

Irish Clean Reading Campaign Preached By Regular Clergy

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, April 24.—The great movement in favor of clean reading began its public activities on the first Sunday after Easter. Priests of the religious orders, at the instance of the Irish Bishops, are passing from church to church all over the country, preaching the Crusade of the Catholic Press.

As a preliminary to the work of the missionaries, a remarkable Pastoral appeared in the Irish news papers from the pen of Bishop Mulhern of Dromore. He pointed out that reading was a necessity, and if the right kind was not provided the wrong kind would have the field to itself.

Nancy Demonstration Sounds Warning To New French Premier

(Paris Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, April 24.—The series of Catholic manifestations continues uninterrupted. The largest of recent demonstrations was one at Nancy. From every part of the Department of Moselle the faithful came by motor, by special train, by bicycle.

Irish Bishop Gives Advice on Cutting Peat Supply in Time

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dublin, April 24.—An instruction to the priests in his diocese has been issued by Bishop Fogarty of Killaloe, requiring them to warn the rural people that they should cut the turf (peat fuel) early in the year so as to prevent their fuel supply from being ruined by a wet season, as happened last autumn.

Monk of St. Bernard Answers Scoffing Remark of Tourist

New York, May 4.—The contrast between the irreligious cynicism of the current "age of jazz" and the quiet faith which for over a thousand years has animated the Monks of St. Bernard in their famous Hospice in the Alps, is illustrated in an article by Ernest Poole in the June number of the Cosmopolitan Magazine. The story demonstrates the sorry showing made by modern materialistic philosophy when brought into comparison with the religious faith which has been responsible for saving the lives of so many Alpine travelers.

French Commissioner To Syria Hears Mass After First Refusing

Paris, April 24.—General discontent was caused by the reports from Syria to the effect that General Sarrail, new High Commissioner, had refused, after his arrival at his new post, to attend the High Mass indicated in the celebrations attendant upon his arrival. This incident was reported in a dispatch to the N. C. W. C. News Service at the time.

Six Catholic Students Are Athletic Captains At Illinois University

Urbana, Ill., May 1.—Six Catholic students of athletic teams at the University of Illinois this year are members of the congregation of St. John's Catholic student chapel in Champaign, of which the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph. D., director of the Columbus Foundation, is pastor.

California Makes Highways Defacement By Klan Criminal Act

Sacramento, Cal., May 1.—So-called anti-Ku Klux Klan bills, designed to bring an end to defacement of California highways by the painting on them of "K.K.K.", have been passed by the state Senate and sent to the Governor. They were fostered by Assemblymen William Hornblower and Joseph Burns of San Francisco.

Play Awards Made By The Catholic Mission Crusade

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cincinnati, April 27.—The names of the prize-winners have been announced in the 1924-25 drama contest of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade by the National Executive Board of the organization. First prize, two hundred dollars, has been awarded to Leo L. Ward, C.S.C., of Holy Cross College, Brookland, Washington, D. C., author of a one-act play entitled "Manikya."

To Keep War Vow French Will Build Church to St. Joan

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, April 23.—On September 13, 1914, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at one of the most tragic moments during the war, while the Battle of the Marne was being fought at the gates of Paris, an immense crowd, responding to an appeal by Cardinal Amette, crowded the vast interior of Notre Dame to pray for the success of the French armies.

English Auxiliary Pontificates At Jerusalem Shrine

(Jerusalem Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Jerusalem, April 20.—The Rt. Rev. Godric Keap, the English Auxiliary to the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, pontificated at the Solemn High Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre on Palm Sunday—the first time an English prelate has presided at these services here in many centuries. A large delegation of pilgrims from the United States and another pilgrimage from Chile were among those who attended the services.

Limburg Catholics Protest State's Discrimination

(Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Louvain, April 27.—In Dutch Limburg, which is one of the two overwhelmingly Catholic Provinces of the Netherlands, the natives are becoming aroused because of the ever-increasing number of Protestant state employees and officials sent thither from the northern provinces. They claim that for a century past the policy of the succeeding administrations has been to people their province with men from the North and to ignore the claims of the native inhabitants. Limburgers have practically in common with their countrymen from the North. They are Limburgers first and last and chafe at the country for all that, deeply attached to its institutions and to the dynasty.

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Even the present administration, the first wherein Catholics have a share, which is a coalition of the conservative elements under the leadership of a Catholic Premier, is said to favor Protestants. For the sake of certain advantages accruing from the "bloc" Limburgers see therein many dangers and time-honored, cherished customs as well. If wishing to maintain that faith, which the forefathers kept unswayed through all the years of cruel persecution following upon the introduction of the Reformation in Holland, and to develop their province economically and intellectually along the lines of its own traditional culture, they have just founded "The Limburg League." It is even now establishing branches in all the cities and villages of the Province.

The coal fields, of comparatively recent discovery in Limburg, which are being extended from year to year and bid fair to make the Province the richest in the country, bring forth a large number of immigrants from other parts of the State, which works some of the colonies for its own profit, expropriates other sections. It all goes against the Limburgers' grain. However, as it brings them prosperity, they submit to the unavoidable without overmuch complaining. What they protest against and want by all means to avert is a demotion of the Catholic faith, the loss of it, perhaps, in their descendants, and the consequent loss of the Province's loveliest characteristics and own culture.

Skill With Needle Rescues Mother From Deportation

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York 1.—A tiny bit of embroidery, barely two inches square, worked by a sorrowing immigrant mother on Ellis Island, this week became the strange instrument of her delivery from her troubles. It proved the open sesame to the United States, their Land of Promise, for her and her baby daughter. Immigration authorities said Mrs. Mechsner and little Liselotte, aged three, were likely to become public charges. They had only \$80, and the father of the little family was detained in Europe. So mother and child were ordered deported. They appealed, but the order was reaffirmed. Then the young mother, seated in the detention room with little Liselotte by her side, turned her deft fingers to embroidering, to ease the anguish of her disappointment. They were to be put aboard a boat Wednesday for return to Europe.

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