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schools, if you are not
able to wield the offensive
and defensive weapons of
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—Pope Pius X

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Anti-Religious Garb Bill Is Passed By Indiana House

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Indianapolis, Feb. 20.—A bill to prohibit teachers in the public schools from wearing distinctive religious garb was passed by the Indiana House of Representatives Tuesday by a roll call vote of 67 to 22. The bill which was introduced by Representative Cooper (Vigo County, Republican) differs only slightly from the Sims bill on which the State Senate several weeks ago voted for indefinite postponement. The difference lies in the fact that the Cooper bill refers to religious garb only, while the Sims bill proposed to prohibit the wearing of religious emblems as well.
Supporting his bill Representative Cooper declared that there are several counties in the State where Sisters are teaching in the public schools and wear their distinctive religious habits while so employed. He named Dearborn, Floyd, Warrick, Franklin, and Dubois counties. Representative Korff (Vanderburg County, Republican) attempted to block the Cooper measure by moving for indefinite postponement. His motion was defeated without a record vote. Representative Brenton A. Devol (Clinton County, Republican) opposed the Cooper bill on the ground that it would, in effect, prescribe a religious test for teachers.
"This bill is requiring a religious test for officers and teachers of the schools," Representative Devol said. "If this bill is constitutional we can say that a certain dress must be worn by teachers just as we here are saying that a certain dress can not be worn. We could say that before a teacher is permitted to teach she must wear silk gowns."

United Religious Effort to Close Up London Night Clubs

London, Feb. 17.—London's night clubs are to be legislated out of existence if Home Secretary Sir William Joynson-Hicks is as good as his word, given to a deputation which waited on him this week. Cardinal Bourne and the Westminster Catholic Federation were each represented among the hundred men and women, from twenty religious bodies, who saw the Home Secretary. The Anglican Bishop of London introduced the deputation.
"Haunts of sharks and loose women," "the resort of every kind of swindler and harp," "snares to trap the unwary," were some of the descriptions of night clubs submitted by the bishop.
"The police are working with one hand tied behind their backs," said the Home Secretary, who admitted that the law as it stands is not strong enough to deal with the problem. "I am quite as anxious as you are to get rid of this horrible excess on the life of London," he declared.
It is felt here that the authorities are at last going to make a determined effort to shut up the night clubs, and that new legislation which is likely to appear will be hole-proof.

Italian Court Bans Dancing During Holy Year

By Mgr. Enrico Pucci
(Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, Feb. 9.—The profound religious significance attributed to the Holy Year of Jubilee here is indicated by the decision that there will be no dancing at Italian Court functions during the year.
This decision became known when the first Court Reception was held recently. Following the reception there was a concert in the Royal Salon for about an hour, as is the custom. After the concert, had previous customs been observed, the Queen would have invited the guests to dance. Instead of doing this, however, Her Majesty remained chatting with the guests for half an hour and then dismissed them with polite remarks that during the Holy Year the Court will not dance.

New Door Opened In St. Peter's Owing To Holy Year Crowds

By Mgr. Enrico Pucci
(Rome Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Rome, Feb. 14.—The increasing size of the crowds which throng the Vatican Basilica on the occasions of important Papal functions—particularly in connection with the observance of the Holy Year of Jubilee—has necessitated cutting another door in the rear of the great structure. In order to avoid interference with the architectural beauties and symmetry of the Basilica, this new door has been cut through the base of a celebrated monument by Antonio Canova, a memorial to Pope Clement XIII. Care has, of course, been taken to avoid any injury to the monument itself.
The door thus created is near the apex of the Basilica and on the side opposite to the monument of Alexander VII by Bernini through which another door now opens. This latter door was the only one in the rear portion of the Basilica until the new one, referred to above, was opened.
Normally there are three great doors in the facade of St. Peter's. This year there are four, since the Holy Door is now open. These doors in the facade with the two mentioned in the posterior part of the Basilica are the only means of entrance and egress.
The new door gives access to a flight of a dozen steps just opposite the Sistine Chapel. Persons leaving through this door will find themselves in the vast Piazza di Santa Maria which extends around the apex of the Basilica.
There is nothing new in the practice of utilizing the base or other part of a monument for a doorway in St. Peter's. Besides the one in the memorial to Alexander VII there were several other such doors prior to the opening of the one through the monument to Clement XIII. A notable example is the door leading into the Sacristy which passes through a monument to Pius VIII. It should be remembered that the monuments in St. Peter's are cenotaphs and not tombs. The actual tombs of the Popes are in the Crypt of the Basilica.

Mother of Heir To Asquith's Title Is Roman Catholic

London, Feb. 17.—The heir to the peerage created for Herbert Asquith, ex-Premier, is a Catholic. It is believed. The heir presumptive to "Mr. Asquith's title of Earl of Oxford and Asquith" will be his grandson, Master Julian Asquith, whose mother was received into the Church a year or two ago. She is the widow of Mr. Asquith's son Raymond, who was killed in the Great War.
There has never been any announcement of Master Julian Asquith's religion. It does not follow that he is a Catholic because his mother is, but some newspapers state he is being brought up a Catholic.
It has not been possible to secure a direct statement from Mrs. Raymond Asquith.

Rare Vestment For American Priest

Paris, Feb. 14.—A very beautiful embroidered vestment which was greatly admired at the recent exposition of Religious Art in Paris, has been taken to the United States. It is intended for Father Ducharme, of Southbridge, Mass. It was made in the workshops under the direction of Mademoiselle Sabine Desvallieres, daughter of the great painter George Desvallieres.
The motif represents angels harvesting wheat, in which red poppies are mixed. The effect is obtained by pieces of satin and velvet, cut out and applied after the manner of ancient stained glass windows, and then embroidered.

Childless Couples Seek Divorce

London, Feb. 13.—"Divorce hardly ever occurs where there is a reasonable family," says Bishop Walfrong and then dismissed them with the remark that during the Holy Year the Court will not dance.

Attitude Of Irish Clergy On Coming General Election

By J. H. Cox
(Dublin Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Dublin, Feb. 17.—In the election-eering now rife all over the twenty-six Free State counties, Catholic clerics are intervening only on points that do not involve very acute party or personal issues. They are doing their best to dispel civic apathy, the symptoms of which were seen in the exceedingly small poll at some recent contests. Speaking at a recent meeting, Father Prior said it was almost criminal for serious citizens to abstain from voting.
Father Farrell P. P., of Aughrim, Wicklow County, has published his advice in a letter to the Press: "I do not attend public political meetings, and neither am I a member of any political organization; yet I will be pleased to give my moral support to an association selecting representatives of intellectual capacity and moral integrity, apart from their individual religious creeds or their past political views."
Other pastors have urged the electors to insist that public work—such as the very necessary work of drainage in low-lying places—shall be provided for the young manhood, which is in danger of being demoralized by enforced idleness.
Archbishop O'Donnell, the new Primate of All Ireland, has just declared that "the salve for Ireland's wounds is to make good-will active and mutual everywhere." He emphasized the importance of protecting the rights of the minorities, both in the North and in the South.
"Deplorable deeds," he said, "have been done very often through party or sectarian strife. Yet there is not a single section of the population that is not kind at heart. Nourishing strife is a poor occupation for a gifted race. Active good-will is always a duty. It is in the public interest that differences of opinion should be freely expressed, and Governments have a special obligation to protect the rights of minorities within their borders."
His Grace then instanced towns in the North-East where Catholics were nearly half of the population and where under the new system they have now no representation on the town councils, whereas previously they elected practically 50 per cent of the council members. Repeating his appeal for religious and political tolerance, the Primate concluded: "Let good-will reign North and South. Then we shall build well for progress and for freedom. We shall build for time and for eternity."

Marquette Far More Liberal Than Harvard

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 23.—"Non-Catholics compose about 49 per cent of the student body at Marquette university, as well as about 51 per cent of the faculty," states The Catholic Citizen, Milwaukee, in a recent issue. "Non-Catholics high in Masonry occupy high offices in the university. The business manager and several of the deans and many heads of departments are not Catholics. No bigotry there. Attention, Mr. J. J. Chapman, Tarrytown, N. Y., Mr. Chapman has protested violently against the election of one Catholic as a fellow of Harvard, the first in the school's history."

Medieval Chapel Restored To Church

London, Feb. 17.—A medieval chapel, long in Protestant hands, has been restored to Catholic use through the conversion of its owner, Mr. O. S. F. St. John.
Originally built in the early twelfth century by the Knights Hospitallers, the chapel, which is in Dismore, Herefordshire, was almost entirely rebuilt in 1370.
The Archbishop of Cardiff said Mass in the chapel this week, when he conferred Confirmation on Mr. and Mrs. St. John.
It is hoped that arrangements will be completed to celebrate Mass in the old chapel regularly.

English Catholics Eager For Extension Society In Britain

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
London, Feb. 12.—English Catholics are discussing enthusiastically the question of starting a Church Extension Society, since the suggestion was thrown out by Bishop Glanville, at the Birmingham reunion, that American Catholics had shown England how to solve her leakage problem.
The "Universe" this week devoted four columns to a description of the growth of the American movement. In this paper a writer shows that Church Extension in America has done its enormous work on less than four cents per head of Catholic population in the United States per year, and says that at the same rate English Catholics could contribute over \$83,000, a year for the building of small chapels wherever there are groups of Catholics to attend them.
There are 600 English towns with populations from 2,000 to 10,000 that have no Catholic churches.

Hibernian Ladies' Scholarship Again Open For Competition

Detroit, Feb. 20.—Announcement has been made by authorities of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Ancient Order of Hibernians, here that the L. A. A. O. H. Scholarship at Trinity College, Washington, D. C., will be available for a new student the next term at the college, beginning in September. An endowment of \$10,000 cares for the college years' tuition and board for the student, the particular group being the Chamber of Deputies, the Cardinal's letter reads:
"God cannot permit that such an abandonment of our traditions be days of Trinity, which has become one of the best Catholic colleges for women in the country. The examination will be held some time in May and independent enough to place the student in the country. The examination may be obtained from Sister Florence Louise, Trinity College, Michigan Avenue, Washington, D. C. Competitors for the scholarship must have been members in good standing for at least one year in the Auxiliary in the United States or Canada."

Irish Church Art Repository Of Nation

Dublin, Feb. 13.—At the blessing of the remarkable new organ in St. Fin Barr's Church in Cork, Father Leonard O.S.F.C. reminded the large gathering of the artistic treasures that the Irish Church has accumulated for the nation. The churches of the country were, he said, shrines of fine paintings, artistic embroidery, rare cut glass, and exquisite work in the precious metals.
"If you turn towards the altar of this old and historic church of St. Fin Barr," he added, "you will see there a piece of sculpture that connoisseurs come from all parts of the world to admire and appreciate."
This was a reference to Hogan's famous figure of the dead Christ, an artistic masterpiece of the nineteenth century.

Vicar Rocks Baby In Cradle Placed In Anglican Church

London, Feb. 12.—A cradle placed inside the altar rails was rocked by the vicar at a quiet ceremony in the village church (Anglican) of Blidworth, Mansfield, on Sunday.
The custom dates back to the thirteenth century, it is stated, and was revived in Mansfield three years ago.
The baby, chosen for the honor of being rocked in public is the child most recently born in the neighborhood.
The ceremony symbolizes the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple.

Bill Permitting Only Christians To Teach Tabled

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—The lower House of the State Legislature has tabled a bill which would have barred all non-Christians from teaching in the public schools of Tennessee. Under the terms of the bill, the county school boards would have been prohibited from employing persons who "do not believe in God" and the Deity of His Son, Jesus Christ.

French Cardinals Protest To Herriot

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
Paris, Feb. 17.—Premier Herriot's anti-clerical policies, notably his move to suppress the French Embassy to the Vatican, have drawn another solemn protest from the French Cardinals. An open letter to M. Herriot, signed by Cardinals Luçon, Andrieu, Dubois, Maurin, Charost, and Touchet, expresses the hope that the Senate will not approve the action of the Chamber of Deputies in eliminating the credits necessary for maintenance of the Embassy at Rome, and criticizes this roundabout method of discontinuing diplomatic relations if such a discontinuance is desired. The letter reads in part:
"The suppression of any embassy is an extremely grave thing. In this instance what are the motives? Was it not the French government which took the initiative in the re-establishment of official relations with Rome? What work, what act, what measure of the Holy See can be the excuse for the decision now taken? And to decide upon such a step without official notice, was it not a regrettable wrong? It is the first time, we believe, that a similar act has been registered in the annals of diplomacy. Rules exist by which governments and chancelleries have never heretofore ceased scrupulously to observe. Why should France be the first to depart from them?"
Expressing the hope that the Senate will not concur in the action of the Chamber of Deputies, the Cardinals' letter reads:
"God cannot permit that such an abandonment of our traditions be days of Trinity, which has become one of the best Catholic colleges for women in the country. The examination will be held some time in May and independent enough to place the student in the country. The examination may be obtained from Sister Florence Louise, Trinity College, Michigan Avenue, Washington, D. C. Competitors for the scholarship must have been members in good standing for at least one year in the Auxiliary in the United States or Canada."

Knights Of Columbus Head Accepts Place On Music Week Body

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
New York, Feb. 20.—James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, has accepted membership on the National Music Week Committee which is sponsoring the observance of the week beginning the first Sunday in May as a period set apart to stimulate public interest in music.
The National Music Week Committee, which has its headquarters at 45 West 45th St., includes representatives of most of the larger fraternal, patriotic, and civic organizations of the country. The honorary committee sponsoring the movement is headed by President Coolidge and includes the the Governors of forty States.

Gen. Bullard Joins Calvert Associates

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
New York, Feb. 17.—Major General Robert Lee Bullard, who recently retired from the U. S. Army, was elected a member of the board of directors of the Calvert Associates, Inc., publishers of the "Commonwealth" at a meeting of the board held today.
In electing General Bullard, who is a Catholic, to the directorate of the "Commonwealth," which is a weekly publication promoted by prominent Catholic laymen, the members of the board announced that they had enlisted the services of one of the most prominent exponents of Americanism in the country. General Bullard is expected to act also in an advisory capacity while on the board.

Divorce Champions Active In Ireland

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
Dublin, Feb. 13.—Already a small but active group is attacking the Bill proposed to disallow the introduction of private Bills for the purpose of divorce. In the absence of such bills divorce becomes impossible, the law courts having no power to grant separation with the right to re-marry.
The divorce champions are raising two points. First, they argue that under the Treaty of London the Irish authorities have no power to refuse divorce to those legitimately seeking it. Secondly, they say that the observance of Catholic marriage doctrine is being imposed on Protestants.
Both points are easily met. Under the Treaty the Irish people have full legislative control of Irish affairs. From the public standpoint there is no question of doctrine. It is simply a matter of public order and morality.
Every self-governing state must legislate for the well-being of the citizens. From ordinary observation of the ravages of divorce, it is scarcely sane to say that it operates in the social interest.

Johannes Jung, Hero Of Kulturkampf Days Dies At Rommersheim

(By N. C. W. C. News Service).
Cologne, Feb. 11.—The last of the Trier martyrs and confessors who were victims of the infamous Kulturkampf has just died and been buried at Rommersheim, near Trier.
He was the aged dean and pastor Johannes Jung, who was parish priest at Ponsfeld in 1873. When Prussian law forbade the performance of Catholic pastoral duties, he disguised himself as a peasant at night to see Mass and administer the Sacraments to his flock, and in the daytime hid himself. On six occasions he was arrested and imprisoned for these heroic deeds.
At last he was expelled from the country, and went to England, where many of the exiled German priests already had found refuge. The German Catholics at Hull gave him a kindly welcome, and he worked among them nine years, until he was called back to Trier at the end of the Kulturkampf. He received amnesty for the eighteen months' imprisonment he was still to serve. Appointed pastor of Rommersheim, he continued in that post until his death.

New York Communists Seek To Block Move To Teach Religion

New York, Feb. 16.—Petitions protesting against the attempt to use moral coercion in forcing children attending the public schools at Greater New York to participate in religious instruction under the control of the organized Churches, were circulated at a meeting of workers in the Labor Temple here yesterday. About five hundred persons were present.
The speakers included Ludwig Lore, editor of the Volkszeitung, a German Communist daily; Mrs. Lily Lore; Julia Stiner, "Poetry of the Workers' Party"; Paul Schneider, a German Communist; Anna Louise Stinson, author of a book on Soviet Russia; and Joseph Lewis, President of the New York Free Thinkers' Society.
Current proposals looking toward the religious instruction of public schools, and those of others presently identified with the movement for religious education, were filed.

Bill For Religious Teaching Introduced In Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—Provision for religious instruction of children in the public schools of the State would be made under the terms of a bill introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by Representative W. C. Harer of Lycoming. School Principals would be required to excuse children for religious instruction upon the application of parents or guardians.
School directors would be allowed to select the hours at which the children might be excused, and it is specified that no expense to the public is to be incurred.