

Irish Protestant Bishops Give Way Under Pressure

Dublin, March 20.—The Invertebrate attitude of the Protestant hierarchy towards vital matters of principle is dismaying to many of their own flock. Despite the combined resistance of the various Protestant sects in North-East Ireland to the Belfast Government's Education Act, which makes religious instruction a dead letter, the Protestant Primate, Dr. D'Arcy, who is prelate of Armagh, has suddenly given way and expressed the opinion that the Act should be accepted.

Catholics Warned Not To Merit Name of "Devout Sectarians"

Youngstown, Ohio, March 17.—"We Catholics keep ourselves to ourselves in what the late Monsignor Hugh Benson called devout sectarianism," says an article in the immaculate Conception parish magazine signed by Rev. John R. Keiny, pastor and Rev. Neal McLaughlin, assistant.

St. Edward Becomes University

Austin, Texas, March 20.—A new charter has been procured for St. Edward's College renaming it St. Edward's University and broadening its powers, the Very Reverend Matthew Schumacher, C.S.C., president of St. Edward's, has announced. The new status will enable the institution to carry through the expansion program begun four years ago.

Bishop's Suggestion For Religious Side Of Summer Camp Life

Cleveland, March 16.—At a loss for a religious program for boys who will attend the summer camp of the Knights of Columbus in this vicinity, officials of the three local councils asked Rt. Rev. Joseph Schrembs of Cleveland diocese to give them one. The following is what the bishop suggested as a guide for the spiritual life of the youngsters:

Adm. Benson's Plea For Bigger Merchant Marine Is Broadcast

Chicago, March 18.—A plea for an American merchant marine, made by Rear Admiral William S. Benson, U. S. N., retired, at the St. Patrick's banquet of the Irish Fellowship Club, was broadcast to the entire west over station KYW. Admiral Benson is head of the National Council of Catholic Men.

Proof That Catholics Were Discriminated Against In Germany

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine. (By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, March 9.—A spirited little exchange in the Prussian Landtag has served to give a Catholic deputy a victory in debate and at the same time call forcibly to attention the fact that German Catholics were heavily persecuted before the arrival of the Republic.

The Protestant Archbishop of Dublin has been cutting an equally pathetic figure. Although Irish Protestants, as a body, have no consuming desire for divorce facilities, there is an influential group which defends divorce because it is a British institution. The Protestant University, Trinity College, typifies that outlook. The divorce group has obliged Dr. Gregg, the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin, to become its mouthpiece. Dealing with the subject in St. Patrick's Cathedral, he betrayed extreme awkwardness in his effort to fall in with the group's view without impairing his place as a Catholic.

"This is natural, but it is not supernatural. It may be Americanism, it may be Hibernianism, but it is not Catholic; it is unworthy of the Church, with its divine mission. Great opportunities are sliding by. Non-Catholics are curious and very often willing to attend this church, when asked. It is the asking that is so rare.

"Our impression is that non-Catholics feel shy and diffident about coming even to funerals in this church; they seem afraid of acting awkwardly. Very frankly let us declare, after fifteen years' observation, the non-Catholics who have 'dropped in' have always been ladies and gentlemen.

Fr. Sanson's First Sermon An Appeal To Unbelievers

Paris, March 14.—The first Lenten sermon of Father Sanson, of the Oratory, who succeeds Father Janvier in the pulpit of Notre Dame was a real event in the life of Paris. The sermon was announced for five o'clock. In the middle of the afternoon the crowds began to assemble on the square in front of the Cathedral and at the beginning of the service not only the vast nave but the two sides of the church were packed.

Friend Of Herriot Suffers Defeat In Luxemburg Election

Luxemburg, March 12.—The general elections for the renewal of the Chamber of Deputies held March 1, in which the Catholics maintained themselves, was a sore defeat to a friend of Premier Herriot of France. The elections were made necessary by the dissolution of the Assembly which, composed of forty-eight members, found itself equally divided on the subject of economic relations with Belgium.

"Only about 20 per cent of the American shipping today is carried by American ships," the admiral said. "The bulk of the shipping has been taken over by England, Japan, France and the Scandinavian countries, because of their cheaper operation."

"Our Seaman's act, while it gives our sailors advantages and living comforts far above those of the other nations, at the same time increases the cost of operation of our ships. There is no thought of lowering the standards of the American sailors, but we must in some manner give preferential rates and better service to meet competition. We cannot expect higher rates just through patriotism if they are to meet competition they must trade on a business, rather than a patriotic basis."

"While a merchant marine is most desirable in peace time, it is indispensable in war time. It is a most important line of national defence. In case foreign wars should tie up the ships of those other countries, our trade would rot for lack of transportation facilities.

Card. Dubois Grants Audience To Foreign Catholic Students

Paris, Mar. 13.—Cardinal Dubois has granted an audience to the Foreign Catholic students now studying in the capital. More than twenty nations were represented, including several Americans.

"Church Of Finger", Noted Breton Shrine Destroyed By Fire

Paris, March 14.—The magnificent church of the little town of Saint Jean du Doigt (literally Saint John of the Finger) 20 kilometers from Morlaix, in Brittany has been destroyed by fire. This church, which dated from the Sixteenth Century, was a jewel of gothic architecture. It was classed as a historical monument. It also possessed an admirable spire 50 meters high.

Belfast Protestants Want Their Religion Favored In Schools

Dublin, March 20.—Shaken by the determination of the people, the Belfast Government is understood to be preparing an Amendment Act to meet objections raised to its Godless Education law. It is not improbable that in making the rectification a more sinister injustice will be committed—this time at sole expense of the Catholic community.

Montclair Women Introduce Father Conway To Public

Montclair, N. J., March 17.—The Study Club movement being fostered by the local branch of the National Council of Catholic Women has taken an unusual turn in this town. The Parish Council has been obtaining speakers for its meetings whenever possible. Lately it was able to obtain Father Bertrand L. Conway, of the Paulist Fathers, for a series of addresses. Immediately the plan was evolved to have the speaker given in Hillside Auditorium, rather than in the parish hall, and to invite the public. As a result, the attendance has been good, and the paper printed two columns of excerpts from Father Conway's last address on "Catholics, One Hundred Per Cent Americans."

The Cardinal, who had returned the day before from Rome, was in the chance with the auxiliary bishops and the chapter. Despite the size of the crowd, the words of the preacher, falling into the absolute silence maintained by his listeners, carried to every part of the vast edifice, and his eloquence was equal to the expectation which it had aroused. One of the most noted passages of his sermon was an appeal to the unbeliever, to him who "flutters in his incredulity."

Cuban Government Ignores Clergy In "Maine" Ceremonies

Havana, March 18.—Each year, on the anniversary of the sinking of the battleship "Maine" in Havana harbor in 1898, there has been held here a ceremony commemorating the tragedy and paying tribute to the men whose lives were lost. This year, for the first time, the Cuban government had charge of the observance, which included the dedication of a government-erected monument to the victims of the explosion. For the first time also, no member of the Catholic clergy was invited to take part to lend a religious air to the ceremonies.

"We have about 300 merchant ships now engaged actively in trade along the principal trade routes but we must have more, not only to take care of our shipping at all times, but also as a bulwark to our national defense in time of war."

Sacramental Wine Measure In Colorado "Amended To Death"

Denver, March 14.—Legislation intended to restrict or abolish the use of sacramental wine in Colorado has apparently been amended to death and there is little likelihood that a serious effort will be made to put the bills through before the adjournment of the Legislature. The bills have now been amended to permit congregations to acquire limited quantities of wine which quantities would total several times the amounts now actually used. Commenting on this phase of the situation the Denver Catholic Register says:

Much significance must be attached to the fact that Lord Londonderry has just received a deputation from the County Grand Orange Lodge of Belfast, which submitted a series of resolutions asserting that the Education law "seriously impeded the Protestant religion," and demanding amendment. As the Minister for Education his lordship listened most respectfully. The Orange resolutions made it clear that they want the Protestant religion propagated through the schools to the practical exclusion of Catholicism. Already the law is, in practice, a penal code against Catholic schools, none of which has been transferred by the Catholic hierarchy to the secularized committees which the law has created.

Buffalo Catholic Women Report Much Good Work In Year

Buffalo, March 17.—The fifth annual convention of the Buffalo Council of the National Council of Catholic Women was held in Buffalo at the Hotel Statler on Thursday. There were present delegates from surrounding towns and cities and the meeting was marked by a live enthusiasm and fine sense of the growing knowledge among Catholic women of the power for good which their organizations have become.

New Cathedral And Jesuit College For Oklahoma City

Oklahoma City, March 20.—A new Jesuit College is to be established in this city according to an announcement authorized by Bishop Kelley here during the past week. It is said the approbation of the Pope has been received for this project by the Jesuits of the New Orleans Province. Land adjacent to Bishop's Kelley's residence has been acquired for the purpose of erecting a high school. Pending completion of the building, classes are to be held in the Bishop's House. When a high school has been in operation long enough to provide a Freshman class for the proposed College, that institution will be opened.

"As for your trouble, believe me, I have suffered from it to such a point that it was the first reason for my acceptance of the heavy task which the father of the diocese has placed on my shoulders. Your anxiety has been my anxiety and this is why, in the face of this sympathy which I ask you to believe sincere, you will not, I am sure, obstinately close your soul to a word which has no other object than to try the truth and help you recognize that the sorrowful anguish which you feel is but groping in the darkness, the search for the light for the one necessity proclaimed by Christ as the essential law of all human development."

"Our young French Catholics, in turn, are coming to see each day more and more foreign brothers. Not only do these latter furnish them with many opportunities for the practice of spiritual, or intellectual, or even material charity, but they have revealed to them the wealth never known to them before, of their various civilizations and have translated before their eyes, the reality of the great problems of the union of the churches and the conversion of pagans. Their presence has also revealed the solidarity which History has created among men who have long been separated from each other by their language, their culture and political barriers. They see in all the fecundity of its strength, that Catholic unity which excludes no legitimate diversity and assembles in one heart the genius of all nations, stimulating all and far from oppressing them, rather permitting them, by mutual intercourse to burn, generally, with a brighter light and, by communication with each other, to spread new and beneficent clarity throughout the world."

Madagascar Shows Healthy Catholic Growth In 10 Years

Tananarive, Madagascar, March 6.—Msgr. de Saune, Apostolic of Tananarive has just celebrated the jubilee of his apostolic consecration. The missionary bulletins have taken this opportunity to describe the progress of Catholicism in his vicariate, which has been entrusted to the Jesuits.

Holy Year Medals To Be Awarded

Rome, March 13.—The Central Committee for the Holy Year has been authorized to confer a medal and a special diploma on those persons or institutions which have distinguished themselves in working for the success of the Holy Year.

Religious Congress To Be Held In Geneva

New York, March 20.—Leaders of eleven religious faiths will be invited to attend an international religious congress at Geneva in August, 1928, to discuss means of attaining world peace. It has been announced here by trustees of the Church Peace Union. The congress will last fifteen days.

Tornado Sufferers Offered N. C. C. W. Community House

East St. Louis, Ill., March 20.—Miss Catherine Brenneck, secretary of the Community House maintained here by the National Council of Catholic Women, has offered the building and its resources and the services of herself and her staff of assistants for the relief of those injured or rendered homeless by the tornado which devastated so many towns of the Middle-West.

Dr. Hynes, St. Xavier Alumni President Dies In Brooklyn

Brooklyn, March 20.—Dr. Edward G. Hynes, prominent Brooklyn physician and surgeon and widely known Catholic layman, died at his home here Saturday following an attack of acute indigestion.

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Since 1915 the number of seminarians has advanced from 15 to 51; the number of Catholics baptized from 75,000 to 111,000; the number of churches and chapels from 351 to 506; the schools from 79 to 120; and the number of students enrolled from 7,400 to 12,380. The number of baptisms has increased from 2,164 to 4,150; the number of confessions from 358,000 to 635,000 and that of communions from 752,000 to 1,310,000. This year will witness the ordination of the nine first Malgache priests.