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"Daily Tribune" Asks Readers For \$50,000 To Avert Suspension

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Dubuque, Iowa., Dec. 18.—The "Daily American Tribune", only Catholic daily in the English language published in the United States, has announced through its own columns here that unless it can obtain additional financial support to the extent of \$50,000 it will suspend publication. Explaining this announcement the paper says: "The question of continuing publication of the Daily American Tribune is now up for decision. For the past five and a half years the financing and responsibilities of building up this Catholic daily have been shouldered entirely by a very small group of stockholders. By their limited personal resources this undertaking was launched and kept alive up to the present time. "The time has now come when additional capital is needed in order to continue publication of the Daily American Tribune and if possible expand its activities. "It is therefore imperative that a measure be made immediately of the willingness on the part of the Catholic public to take up this stock, if and when such stock were authorized by due authority. "A total amount of \$50,000 of additional backing would insure the continuance of the Daily American Tribune. The responsibility for the providing of this necessary additional capital should not devolve upon the few. The rise or fall of the first and only Catholic daily in the language of our country should be a matter of concern to every American Catholic—Hierarchy, clergy and laity. "Surely there must be other Catholics besides the few present backers who are able and willing to get behind this cause by rallying to its financial support and becoming stockholders. Is there not an opportunity here to do a service for the Catholic cause in America that is out of the ordinary in its far-reaching effect and its timeliness?" "The decision as to the continuance of the Daily American Tribune depends upon whether or not the responses from this appeal show a willingness to provide the above mentioned amount of financial cooperation. A final decision will be made in just a few days, and must be based on the actual total amount represented by the expressions of willingness then in hand. What are you willing to do for the cause of the Daily Catholic press? Please write or wire at once."

Fr. Ryan to Address Philosophical Society

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 19.—The Rev. Dr. James H. Ryan, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Catholic University of America at Washington, will deliver the main address at the twenty-fifth meeting of the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association at Smith College, Northampton, Mass. Dec. 28, 29 and 30, according to the program just announced here by Prof. C. I. Lewis, of Harvard, secretary of the Division.

Rosaries Exempted From Customs, Mark

Washington, Dec. 18.—A decision of the Treasury Department, approved by L. C. Andrews, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury removed some of the restrictions hitherto sought to be imposed by customs officers on the importation of rosaries and other articles of devotion. The decision reads: "Such articles as rosaries, crucifixes, medals etc., which are designed for devotional use, are exempt from stamping or any permanent marking to indicate the country of origin on the ground that such permanent marking might be regarded as an injury to the articles because of their devotional character. Such articles, however, being completed articles, are subject to marking by means of labels or tags to indicate the country of origin under section 304 (a) of the tariff act in all cases where the value exceeds fifty cents per hundred. If of less value they should be exempt from marking on the ground of disproportionate expense under ruling 5 in T. D. 49547."

New Cardinal Stays In Paris As Pro-Nuncio

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Paris, Dec. 14.—The report that the Papal Nuncio to Paris, who was elevated to the Sacred College of Cardinals at Rome today, is to remain at the French capital has excited great interest here. Cardinal Cerretti is to be allowed to retain the Nunciature here, after receiving the red hat, is accepted as a signal recognition of the ability with which he has carried out his duties during the difficult times of the past few years. Announcing that the Nuncio will remain at Paris "Le Temps" comments as follows: "Contrary to information recently published, Mgr. Cerretti, although invested with a new dignity, will not leave the Paris Nunciature although it is not customary for the office of Nuncio to be held by a Cardinal, and tradition calls for the return of the Nuncio to Rome as soon as he has been made a Cardinal. But the maintenance of Mgr. Cerretti in Paris, where he has fully succeeded in his high and delicate mission, having appeared desirable both to the Government of the Republic and to the Holy See, an exception will be made to this tradition and, in order to make this possible, Mgr. Cerretti will receive a title compatible with his new dignity as a Prince of the Church, possibly the title of 'Pro-Nuncio.' "Arrangements have been completed for the ceremony at which the Nuncio will be given the red hat as the cardinalate from the President of the Republic—an event that is without precedent since the President is a Protestant. This is an indication of the high personal standing of the Nuncio as is the further fact that the French Government, which certainly is not the most 'clerical' government in the world, is arranging to surround the ceremony with great official pomp. "Negotiations have been carried on between the French Embassy in Rome and the Secretariat of State of the Vatican to regulate the protocol permitting the President of the Republic to give the biretta to the new cardinal. "The principal difficulty was due to the fact that the Chief Executive does not profess the Catholic Faith and cannot, in consequence, impose on the new cardinal the insignia of an ecclesiastical dignity in the name of the Pope. "But while M. Doumergue cannot impose the biretta (which would be an act of religious authority with regard to the new cardinal), he can 'deliver' it to a Catholic priest or layman, who, in turn, can impose it by virtue of a special mandate from the Holy See. This is the custom which is said to have been agreed upon, arrangements for which were believed to be practically completed."

Queen of Spain Sees Church Tablet Placed in Her Honor

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Dec. 15.—Spain's Catholic Queen attended Mass at the Cardinal's Church, Kensington, in the early morning before she left London this week for Madrid, and knelt at the spot where she heard Mass on the day she left her native country to marry King Alfonso. In the Lady chapel where the private Mass was said by the Prior, Father Ambrose Fatcher, the Queen glanced as she entered at a memorial tablet which reads: "O, Mother of Mount Carmel continue to spread your protecting mantle around the Queen of Spain who kneeling at this spot heard Mass on the morning she left England for her adopted country (the Feast of the Ascension 1908)." This Tablet is placed here by some of her faithful worshippers in Grateful Recognition of her Preservation from Death on her Wedding Day, the 31st May, 1908. The tablet recalls the attempted assassination of the Spanish king and his bride. Before her marriage she was Princess Victoria Ena and she was received into the Church prior to her wedding. The Prince of Wales, Princess Beatrice and the Spanish Ambassador went to the station to see her off this week. The Queen's visit to England was prolonged by the death of Queen Alexandra, whose funeral she attended.

Victoria Cross Put in Catholic Sanctuary Lamp

London, Dec. 14.—A Victoria Cross won on the battlefield during the World War has been set in a sanctuary lamp in memory of a private soldier who lost his life in the episode which the medal commemorates. Private Hugh Melver, who was a member of the congregation of St. Charles Church, Newton Hallside, Glasgow, was given the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross—the highest recognition the British Empire can give for an act of valor in face of the enemy. The medal has now been set in a sanctuary lamp and presented to the church in which Private Melver worshipped.

Month's Captivity By Chinese Bandits Described By Priest

St. Louis, Dec. 13.—The hardships of imprisonment for a month by Chinese bandits are recounted in a letter received here from Father Otto A. Kauschmehrer, St. Louis priest. Father Kauschmehrer tells how he and Father O'Melia, upon returning to the island of San Juan after an absence, were told that a bandit chief had taken possession of the other side of the island, and how they were held as hostages. Throughout their captivity, two priests were forced to sleep in the same room with the bandit chief and seven or eight of his men, who smoked opium incessantly. While held captive they witnessed a two-day battle in which 150 bandits captured a village which contained them. Finally, they escaped in the confusion of moving from one village to another, through a rain-storm. Finding over to the other side of the island, they were taken aboard a Chinese junk and were transferred to the U. S. S. Sacramento, which had been sent for their rescue.

Czech Atheists Are Now Divided

Prague, Dec. 14.—A serious split in the ranks of the atheists in Czechoslovakia threatens to weaken the influence and growth of the organization in the country, the Free Thought Society, which has been particularly vigorous and successful in its anti-Catholic propaganda. Disaffection came into the ranks when Dr. Bartosch, who had been president of the Society, went over to the Communists and took with him many of his followers.

St. Columba Knights Hold An Initiation In Bishop's Presence

London, Dec. 14.—Only members of the Hierarchy are allowed by the Knights of St. Columba to attend initiation ceremonies without membership. This week the Bishop of Brentwood (Mgr. Doubleday) took advantage of the chance in the Knights' rules and attended a first degree initiation at Forest Gate, before giving the work sanctioned sanction in his diocese. After the ceremony, the Bishop stated he had been very much impressed by the service. He wanted to be the protector of the order in his diocese and urged its establishment everywhere. Catholic men, particularly in South of England, are flocking to the Knights in great numbers.

Midnight Sacrifice At Paulist College

Washington, Dec. 19.—The Christmas Midnight Mass at the College of St. Paul the Apostle here will have the unusual touch this year of being the first Solemn Mass of a newly ordained Paulist Father. Father Harold J. Speotson, whose home is in Oakland, California, will have the honor of offering the Sacrifice. He was ordained at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University, today, Sunday he will say his first Mass for his relatives and for the Paulist Community, after which there will be the ceremony of Veneration of Hands. The Sunday following Christmas he will celebrate Mass in the Paulist Church in New York.