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Millerand Assails Herriot's Policy Towards Vatican

By M. Massiani (Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Paris, March 14.—In a striking political speech delivered at Marseilles, M. Millerand, former President of the Republic, praised governments which, like the American government, attribute to religious sentiment a moral force which cannot rightly be disregarded.

It was at Marseilles that a crowd composed of the dregs of the populace, led on by anti-clerical agitators, assassinated, a few weeks ago, some Catholics on their way to attend a meeting presided over by General de Castelnau and wounded several hundred others. The socialists flattered themselves that this violence would intimidate ex-President Millerand and prevent him from going to preside at a propaganda banquet organized by the National Republican League of which he is the founder. But warned by the sanguinary events of last month, M. Millerand's friends had taken defensive measures and the police had been mobilized to insure respect for order.

M. Millerand's speech had for its essential object the criticism of the policy pursued by the Left Bloc and by the Herriot Cabinet. In this criticism a long passage was devoted to the suppression of the Vatican Embassy.

"Improper and Unjustified" Millerand's View

"This rupture," he said, "was improper and unjustified. Improper because I have never known a case in diplomatic custom where a government which had accredited an ambassador to another government would break relations with this government and recall the ambassador without having first formulated demands and opened negotiations to justify its action. I do not suppose that because it is a government without material form, reigning only over consciences, the Government of the Republic which makes it a proudful of powers that are weak, should feel that it is dispensed from such respect in this case. For you may read the whole discussion which took place, and you will find, I shall not say no reason, but no pretext."

"The impression caused by this rupture abroad is deplorable. I am not thinking only of our Catholic friends in Belgium and Canada, to mention but these two examples; I am thinking of our American and English friends who, although they do not belong in a majority to the Catholic faith, know, nevertheless, that religious sentiment is a moral force which no government has the right to defy (prolonged applause)."

"If the impression abroad has been deplorable, you know what it has been at home. The measure has appeared—it could not appear otherwise—as a provocation against Catholics."

M. Millerand emphasized the fact that the impression would particularly be unfavorable in Alsace-Lorraine, "the part of France which should be surrounded with the greatest affection and solicitude because for half a century it was separated from the Mother Country."

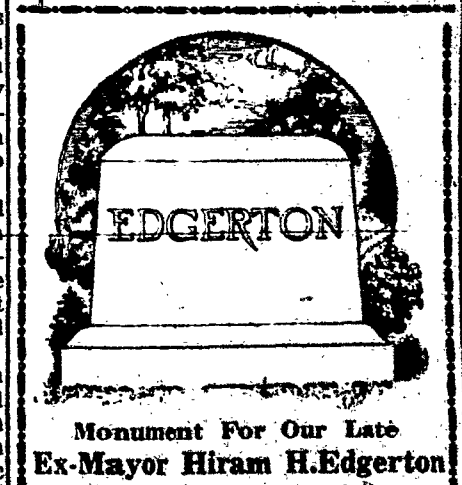
Assailants of Priest Punished Thanks to the testimony given by several policemen, it has been possible to ascertain that two of the manifestants arrested during the anti-Catholic skirmish in Marseilles were the ones who attacked a priest, Abbe Chauvet, who received several violent blows with a cane while on his way back to his rectory after attending the meeting of the Catholic League.

One of the aggressors was a physician, Dr. Closon, a militant member of the Communist party. The other was an Italian barber. The court sentenced the doctor to four months in prison and the Italian colporteur to eight months.

A lawyer, a socialist general councillor of Marseilles, was also sentenced to three months in prison for his participation in the fight.

Knights Of Columbus And Pythians Dance

Corning, Ia., March 16.—An example of the spirit of fraternity was shown here a few nights ago when members of the local Knights of Pythias and Knights of Columbus lodges got together for a dancing party. The event was such a success that another family party between the two societies is scheduled.



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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, March 29.—Sts. Jonas, Barachisus and their Companions, martyrs, were executed after horrible tortures during the reign of Sapor, King of Persia. They had refused to obey the orders of the King to worship the official Persian gods.

Monday, March 30.—St. John Climacus was so noted for his learning that while still very young he was called the "Scholastic". In order to perfect himself in the study of the lives and writings of the Saints, he retired to Mt. Sinai. At the age of seventy-six he was made Abbot of Mt. Sinai. The most of his many writings is called the "Climax, or Ladder of Perfection."

Tuesday, March 31.—St. Benjamin, deacon and martyr, was one of those who suffered martyrdom under the Persian King Varana, grandson of Sapor III. The Saint was imprisoned for a year and then released with the admonition not to speak again of religion. When he ignored this order, he was tortured and finally executed.

Wednesday, April 1.—St. Hugh, Bishop of Grenoble, was fortunate in receiving from his earliest years the strongest impressions of piety by the example and care of his parents. His father, late in life, became a Carthusian monk after a long and honorable career as an officer in the army. St. Hugh was chosen Bishop of Grenoble but resigned after two years and entered the austere Abbey of Casadeil in Auvergne. He lived there for a year until he was commanded by the Pope to resume his episcopal charge. He sought permission from the Holy See again to resign his Bishopric and take up a solitary life but this permission was never granted. The Saint died in 1132, and was canonized two years later.

Thursday, April 2.—St. Francis of Paula, left his home in Calabria to take up the life of a hermit. He established the organization known as the "Minims", so-called to indicate that they were the most austere of the monastic orders. Their members observed a Lenten fast perpetually. St. Francis is credited with having worked many miracles. He died at the age of 91 on Good Friday, 1507.

Friday, April 3.—St. Richard of Chichester, refused wealth and an offer of a brilliant marriage in order to study for the religious life at Oxford. He became Chancellor of the Diocese of Canterbury. Notwithstanding the opposition of King Henry III, the Saint was elected Bishop of Chichester and he governed this See with great wisdom. Under his rule many reforms were effected. He died in 1253 while engaged in preaching a Crusade against the Saracens.

Saturday, April 4.—St. Isidore, Archbishop, was a member of a Ducal family of Cartagena in Spain. He succeeded his brother Leander in the archiepiscopal see of Seville and was remarkably successful in his battles against the Arian heresy. He died in Seville in 636 and was declared a Doctor of the Church within sixteen years of his death. His two brothers and his sister Florentina also are saints.

Relic Of St. Patrick For New York Church

New York, March 20.—A relic of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland has been received here by the Rev. T. E. Gilmartin, Rector of Sts. Peter and Paul, from Cardinal Lega in Rome.

To celebrate the acquisition of the relic a solemn triduum was held in Father Gilmartin's church ending on St. Patrick's Day.

DEATHS

Elman—Joseph P. Elman, of No. 288 Reynolds street, died March 22, at the Highland Hospital, aged 46 years. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church, March 26.

Weber—Mrs. Martin Weber died March 24, at the family residence, No. 817 Meigs street, aged 85 years. Funeral from St. Boniface Church, March 27.

Osburn—Mrs. Kathryn FitzGerald Osburn, wife of Robert J. Osburn, of Cedar wood terrace, died March 22, at the Rochester General Hospital. Funeral from St. Thomas Aquinas Church, March 28.

Royal—Frank Royal of No. 48 Winans street, died March 21, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral from Sacred Heart Church March 24.

De Clercq—Mrs. Emile De Clercq died March 23, aged 66 years. Funeral from Our Lady of Victory Church March 25.

Hannah—David J. Hannah died in Detroit, Mich., March 19. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church, this city, March 23.

Cullen—James Cullen died March 20, at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 73 years. Funeral from Holy Apostles Church, March 23.

Lussier—Mrs. Kathryn Lussier wife of Leo F. Lussier, died March 19, at the family home, No. 40 Rowley street. Funeral from the Blessed Sacrament Church, March 21.

Corcoran—Timothy Corcoran died March 19, in this city. Funeral from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, March 23.

Remmel—Frederick F. Remmel died at his home, No. 180 Kenwood avenue, March 20. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, March 23.

Deaths of the Week

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

Haran—Patrick Henry Haran died March 26, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Clarke, No. 271 Jefferson avenue. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church March 28.

Kearns—Gordon B. Kearns died March 25th, at his home, No. 323 Wilder street, aged 3 years. Funeral from St. Peter and Paul's Church, March 28.

Wheeler—Herbert L. Wheeler died at his home, No. 134 Allen street, March 26, in his 60th year. Funeral from the Cathedral, March 28.

Dady—Mrs. Mary Smith Dady, wife of Thomas F. Dady, died March 21, at the family home, No. 519 Plymouth avenue south. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church, March 24.

Roth—Mary Bauer Roth, wife of Eugene Roth, died at the home, No. 20 Bremen street, March 22, aged 43 years. Funeral from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, March 25.

Reisinger—Joseph Reisinger died March 22, aged 28 years. Funeral from St. Francis Xavier Church, March 24.

The funeral of Richard B. Welch, of No. 98 Thorndale terrace, who was killed by a train at the Hague street crossing of the New York Central Railroad on Sunday evening, March 15, was held Friday morning, March 20 from St. Augustine's Church, where solemn high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Edward M. Lyons. The active bearers were, Ernest Reynolds, John Thompson, George Trott, Otto Wabst, James Mallin and George McConnell. During the late World war, Mr. Welch served with the 131st Infantry of the Thirty-third Division, A. E. F., and was severely wounded with shrapnel during the Second Battle of the Marne. The following members of the Engineers' Post, No. 445, American Legion composed the firing squad: Commander John Kelly, R. A. Sutherland, E. Ferrick, E. Kelly, R. Gromet, E. Close and E. Pope. Bugler S. DeFrancisco sounded "Taps" at the close of the committal service at the grave which was conducted by Rev. John Hogan, chaplain of St. Ann's Home for the Aged.

Spies—Mrs. Eva Stauder Spies, wife of Frank Spies, died March 23, at the home, No. 103 High street, aged 46 years. Funeral from St. Francis Xavier Church, March 26.

Hargather—Mary H. Lane Hargather, wife of William G. Hargather, died at the family residence, No. 37 Brayer street, March 25. Funeral March 27, interment in the family lot at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

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Soviet's Scheme To Force Priests Out Of Russia

Rome, March 13.—The Vatican has been informed of what seems to be a new Soviet scheme to drive all the Catholic clergy out of Russia by subterfuge.

Apparently the plan of the Bolshevik authorities is to expel the priests simply by arresting them on some pretext and then exchanging them for Soviet prisoners held by Poland. Thus they probably hope they will accomplish the double purpose of driving out the Catholic clergy without creating indignation among the nations by actually expelling them, and at the same time obtaining the release and return to Russia of their own Bolshevik captives now held prisoner outside the country.

Recently arrests and later exchanges of Catholic priests were reported. Now arrests have been made against other priests.

Fathers Maciej Szymanski, Marjan Jedruszak and Felix Lubyszynski, among others, have been clapped into the prison "GPK" at Kamienietz after being arrested at Kamienietz-Podolski. At Dombasa the Soviet authorities have brought legal action against the Catholic rector on the pretext that boys who have not attained their majority serve the Mass and that some youths have been "taught to confess" the religion. Father Anthony Niska has been arrested at Chmielnik and interned in the prison of Winnica.

Father Mewinski, rector at Winnica, has been questioned several times by the Bolshevik authorities and has been threatened with arrest.

These arrests, suddenly become so numerous, make it appear that it is the intention of the Soviet leaders ultimately to put every Catholic priest across the Russian borders.

Priests arriving at Warsaw after being exchanged for Russian prisoners in Poland have been received with the warmest sympathy by the Polish nation.

A large reception was given by the Commercial Association in honor of the liberated priests. Among the guests were many persons of note formerly members of the old Polish colony at Petrograd. Sokol, the Polish Catholic gymnastic association, took a prominent part in honoring the priests, a choir of pupils from the Lyceum sang and an orchestra played.

Monsignor de Ropp, Archbishop of Mohilaw, an exchanged prisoner, and Father Juniewicz, who was a prisoner at the "Butyrki" prison, spoke, the giving a recital of the life of the prisoners in Russian prisons, the attitude for the honor and sympathy shown them, the assembly voted to send a message of homage to the Holy Father and another to the President of the Polish Republic thanking the Polish Government for taking the measures that resulted in their release. M. Pniow, rector of the gathering.

Exchanged priests who were in the imprisonment were: American and Chodniawicz, a priest of the "Kolesa" in the city of Genesee; Father Stanislaw, a priest of the "Kolesa" in the city of Genesee; Father Stanislaw, a priest of the "Kolesa" in the city of Genesee; Father Stanislaw, a priest of the "Kolesa" in the city of Genesee.

Immigration Review Board Reversed When Case Goes To Court

New York, March 20.—The Secretary of Labor's Immigration Board of Review has been reversed in a decision just rendered here. As a result a young girl immigrant about to be deported as "likely to become a public charge" in spite of assurances that she would be cared for, is now happily married and planning a home here.

The girl was saved, however, only after the extraordinary expedient of taking the case to court. The N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration at Washington had protested the Board's decision as inhumane and unjust, but its plea had been denied.

The case is that of Eulalia Martinez, a young woman coming to this country to be married to a fellow countryman. Upon her arrival the immigration authorities declared that her fiancé was in the United States illegally and should be deported. Thereupon, in order that the girl might not be classed as "likely to become a public charge", a wealthy married uncle of the fiancé offered to provide her a home and see that she obtained employment until the young man could go abroad, regularize his admission and return. This assurance was presented to the Board by the N. C. W. C. Bureau, but the girl nevertheless was ordered sent back as likely to become a public charge.

Deportation was finally halted only on a writ of habeas corpus in a court here. Judge Knox has now upheld the immigrant's contention and she has been admitted.

Immediately after winning the month-long fight, the couple hurried away to be married. They are now planning for their future home here.

Father Sanson New Notre Dame Lenten Preacher In Paris

Paris, March 14.—On Quinquagesima Sunday the pulpit of Notre Dame will be occupied for the first time by Father Sanson, who succeeds Father Janvier, the famous preacher of Lenten sermons for 23 years who recently resigned because of failing health. Among the sermons preached by the famous Dominican during this long period there is not a single repetition. They form a homogeneous and methodical whole and furnish a detailed exposition of Christian ethics.

This explanation was given every Sunday at the one o'clock Mass before thousands and thousands of listeners, the cathedral being reserved for men exclusively during these sermons. Father Sanson desires to preach above all for the benefit of unbelievers. He announces that the theme of his sermons will be "Human Anxiety in Face of the Problems of Existence and Future Life."

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Missionary Campaign In Oklahoma Yields Gratifying Results

Oklahoma, City, Okla., March 20.—Forty-two missions held, 155 converts, 432 recitations, nearly 35,000 Communions and 25 marriages testified, is the record of an intensive missionary campaign which has been waged in Oklahoma through January and February. A report on the work has just been issued by Dean Renler Stevens, Vicar of Missions in Oklahoma, who has been conducting the work for Bishop Kelley.

With a success already attained which it would be hard to equal in any diocese, the effort will be continued until June, when it will be suspended until September. At that time a still more intensive drive will be launched.

Every town of any importance in the diocese has been visited, and retreats and missions have been given the length of the state. Ten thousand pamphlets on the Catholic religion have been distributed, and many religious articles. Seven missions have been given to non-Catholics and 35 to mixed audiences. Two missions, resulting in nearly 200 converts, have been given to Negroes. The Sisters have joined the effort and lent invaluable aid. They have visited 1,192 homes and brought great numbers back to the Faith. Father Jerome, O. C. D., has conducted work among the Mexicans in seven districts. Small automobiles, restments and other church goods are provided the field workers. The Apostolic Mission House at Washington has been cooperating effectively.