

Menace Of Islam To Christianity In Near East

Dr. Alexander Mombelli
Jerusalem, Dec. 14.—The revolt of the Druses in Syria has brought to the fore the seriousness of the growing ill-feeling between Christians and Mohammedans...

Sarrail's Mistake
In Syria, where the situation is most serious, an important factor in the trouble was General Sarrail's attitude in his conduct of the office of High Commissioner to reflect the atheistic attitude of his Government at home...

When the revolt broke out the rebels did not at once reveal the religious character of their movement. They professed to be animated only by a desire for the independence of Syria...

Religious Hostility
In Palestine the hostility between Mohammedans and Christians has not yet become very pronounced, but there have been indications that it is growing...

Former Provincial Of Jesuits, Noted Historian, Is Dead
Monroe, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The Rev. Thomas J. Campbell, S. J., former Provincial of the Maryland-New York province of the Society of Jesus, died here Monday at the Jesuit Sanatorium...

Belgian Catholic Press Congress Hears Warning

By Rev. J. Van der Heyden
(Louvain Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Brussels, Dec. 12.—The friendly discussions at last Sunday's Congress of the Belgian Catholic Press ended with the adoption of the subjoined five resolutions...

1. The Catholic Press must be careful to treat matters of faith and of morals from a purely Catholic standpoint and to rely for support upon sound Christian principles.

2. To that end, it should seek the collaboration of gifted priests and teachers, competent to handle subjects of an essentially religious and moral character.

3. Our Catholic Press must manifest its Catholic spirit upon every page and should never prostitute its apostolic mission and the nobility of its vocation for pecuniary advantages and easy success.

4. In its tone, and in its pen controversies, it should always remain worthy of the Truth and of the love of Jesus, whom it is its duty to serve first and last.

5. The times are ripe for the opening of an up-to-date professional school of Catholic journalism. The resolutions adopted commend the following as a worthy Catholic policy: Catholics should come out more boldly and strongly against the sale upon streets and thoroughfares, in saloons and restaurants, of licentious and immoral literature.

Priest Stops Run on Bank In Baltimore

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—A threatened run on the Mercantile Bank here Tuesday was averted by the Rev. Pasquale Di Paolo, Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Brookland, D. C.

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Twelve Nuns Show Heroism As Fire Destroys Asylum

Ridgewood, N. J., Dec. 19.—Twelve Sisters of Charity, nurses at the House of Divine Providence near here, became heroines when fire destroyed the house and adjoining chapel Monday.

At first singled out, then aided by neighbors and firemen, they rescued 130 aged and infirm inmates of the home, in several cases at the risk of their own lives. Not a single inmate was injured so coolly and methodically did the Sisters work and direct others...

Five men who came to the assistance of the nuns also worked heroically in the saving of the helpless inmates. Three priests joined in the work later and narrowly escaped death from a falling wall.

Buildings Totally Destroyed
Firemen from fourteen neighboring towns fought the flames, but there was a scarcity of water and both buildings were destroyed. Damage is put at \$100,000.

A priest rushed into the burning chapel and saved the Blessed Sacrament. After the inmates were taken out, the Sisters, priests and others saved a few religious articles before the flames made further work impossible.

One hundred of the 180 inmates were able to walk, and Sister Louise Adele directed the girls to lead them to the lawn, whence they were later taken to other institutions.

Meantime, Sister Louise Adele and her fellow religious were taking helpless inmates from the other floors, some of them in stretchers, wheel chairs and wheel beds. Joined by the men, they made trip after trip Nick Kruyter, who had been the first to come to the Sisters' aid during eight journeys into the burning building...

Benedictines Elect Coadjutor Abbot For Subiaco Abbey

Subiaco, Ark., Dec. 11.—The Very Rev. Prior Edward Burgert, O. S. B., has been elected Coadjutor Abbot with the right of succession of the New Subiaco Abbey here.

The election was made necessary by the illness of the Rt. Rev. Abbot Ignatius Conrad, O. S. B., who is now in Switzerland convalescing from the ailments which overtook him while he was en route to Rome to make a Holy Year pilgrimage and to attend the Chapter of the Benedictine Abbots of the world.

The parish of Kolding, the nearest town to the scene of the celebration, numbers only 250 Catholics, of whom 200 are children.

Catholic Federation Of France Outlines Plans For Campaigns

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Paris, Dec. 12.—The National Catholic Federation, founded last year and presided over by General de Castelnau, has held its second general assembly here.

The program for last year comprised: the defense of the Vatican Embassy; opposition to the renewal of the fight against religious orders; the safeguarding of the religious liberties of Alsace-Lorraine.

The Cardinal Secretary of State sent General de Castelnau a message of congratulation in the name of the Pope thanking him for the zeal shown for Catholic action.

With the permission of His Eminence Cardinal Hayes and the consent of the Archbishop, the Catholic Union has opened an office of its own in this city to take care of its enlarged activities.

Catholic Union Opens Office In New York

New York, Dec. 16.—Immediately upon his return from Europe where he has spent some months in the interests of the organization with which he is connected, the Rev. Augustine Count Galen, O. S. B., President of the Catholic Union, a society for the reunion with the Holy Church of the separated brethren of Russia and the Near East...

Great Catholic Celebration to Take Place in Denmark

Copenhagen, Dec. 10.—The great Catholic celebration of any kind since the reestablishment of the Church in Scandinavia is being planned for July 11, 1926, when the faithful of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Hamburg, Bremen and other districts will assemble to commemorate the eleven hundredth anniversary of the coming of Saint Ansgar, the great Apostle of the North, who came to Denmark in the year 826.

The festivities will be held on Skamling Hill, near the city of Kolding, in Jutland, Denmark. The celebration is in honor of the Saint, but out of deference to the Catholic celebration the bishops have postponed their meeting until the fall.

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