

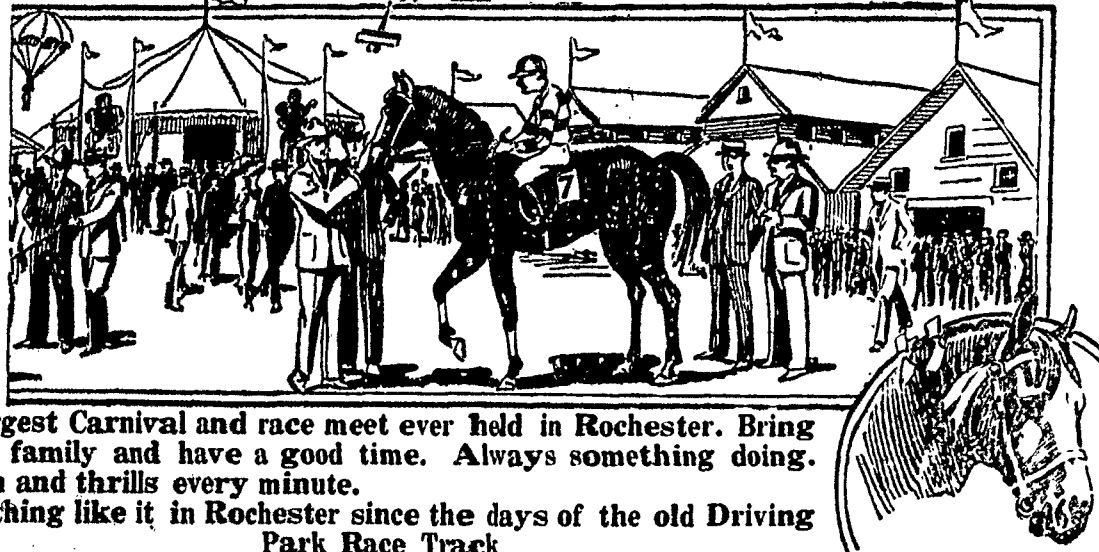
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U. S. IMMIGRATION ACT OPENING WAY TO IMMORALITY

Washington, June 12.—The untoward effect of the Immigration Act of 1924 in separating families of immigrants and promoting immorality and suffering has recently brought to the N. C. W. C. protests and pleas for aid from national agencies in three countries. This does not take into account the numerous individual cases of this nature which the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration is attempting to solve almost daily.

Literally thousands of families are kept separated by the operation of the Act of 1924, says the N. C. W. C. Bureau. The cases are numbered in the hundreds in half a dozen nations, and large numbers exist in every quota country. Yet to provide for the admission of all separated wives and children, it is pointed out, would produce so little effect on general immigration to the United States that it would be unnoticeable, while at the same time preventing immeasurable social damage.

Some of the pleas received are pitiful, others bewildered in virtually every instance the European people express themselves as unable to understand how the United States reconciles its name for high idealism with the separation of wives and little children from their husbands and fathers.

Then came the Act of 1921 with its restrictions, and the act of 1924 tightening the bars. Many thousands of families were caught temporarily separated. But the latter act made no provision whatever for this emergency; under it, wives and children of men resident in the United States but not yet citizens were given no preference, but were forced to take their turn in the regular quotas. Many of these quotas, however, were so small—several are only 100 a year—that thousands of separated wives faced and still face, a wait of as long as five years before rejoining their husbands. Added to this difficulty is the fact that 60 per cent of such quotas as are allowed is reserved for classes not including the wives and children of residents of the United States who are not citizens.

If a man became a citizen, his wife and children were entitled to non-quota status and their coming was hastened. But it requires five years for a man to become a citizen. Moreover, a majority of the courts in the United States considering such cases have held that an immigrant barred from becoming a citizen while his family is in Europe. The man's interest and loyalty, and hence his legal residence, are in the land where his wife and family live, say these tribunals.

Thus there is brought about the contradictory situation of a man's citizenship being withheld until his family joins him, and at the same time his family being denied prompt entry to the United States because he is not a citizen.

This is the condition that has brought to the N. C. W. C. the pleas from national agencies in three countries. Aside from the suffering visited upon the wives and families by these agencies, five years of separation loosens family ties, sometimes snapping them completely and strongly promotes immorality.

Perhaps the most acute situation reported to the N. C. W. C. is that of Malta. This little country sent more than 5,000 emigrants to the United States between 1918 and 1921 alone. About 900 wives and families accompanied the men. Most of the heads of families came alone, to prepare the way for their dependents. Then came the restriction act, with no provision for the reunion of these families. Malta's quota is now 86 immigrants a year, with 50 per cent reserved for preferred classes, and the wives and children face years of waiting.

Cast aside every consideration except the moral, humanitarian aspect of the situation, Malta has tried to meet the problem as best it may by permitting no emigration whatsoever except that of wives and children of men already in the United States. This action was taken despite the fact that it has scrapped the entire regular emigration of the island.

A second plea comes from the National Catholic Women's League of Hungary, and is addressed to the National Council of Catholic Women of America. This communication says, in part:

"We turn to you, our American sisters, to your loving, motherly hearts, in the name of so many poor, unfortunate, abandoned wives. After the horrible world catastrophe, the sad industrial conditions in our Hungary, so poor, so wounded and so diminished in size, compelled men more and more to take their walking sticks and endeavor to earn bread for themselves and their families far away across the ocean.

"Since 1920, many a father has emigrated to the United States, and not wishing to expose his dependents to the uncertainty of the future, left his wife and children here in the Old Country, hoping that as soon as his existence was assured he would be able to have his wife follow him. However, the Immigration Law was more and more restrictive; it

Deaths of the Week

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

Catone—Antonella, beloved wife of Pietro Catone, of No. 87 White street, died June 14, at the Rochester General Hospital, in her 49th year. Funeral from St. Anthony of Padua Church, June 16.

Berna—Mrs. Rose Berna, aged 84 years, of No. 121 Orchard street, died June 15, at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral from St. Peter and Paul's Church, June 18th.

Craig—Thomas Craig, a resident of this city for over fifty years, died June 15, at his residence, No. 154 Goodwill street, aged 91 years. Funeral from the Church of the Sacred Heart, June 17th.

Thoman—Arthur Thoman, aged 36 years, died at the family residence, No. 94 Wilder street. Funeral from St. Peter and Paul's Church, June 19th.

Smith—August G. Smith, died at the home, No. 102 Copeland street, June 14, aged 67 years. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, June 17.

The funeral of George J. Held, Sr., was held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock from the home, No. 116 Lozier street, and at 9:15 o'clock at Holy Family Church. Solemn high requiem mass was offered by Rev. Joseph Baleri, assisted by Rev. Joseph Gefell as deacon and Rev. William Hesel as subdeacon. The children's choir sang the responses. The following friends acted as bearers: Michael Baleri, Joseph Meyer, August Wegman, John Schreiner, Frank Mance and George Lingie.

Fellow employees of the postoffice were honorary bearers. The final blessing at the grave was given by Rev. Joseph Baleri and Rev. John Hogan. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre cemetery in the family lot.

McNalley—Mrs. Lena Ott McNalley, wife of George A. McNalley, died June 12 at the family home, 223 Lincoln avenue, aged 55 years. Funeral from St. Augustine's Church June 16.

Meyers—Mrs. Johanna Louise Jesserer Meyers died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Donalds, St. Monica's Church, June 19.

Pilarosca—Pietro Pilarosca, aged 73 years, died at the late residence, No. 19 Magne street, June 16. Funeral from St. Anthony of Padua Church, June 19.

Pappert—William Pappert died suddenly, June 17, at his home, No. 275 Bay street, in his 62d year. Funeral from St. Francis Xavier Church, June 20.

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Local Items

Rev. Joseph Koch To Address K. Of C.

The Rev. Joseph Koch of Akron, Col., a former Holy Redeemer parish boy, will be the guest and speaker at the regular monthly meeting of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, to be held Friday night in St. Joseph's Hall on Franklin street.

WEDDINGS

McCarthy—Coughlin
Miss Jane C. Coughlin, and Dean McCarthy, both of this city, were married at Blessed Sacrament Church, Wednesday, June 10. Rev. Thomas Connors performed the ceremony.

The attendants were Miss Gertrude Coughlin, sister of the bride, and Arthur Meallo.
Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy will live in Long Meadow Circle, Pittsford.

Wetzler—Obringer

Miss Gertrude Obringer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Whittington, of Hayward avenue, and William Wetzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wetzler, of York street, were married Tuesday, June 9th, at St. Joseph's Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Lieberth, assisted by Rev. J. E. Gefell, as deacon, and Rev. F. X. Bader, as subdeacon. Rev. Louis Vollmar was master of ceremonies. Music was furnished by the church choir.

The maid of honor was Miss Alma Muller and Miss Irene Wetzler, sister of the groom was bridesmaid. George Wetzler, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The ushers were Robert Bishop and Charles Wetzler. Master Marlow Jacobs was ring bearer.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to fifty guests at the home of the bride's parents, followed by a reception.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Obringer and son, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Obringer, Mrs. Joseph Obringer and daughter, all of Buffalo; Mrs. James Foote and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wittman and family, of Caledonia, and Miss Alma Muller, of Patchogue, N. Y.

Prenuptial events were given by Mrs. P. J. Whittington, Miss Irene Wetzler and Miss Ethel Saron. The brides mother also entertained the church choir, of which the bride is a member.

On their return from a Western motor trip, Mr. and Mrs. Wetzler will live at No. 25 Meredith street, after June 15th.

Boehmer—Swarzlele

Holy Redeemer Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding Tuesday morning, June 9th, at 10 o'clock, when Miss Marguerite A. Swartzlele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Swartzlele became the bride of Mr. Bertram A. Boehmer, son of Mrs. Mary Boehmer. A solemn nuptial mass was celebrated by the Rev. F. William Stauder, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, who also performed the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Hart Geiger and the Rev. William Stauder.

Miss Irma Swartzlele, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and Mr. George Swartzlele, brother of the bride was best man. The ushers were Messrs. Oliver and Raymond Boehmer, brothers of the bridegroom, and Little Jean Boehmer was flower girl.

Diamond Jubilee And Anniversaries Celebrated Sunday

The diamond jubilee of the inception of St. Bridget's parish, East Bloomfield and the golden jubilee of the dedication of the church and the celebration of the thirteenth anniversary to the priesthood of Rev. P. A. Neville, was observed on Sunday.

The church was filled and some people were unable to get inside and were forced to stand outside during the ceremony.

Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, Bishop of the diocese, celebrated pontifical high mass and was assisted by Rev. John J. Neenan, assistant to the Bishop, of Rochester; Rev. William H. Darcy, of Canandaigua and Rev. Frank Mason, of Geneva, deacon and subdeacon of honor; Rev. John P. Brophy, of St. Monica's Church, Rochester; and Rev. John H. O'Brien, of St. Augustine's Church, Rochester, deacon and sub-deacon of the mass; Rev. Arthur A. Hughes, of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, and Rev. Fr. Connel of Rochester, were masters of ceremonies; Leo Harvey, of Lima, and George Pillsbury, acolytes; and William Lancer of West Bloomfield, and William Sullivan, censor bearers.

St. Stephen's sanctuary choir of Geneva, of 40 men's voices rendered St. Hubert's mass by Professor Louis Berge. The mass was beautifully sung, and added much to the sacredness of the service. Bishop Hickey spoke of being present at the dedication of the church fifty years ago. At that time he was a young student at St. Andrew's and remarked with glad he was at that time to be able to attend the service and how much more he appreciated being able to have the service here now. He gave great credit to the parishioners in their progress here and praised their people and their pastor for their steadfast gain.

Following the services Rev. P. A. Neville entertained Bishop Hickey and the clergy at his home at dinner. The parishioners entertained the members of the visiting choir from St. Stephen's Church at Geneva and twenty visiting nuns at the C. D. of A. rooms at Holcomb.

Among the out of town priests who were in attendance were Rev. William N. Hart, secretary to Bishop Hickey, of Rochester; Rev. Eugene B. Rezan, of Buffalo; Rev. Martin J. Cloney, of Honeyoy Falls; Rev. John Farrell, of Geneva; Rev. William McPadden, of Geneva; Rev. William Byrne, of Ontario and Rev. John W. E. Kelly, of Victor.

Amiens Cathedral Is in Danger From Landslide

Amiens, June 2.—Great fear has been felt here for the Amiens Cathedral which is one of the finest monuments in Christendom. A hole eight meters deep and thirty meters in circumference suddenly opened in front of the basilica. It is believed to have been caused by heavy rains which fell recently for several days in succession. Fear was felt that the terrace in front of the cathedral would cave in, but several days have now passed without further accident.

The cathedral, the sixth centenary of which was celebrated not long ago, is very solidly constructed, like all the great buildings of that time, but the land on which it is erected is rather marshy.

The ancient sanctuary had passed through the four years of war without serious damage despite the fact that the city had been riddled with shells and bombs. All the most fragile parts of the portals, facade and choir were covered with a gigantic protective shell of sandbags and all the old stained glass windows were taken out and carried to safety.

Monsignor Dempsey Conducts St. Louis Pilgrimage Party

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

St. Louis, June 9.—The "Monsignor Dempsey Special", consisting of baggage car and three Pullman coaches, left the Union Station at New York, on Sunday evening, having as passengers Rt. Rev. Msgr. Timothy Dempsey, four other priests and between sixty and seventy men and women, who are going to Rome to make the Holy Year pilgrimage. The clergymen accompanying Msgr. Dempsey's party are Rev. John T. Sennon of St. John's, St. Louis; Rev. B. J. O'Flynn of Blessed Sacrament Church, St. Louis; Rev. A. V. Tesselar of Wilhelmina, Mo. and Rev. P. J. Ward of Pacific, Mo.

The special train which was routed over the Washburn road, via Detroit and Niagara Falls, arrived in New York Tuesday evening, and the pilgrims boarded a Cunard liner at midnight. Archbishop Glennon left Monday morning and sailed on the same vessel to make his annual visit to the Holy Father.

The pilgrims will spend ten days in Rome, visiting the holy places and making the Jubilee, after which many of them will tour the Continent, stopping at Venice, Milan, Nice, Florence, Assisi, Paris, Lourdes, Lyons, Marseilles and Lausanne. Msgr. Dempsey also expects to visit his native place in King's County, Ireland. Most of the pilgrims from this city and state will return about the middle of July.

Methodist Tribute To Catholic Crusade For Cleaner Reading

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Washington, June 12.—The Clipsheet of the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, published here, this week issues an appeal to the press of the nation to cooperate in the suppression of salacious, indecent and obscene prints and publications.

It is suggested that if one newspaper in each community will take the lead, the circulation of evil literature can be stopped. Continuing, the Clipsheet says:

"Reform is usually traced to the Protestant churches, but in regard to this matter, the Roman Catholic Church has evinced an even greater interest."

Fr. Parsons Returns This Week To Become Editor Of "America"

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

New York, June 11.—Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S. J., whose appointment as the new editor of "America" is announced in the N. C. W. C. News Service Special Cable dispatch from Rome, will return next week from the Eternal City, where he has been attending a gathering of Catholic editors.

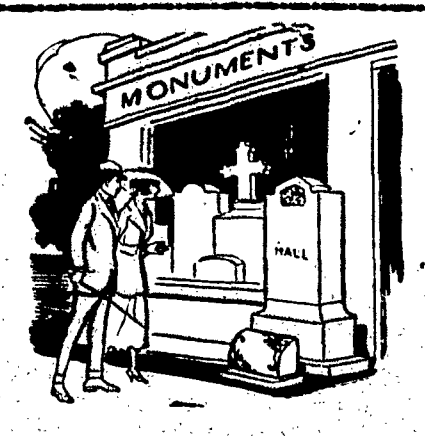
Father Parsons, who was born in Philadelphia in 1887 and educated in the parish schools of the city and at St. Joseph's College, entered the Society of Jesus in 1903, and after four years' preliminary studies, took his courses in philosophy and science at Louvain, Belgium. On his return to this country after three years' spent abroad, he taught at Boston College and Holy Cross, Worcester. He prepared for the priesthood at Woodstock College, Md., and was ordained priest in 1918. In 1919 he was sent to Rome for two years' post-graduate work in Theology at the Gregorian University and gained the degree of Aggregate Master in Theology in 1921.



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