say Mass for the pilgrims each day aboard the ship...

St. Louis University Med. School Ranked First by the R.O.T.C.

(N. C. W. C. News Service) St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—Among the medical and dental R.O.T.C. organizations of the universities of the country those of St. Louis University take first rank...

Out of a combined total of 843 students in St. Louis University's medical and dental departments there are 335 in the medical and 212 in the dental unit...

The first man to take advantage of the rule is James M. Epperly of Moberly, Mo., who graduated in 1923 and is now serving an internship at Denver in the general hospital...

Forty Pilgrim Trains To Leave Germany Despite Hard Times

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine.

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Cologne, Jan. 2.—Despite war, revolution, poverty and starvation, German Catholics are rising magnificently to respond to the call of the Holy Father to Rome for the Holy Year...

That all might gain the benefits of the Jubilee Year, organization work was taken up early in Germany whereby the poor as well as the rich might make the journey...

The Pontiff addressed a long speech in German to the pilgrims, declaring he was glad to welcome the first of the German contingents...

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Indiana's Senate Takes A Tolerant Religious Stand

Bill Prohibiting Any Person From Wearing A Religious Garb Or Emblem In The Public Schools Overwhelmingly Defeated

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—The proposal to prohibit any person from wearing a religious garb or emblem while teaching in the public schools was killed by the Indiana State Senate Wednesday by a vote of forty to six...

Importance attaches to the Senate's action on this measure since the bill was one of a series of "Americanization and education proposals fostered by Walter Hoesbert, Ku Klux Klan leader in Indiana...

Throughout the debate on the bill there were frequent statements from various Senators that the measure was aimed at the Catholic Church...

"I am a Presbyterian," Senator Moorhead said, "I belong to all the Masonic lodges and my great grandfather fought under General Washington..."

"I don't know what is behind this bill and I don't care. Of course, it has been touted all over the State as one of the Ku Klux Klan measures and we all learned something of the power of the Klan a few months ago..."

"I have a son who will be graduated from Purdue University in June," Senator Nejdil said, "and he wears a pin that was given to him by the Congregational Church of Whiting for not having missed attending Bible class for two years..."

A bill substantially identical with the defeated Sims measure has been introduced in the lower house of the State Legislature by Representative Clyde F. Cooper (Vigo County, Rep.)...

Throughout the debate there were frequent references to the political activities of the Ku Klux Klan and its alleged influence in one or the other of the two parties.

Extension Society Explains Second Step In Missions Crusade

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Announcement of the details of the second phase of the Catholic Church Extension Society's \$5,000,000 Endowment Fund campaign for the home missions is contained in an article by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William D. O'Brien, acting president of the Society...

The second phase seeks donations of \$1,000 each from 1,000 Catholic laymen for a Missionary Endowment Fund, to be handled, Monsignor O'Brien explains, as follows:

- "We ask one thousand Catholic gentlemen to give us \$1,000 each for a 'Missionary Endowment Fund.' The interest on \$1,000,000 at 6 percent is \$60,000. This \$60,000 divides into twelve funds of \$5,000 each. The interest on \$5,000 at 6 percent is \$300, and it takes exactly \$300 for the Extension Society at present to support a missionary priest in a locality where his Bishop testifies that he is not receiving a livelihood..."

"A few years ago we started giving a few missionary priests in each missionary diocese \$30 a month in cases where the Bishop of the diocese testified that the priests were not receiving a livelihood..."

"We could double the above list of subsidies and would then be granting all that are asked of us. We must do something to secure more support for poor priests in the missions and consequently we are asking one thousand Catholic laymen to give us \$1,000 each for a 'Missionary Endowment Fund' of \$1,000,000..."

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Dr. W. F. Barry, Dies Suddenly Woonsocket, R. I., Jan. 21.—Dr. William F. Barry, widely known physician and one of the most prominent Catholic laymen of Woonsocket, died Wednesday at Franklin, Mass., as a result of a heart attack suffered while he was talking with a friend after making a call on a patient...

Dr. Barry was born in Woonsocket in 1872, and was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore in 1892. He was an intern and house physician for some time at St. Joseph's Hospital, Providence, after which he began the practice of medicine here...

The Cost of Government Operation Of Railroads

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27, 1925.—A few days ago the United States Railroad Administration made known the total cost to the American people of the war-time operation of the railroads by the Government. The figure is \$1,674,590,000. In substance, this means that the taxpayers, as tax payers, were obliged to provide this sum of money on account of the Government taking over the operation of the railroads during the war...

The announcement of this enormous loss to the Government has been exploited by a number of the newspapers in such a way as to discredit the capacity of the Government to operate the railroads. A comparison of the losses which the Government incurred during the period when it operated the railroads, with the losses which it was obliged to make good during the six months of private operation immediately following, will show that this unfavorable inference is utterly without foundation...

According to this contract with the railroads, the Government was obliged to pay them a rental of \$945,000,000 per year. This was assumed to be the average annual profit of the roads in the three years, 1915-16-17. To be sure, this figure was sharply criticized, even by so conservative a man as Senator Cummins on the ground that it was exorbitant. However, Professor F. H. Dixon, a very high authority, declares "the bargain must be adjudged a fair one..."

The amount by which the railroads, during the twenty-six months of government operation, failed to earn this payment of \$945,000,000 per year was \$1,138,500,000. This was an average deficit of \$43,788,461 per month. When the railroads were returned to private operation, the Government undertook to guarantee them the difference, if any should occur, between the rental which they would have obtained from Government and their actual profits, for a period of six months. Now the deficit that actually occurred during these six months of private operation, was \$536,000,000. This was an average monthly deficit of \$89,333,333.33, as against a government operation monthly deficit of \$43,788,461. In other words, the operating loss incurred under private operation was more than twice as great per month as that occurring under the government operation...

It should be noted, moreover, that the railroad companies had the benefit of an increase in freight and passenger rates during this whole period of six months, while the Government enjoyed that advantage for only a little more than three-fourths of the time in which it operated the railroads. If governmental incapacity to manage railroads is to be proved, it will have to be established on some other basis than the losses incurred during the war and post-war periods...

Perhaps the fairest and most authoritative judgment upon the government war-time operation of the railroads, is that of Director-General Hines, who had held a very responsible position on a great railway system before he became the head of the United States Railroad Administration. Government operation, he says, "not only did not cost more than private control would have cost during the same period, but cost considerably less on account of the economies growing out of unifications, and the total burden upon the public (through rates and taxes) on account of railroad costs was substantially less than would have been necessary if the railroads had remained in private control and rates had been raised enough to preserve their credit; it protected the investment in railroad properties, whereas without federal control these investments would have been endangered and it turns the railroads back to private control functioning effectively, with a record of exceptional performance..."

well known. He was a member of the medical staff and a trustee of the Woonsocket Hospital, a past president of the Medical Society, president of the Rhode Island Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association.

In medical circles, Dr. Barry was

National Shrine Presents Unique Building Features

Washington, Jan. 23.—The remarkable size of the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, rapidly being completed here, and one of the striking, if not unique, architectural features of the great minister are brought out in a letter Dr. Bernard A. McKenna has received from R. Guastavino, president of the firm which is putting in the great vault of the crypt. Mr. Guastavino says: "The weight of the great arch when completed, including the floor construction, marble, and weight of the altar, which is 12 1/2 tons, and also allowing a live load for the public assembly will be very close to 1,600,000 pounds. To be more exact, the weight will be about 983,000 pounds. "The diagonal clear span of the groin, which is supported by four large columns, is 65 feet. These diagonal ribs have to carry practically all of the altar. It is considered a rather unusual problem, and I know of no other example existing here in this country, and I doubt very much if there is any abroad."

Paris, Jan. 19.—In a lecture delivered at the Catholic Institute of Paris on the missionary work of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, Brother Gordien, secretary-general of this Society, pointed out how the missionaries realize the surprise work of educating thousands and thousands of students of all races and all religions in distinctly religious schools, in peace and harmony unbroken by any incident. He also gave some interesting figures showing the number of souls led to the Faith by their influence, by their example and by the devotion of their apostolate. In the college of Saigon, last year, fifteen pupils in the first classes were presented for baptism. Fourteen were presented in Hanoi, sixteen in Hanoi, five in Hue and seven in the school at Phnom-Penh. As for the schools in Egypt, he gave the following statistics covering a period of fifteen years. Two hundred and forty adjuvations of Orthodox Copts; thirty-seven of Orthodox Syrians; twenty-four of Greeks, fifteen of Protestants, thirty-eight baptisms of Israelites and eight of Mohammedans.

Mission Schools Bringing Large Number To Faith

California Senate Resolution Seeks Uniform Divorce Law Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 22.—Action looking toward the establishment of an Inter-State commission to consider the feasibility of a uniform divorce code throughout the nation, is contemplated in a resolution introduced in the California State Senate. The resolution provides for creation of a commission to meet with a like commission or other authorized agency of all other States to consider the proposition of a uniform divorce law, and to report back to the next session of the State Legislature. The Resolution has been referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Marquette Graduate School Dean Wins Hospital Essay Prize Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 23.—Dr. Edward A. Fitzpatrick, dean of the Marquette University graduate school and educational director of the Marquette hospital college, has been awarded first prize in an essay competition on "The Interrelationships of Hospital and Community" conducted by "The Modern Hospital" magazine of Chicago. More than eighty prominent hospital, public health and social workers from all parts of the United States and from England and Canada participated. FORDHAM MAY PLAY CARROLL New York, Jan. 23.—Announcement has been made at Fordham University here that arrangements are virtually complete for a football game between Fordham and John Carroll University of Cleveland on Thanksgiving Day 1925. Carroll is one of the most powerful teams in the Middle West, and the contest would rank high as an inter-sectional test.

Bill To Remit Duty On Bells Washington, Jan. 23.—Senator Butler of Massachusetts has introduced a bill which would authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duty on a carillon of bells to be imported for the Church of Notre-Dame de Lourdes at Fall River, Mass. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Finance.

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