

Cardinal Mercier Repels Socialist Attacks On Him

(continued from page one) that Admiral Horthy is not what you are pleased to call "a clerical," that is a "Catholic," in the language you speak.

Over the cut you write in heavy type: "The white terror in the clerical Hungary of Adiral Horthy"; and below the ghastly picture you print: "In the medallion Cardinal Mercier, who accepted a decoration from the hangman Horthy."

Never Had Decoration from Horthy Quite a few of your socialist writers and not the least among them, have found it witty or smart to descend upon that decoration. They took their fancy for a reality. I did not receive a Hungarian decoration. I never had occasion either to accept or refuse any distinction whatever from Regent Horthy. He never offered me one.

I encouraged to the best of my ability the admirable hospitality of our Christian families who shelter in the intimacy of their homes more than seven thousand Hungarian children of the middle and lower classes. There are more than three thousand of these children in my diocese now, being returned to homes in our Campine and Brabant homes. That magnificent effort of charity have blessed and supported. It would have cost me something, forsooth, merely to have the appearance that I expected, or received from whomsoever it may be, any other recompense but the satisfaction of duty fulfilled and of the encouragement given to the disinterestedness of our dear Catholic population.

Where are your own works of charity, gentlemen philanthropists? True, classifying organizations you have, millions for your electoral propaganda, too. But your works of generosity, virgin of electoral ransom, where are they? Take your Diognan lantern and seek; you'll not find a single one.

Catholic Charity in Europe Charity, that is devotion to humanity without distinction of creed, of race, of party, of age or sex, is the monopoly of the Catholic Church. Pope Pius XI sent a relief commission to Moscow, to snatch from famine millions of non-Catholic children; but lately the Belgian church lavished its alms upon Chinese children; we ourselves support, at the price of strenuous efforts, in the Belgian universities, and in our boarding-schools hundreds of orthodox young men and children exiled from Russia. These are but a few recent samples of Catholic action with which nothing that you have can compare.

I sum up what I have written: your illustration of the 18th of March is silly odious and slanderous. That is the first reason for taking advantage of my legal right to place an answer in your columns. Here is a second.

In your issue of March 12, you dare to affirm that the Pope have never condemned Socialism and that Cardinal Mercier has recently affirmed that one may be a socialist and a believer at the same time. Your two assertions are contrary to truth and you cannot ignore it. They are, therefore, not mistakes but lies; they are calumnies addressed to us Catholics.

Amsterdam Catholics' "Silent Procession" Compels Admiration

(continued from page 1) ridden man was taken with vomiting some time after he had received the Holy Viaticum. His attendant without thought of harm, cast the ejection into the open hearth. The next morning, after stirring up the embers, a woman of the household beheld the white Host perfectly intact in the midst of the flaring up flames. With her hands, without hurt to them, she removed the Sacred Species from the blazing fire and deposited it upon a white linen cloth, which she enclosed in a small chest. Then she repaired to the parish church to advise the clergy. One of them unostentatiously fetched the Sacred Host back to the Tabernacle; but in some mysterious way it was found over and over again in the chest of the sick man's vestary, until the priests decided to bring it back in a solemn procession, which was done on Easter Thursday the report of the wonder and of others that had followed, was recorded in the city hall, sworn to by the bailiffs of the district and by the city regents.

A year later the Bishop of Utrecht assented to the publication of the miracle and in course of time a feast was instituted to commemorate it. Upon the spot where the privileged house of the miracle stood a chapel was erected. It became known as the "Holy Room," but disappeared during the iconoclastic fury of the XVI century. The recollection of its location, however, persisted, as well as that of the itinerary followed by the forefathers in their annual commemoration of the first procession that carried the Miraculous Host back to St. Nicholas Church. Never have Amsterdam Catholic citizens ceased to go over that game ground, either upon the day of the Feast of the Sacrament of Miracle, or during its octave, quietly praying and silently adoring the Sweet Captive for love of our Tabernacles.

The growth of the city and the consequent congestion of traffic in the very section intersected by the hallowed streets, the din and the noise, unpropitious to collected prayer, prompted some pious men in the year 1881 to choose, so as not to be disturbed in their devotion, the quiet hours of the night, between Saturday and Sunday during the octave of the feast, to make their "silent tour." They formed themselves into an association, which secured the approval of the ecclesiastical authorities, and various spiritual privileges for the associates. Their example found imitators whose numbers increased from year to year. According to the computation of the daily secular press, there were some fifty thousand "Omgangers" this year, all men, for women and children are excluded. These perform the pious exercise, as of yore, during the day.

The Constant Human Stream. Catholic papers submit no figures of the nocturnal pilgrims that come from far and near; "for," so they write, "numbers do not matter; what matters is the inward fervor." They state, however, that the first groups arrived at the point where the "Omgang" begins before one o'clock A. M. and that from that time until 6:30 a. m. the filing is kept up without a break. Men stepped on briskly, three abreast, reverently, collected prayers in their hearts, as directed by the organizers; at one place for Queens and country; at another for sailors; at a third for the Church and the unity of Christendom. Beyond the rhythmic cadence of the footsteps falling upon the pavement no noise rises from the long lines of the treading thousands. Silence reigns all along, deep, impressive silence!

During those small hours of the night, cafes, places of amusement, shops, are closed and, by city ordinance, must remain closed till seven in the morning. The Association of the Little Omgang has also, as a means to reduce to a minimum the occasions for distraction of the mind, prevailed upon the storekeepers not to light up their show-windows nor to make any attempt for advertising their wares. It invites those who have finished the tour not to station themselves upon the sidewalks, but to return to their homes or to repair to the churches kept open for purpose and to assist at the early Masses and receive Holy Communion.

Protestant Propagandists Frustrated. Every year Protestant propagandists attempt to distribute anti-Catholic literature along the line of march. They did so again this year, moved by the desire to dispose of the tracts left over from the campaign against last summer's Eucharistic Congress. Catholic propagandists, who had purposely posted themselves along the way, protested. But they were in turn politely requested by the organizers of the mighty homage to Jesus-with-us not to interfere. There was no need; for the pious marchers, warned beforehand, either did not accept the tracts proffered or tore them up when thrust into their hands. The distributors soon tired of the fruitless job and retired. By agreement with the Church authorities all distribution of Catholic literature is rigorously excluded, as is everything as far as possible, that might rob the pious exercise of its character of quiet, silent prayer. How well that character has been retained thus far is proven by the following except from "De Amsterdammer," a religious Protestant paper.

"It is not to be denied that the Little Omgang, more especially through its quiet devout nature, impresses the Protestant mind; the more so, because every suggestion of a demonstration is scrupulously avoided and because the course is gone over in perfect order and regularity."

I summon you, Sir, by virtue of my right to answer, to insert the present letter in the next issue of your paper upon the first page, where your article appeared.

D. J. Cardinal Mercier, Archbishop of Mechlin.

CHURCH BODIES WILL SHARE IN COMPANY GIFT

Church organizations in Phelps will receive approximately \$100 from the Empire Gas & Electric Company, as the result of attendance at the recent gas demonstrations conducted by that concern in American Legion Hall.

The gas company's proposition to contribute 25 cents for every woman in attendance, to the society she preferred, brought out large crowds during the two-day demonstration. According to figures given out Tuesday by the gas company, the Rosary Society of St. Francis Church with an attendance of 180 and heading the list with a standing of 175 per cent, will receive \$45 and an additional \$5 for the highest percentage.

Columbus Club. At the weekly meeting of the Columbus Club in the Powers Hotel, Thursday, William T. McCaffrey, president of the National Bank of Rochester, was the speaker. Mr. McCaffrey is a successful business man and capable financial head of an important banking institution of this city.

Plan Monument To Father Payne. Auburn, April 23.—The following committee from the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Church has been named to arrange for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the Rev. William Payne, late beloved pastor of the church in St. Joseph's cemetery: The Rev. John Hall, John C. O'Brien, Thomas H. Dunnigan, Louis Youtt, John Paladeau. The committee will submit a design for the memorial for the approval of Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, bishop of the diocese of Rochester.

PERSONAL. Miss Cecilia Yawman, of University avenue, prominent in philanthropic work in Rochester, will sail for Naples next week. She will be accompanied by Miss Margaret Hahn, of Westminster road, Miss Yawman, who is president of the Alumnae Association of the Sacred Heart Academy in Prince street, will represent the school at the canonization of Sophie Barat, founder of the Order of Religious of the Sacred Heart, at St. Peter's in Rome, next month.

Willard A. Marakle, supreme dictator of the Moral Order of Moose, is back in the city after visiting several New England lodges of the order and a trip to Washington to attend a meeting.

Mrs. L. C. Langie, Mrs. A. L. Holahan and Mrs. John Wolfert, of this city, are guests at the Hotel Traymore in Atlantic City.

MENKE-BOWEN. The marriage of Miss Eryann Florette Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bowen of 308 West Center street, Medina, and Mr. Joseph Hartley Menke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Menke, of Medina, took place Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock at St. Mary's rectory in that place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas F. Gleason, pastor of St. Mary's Church.

FROST-CARROLL. Miss Florence M. Carroll, of Cady street, and William E. Frost, of Primrose street, were married on Thursday morning, April 16th, at the Immaculate Conception Church. Rev. Joseph Cameron performed the ceremony. The decorations in the church were calla lilies and palms. The bridesmaid was Miss Kathryn C. Feeney, Arthur J. Spafford was best man, Leo Halloran and Earl Fullrader were the ushers.

Holy Redeemer Church Many Priests Attend Last Rites for Edward Meehan

A bazaar for the benefit of Holy Redeemer Church opened in the parish hall in Clifford avenue, near Hudson avenue, Thursday night and will continue Friday and Saturday nights. All societies of the church are assisting in the arrangements for the bazaar and will be represented by booths. The general committee is headed by William Schlutten and Edward Haubner. Chairmen of subcommittees are: Candy, Frank Minkau; checks, Joseph Stoeklein; check room, Mrs. Stuermer; tickets and reception, Frank Walz; concessions, Edward Martle; lunches, Mrs. Stuermer; variety, Mrs. Stuermer and Elleanor Bailey; blanket booth, Elmer Mueller; grocery booth, Joe Staub; fish pond, Carl Kramer; soft drinks, Joe Frankenburger, Frank Kleehammer.

Bishop To Confirm Classes in Corning. Right Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese will administer the sacrament of Confirmation in Corning, Sunday, May 3rd at St. Mary's, St. Patrick's and St. Vincent de Paul's Churches. It is the Bishop's first visit to Corning in two years.

Loretto Circle Will Sew. The Loretto Circle will sew on Thursday afternoon, April 30, at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. P. J. Burke will be hostess assisted by the following: ladies, Mrs. Charles F. Neale, Mrs. C. A. Donovan, Mrs. George Crowley, Mrs. A. Lancer, Mrs. Frank Crouch, Mrs. W. A. Burkhardt, Mrs. Margaret H. Tobin, Miss Anna Dans and Mrs. T. R. Kennedy.

Mrs Howard Spaulding Decorated By Pope. Michigan City, Ind., April 17.—Mrs. Howard H. Spaulding of this city has been awarded the papal decoration of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre in recognition of her noteworthy activities on behalf of Catholic charities. The Order which she has received is one of great antiquity some historians ascribing its foundation to St. James, the first Bishop of Jerusalem, placing it in the time of the Crusades.

Navigation Opens On Lake Erie. The steamers of the C & B Line will commence to operate daily between Cleveland and Buffalo on Tuesday, April 28th. These steamers will leave Cleveland and Buffalo every night at 9:00 (Eastern Standard Time), arriving at opposite terminus of the line at 7:00 the following morning.

Reduced automobile rates will be in effect this season and many tourists are already arranging their itineraries so as to include this delightful night's ride on Lake Erie.

FUNERAL SERVICES. Funeral services will take place Saturday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Monica's Church. The Rev. John Hickey will officiate. Burial will be made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

DEATHS. Tomreck—Mrs. Anna Schaeffer Tomreck, died at the family residence, No. 82 Watkins terrace, April 22, aged 36 years. Funeral from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, April 25th.

Mura—Frank A. Mura, aged 127 years, died at his home, No. 627 Tupper street, Charlotte, N.Y., April 22. Funeral from Holy Cross Church, Charlotte, April 25th.

Deaths of the Week

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

Donoghue—Helen M. Donoghue, daughter of Nora and the late Richard Donoghue, died April 18 at the family home, No. 619 Lake avenue. Funeral from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, April 21.

Keys—Mary, wife of the late William Keys died in this city, at the age of 78 years. Funeral from Lady Chapel, Cathedral, April 21.

Wiest—Catherine Belkirsch Wiest died at the family home, No. 44 Cayuga street, April 19. Funeral from St. Boniface Church, April 22.

Schenk—Mrs. Emma Schenk died at the home of her son, Henry Schenk, No. 56 Burrows st., aged 82 years. Funeral from Holy Ghost Church, Coldwater, N. Y., April 23. Interment in Holy Ghost cemetery, Coldwater, N. Y.

Melin—Catherine Melin, died at the family residence, 310 West High terrace, April 20. Funeral from St. Augustine's Church, April 23.

Quinn—Miss Alice Quinn, of No. 462 Colvin street, died April 19, in St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral from Holy Family Church, April 22.

Hammill—Miss Anna Hammill died April 2, at her home, No. 40 Potter street. Funeral from Holy Apostles Church, April 24.

Romanek—Nicoodem Romanek of No. 64 Dayton street, died April 22, at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 33 years. Funeral from St. George's R. C. Church, April 26th.

Edward Meehan, of Scottsville, a brother of Rt. Rev. Andrew Meehan, of St. Bernard's Seminary, was found dead on the flagstones in the yard beside his home last Sunday afternoon. It is believed that he lost his footing on the slippery ladder rungs which he was mounting to examine the eave-troughs on the roof of his home, falling to the stones upon which he sustained a fractured skull.

He apparently had been lying in the yard for about half an hour, when neighbors noticed him. Death was instantaneous, according to Dr. W. V. Hall, who was summoned upon discovery of the body.

Mr. Meehan was 62 years old and had been a lifelong resident of the village. Besides his brother, he leaves two sisters, Nellie and Cecilia R. Meehan, both of Scottsville.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Church of the Assumption, Mass was celebrated by the brother of the deceased, Rt. Rev. A. B. Meehan. The remains were blessed by Bishop Hickey. Father Predmore presided at the organ.

The church was filled, among the Rochester priests attending being the Revs. Simon Fitzsimons, J. J. Brophy, A. A. Hughes, Joseph Gefell, Charles Shay, Raymond Lynd, George Weilmann, Francis Kunz, Edward Wirth, J. M. Pettey, Michael Hynes, Thomas Connors, John Nelligan, John B. Sullivan, Andrew V. Byrne, T. Prosper Liebert, Arthur Florack, Walter S. Foery, Joseph Cameron.

Priests from neighboring towns present were the Revs. Michael Wall Avon; John Farrell, Lima; William McDaniel, Geneva; Phillip Golding, Churchville; Eugene Golding, Mount Morris; James Kennedy, Caledonia; Sebastian Englert, Greece; Victor Hurley, Henrietta; George Predmore, Industry.

Burial was made in Scottsville.

Michael H. Ripton Dies At His Home. Michael H. Ripton, assistant superintendent of the David T. Ripton Company, Inc. and for 25 years a prominent contractor of Rochester, died Wednesday, at his home at 62 Burlington avenue, aged 69 years. He is survived by his wife, Alice Tully Ripton; four daughters, Mrs. T. McElligott, Mrs. Frank S. Ward, Mrs. J. G. Buckley and Mrs. Henry P. Utz; two sons, David T. and Michael H. Ripton, Jr., all of Rochester, and one brother, David H. Ripton, both of LeRoy, and 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Ripton was born in LeRoy September 28, 1856, and had been actively engaged in the contracting business in Rochester for a full quarter of a century, specializing in sewer, tunnel and road construction. In 1917 he completed the large system of disposal tunnels to the central part of the city and during the same year was engaged in the construction of the Barge Canal terminus.

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Forty Hours Devotion

The "Forty Hours" devotion will be held in the following Churches in the month of April: 26—St. Bridget's, Rochester; Clyde; Waverly; St. Lucy, Rochester; Caledonia; East Bloomfield.