

In vain will you found missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic press.—Pope Pius X.

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Austria Sending Leading Prelates To The Congress

By Dr. Frederic Funder
(Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Vienna, March 23.—Monsignor Ignatius Seipel, former Federal Chancellor of the Austrian Republic, has gladly accepted the invitation to accompany Cardinal Piffi, Archbishop of Vienna, to the Eucharistic Congress to be held in Chicago and Austria is assured a brilliant, even if small, representation at the great religious gathering. Catholics of Austria feel that in these two representatives they are sending to the Congress two of their greatest men.

It is worthy of note, too, that Cardinal Piffi and Monsignor Seipel will send the men best fitted to convey to American Catholics Austria's thanks for their assistance to the destitute and starving people of this country after the World War. Cardinal Piffi courageously led the relief work here and Monsignor Seipel guided Austria to safety and order when few believed in the nation's vitality. It was Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago, who directed the Austrian relief work in the United States.

Monsignor Seipel, although he will wear the garb of a Catholic prelate, will truly represent secular Austria. Who he is and what he has achieved as the Chancellor of this nation is known to the world over. He is still solid in his conviction that the idea of a general peace among nations and of a Christian democratic evolution as first outlined by Pope Benedict XV can never be banished but that it represents the future of mankind.

To the correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service he said, concerning his visit to America: "I will undertake the journey despite that we shall have some Austrian parliament work of consequence in the near future. It seems of importance to me that I should come in contact with the American Catholics, who, through their country, can do so much in the matter of justice and peace among the nations."

"I am also aware of the progress that has been made in the direction of organizing American Catholics, and I know of their heroic struggle for the school and for the rights of Catholic parents. Therefore I am looking forward with pleasure to this visit to a nation that has always had warm feelings for us Austrians, and that, as I can see from American press reports and from the sheets of the N. C. W. C. News Service shown to me, has always been alive to the task which we in Austria tried to solve in the interest of peace and reconciliation."

Strikingly Novel Parish Memorial To German Dead

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Caplaine

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)
Cologne, April 1.—Epiphany parish of Charlottenburg, suburb of Berlin, has erected a monument to its soldier dead that has elicited widespread comment concerning its novel theme. The predominant feature is the only old bell that was left to the church at the time the Government took church bells to make ammunition for cannons of the World War.

The monument shows three angels upon a stone pedestal. They are holding the honor book on which are inscribed the names of the hero dead. Above all is the old church bell. Papers assert that not only is the monument original but achieves a really remarkable effect.

This and memorials of similar purposes evidence a great increase in devotion to the dead of the World War.

Daylight Saving In Ireland April 18

Dublin, April 3.—Daylight saving time will come into operation on April 18 and will continue until October 3. This year it will begin on the same date in Ireland, Great Britain, Northern Ireland, France, and Belgium.

Last year great dislocation was caused in the cross channel services because of the fact that our summer time continued about ten days after the clocks had been put back in the neighboring countries.

French Monks Win In Court Right To Vote

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

Paris, April 5.—A most unusual conflict, dating from several years, exists between the mayor of Saint-Leger Vauban, in Burgundy, and the Benedictines at the Monastery of La Pierre qui Vire situated within the confines of the municipality.

When the list of voters is checked off at the beginning of the year, the mayor systematically strikes off the names of the sixteen Benedictine monks on the ground that they form a non-authorized order and that their situation in the municipality is illegal. Each year the religious appeal the action to the justice of the peace of the canton. Twice already they have won their appeal against the mayor and their names have been reinscribed on the list by order of the judge. This year, for the third time, they have won a favorable judgment, and the magistrate has declared that they are citizens just as much as other inhabitants of the municipality.

This conflict is the only one of its kind known. Everywhere else when a mayor has acted as the mayor of Saint Leger has done, he has submitted to the first decision of the court. Fr. Donovan Given Assistant

Chicago, April 9.—Cardinal Mundelein has appointed the Rev. Timothy Rowan of St. Gertrude's parish, assistant to the Rev. C. F. Donovan, managing editor of The New World, official organ of the Chicago archdiocese. The growth of The New World in size as well as circulation in the last year made this step necessary.

Cleveland Pastor's Requiem Mass Sung By Bishop Schrembs

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

Cleveland, April 5.—Funeral services for Rev. Adolph M. Seeholzer, founder of St. Boniface's church and its pastor since 1904, were held in that church today. Bishop Joseph Schrembs was celebrant of the Requiem Mass. Father Seeholzer died of pneumonia after two weeks' illness. He was born at Kelley's Island, Ohio, and educated at Canisius college, Buffalo, and St. Mary's seminary, Cleveland. After ordination by Bishop Ignatius F. Hortsman in 1898, he was appointed assistant at St. Stephen's parish, Cleveland. In 1904 Bishop Hortsman authorized establishment of St. Boniface's church. In 1904 Bishop Hortsman authorized establishment of St. Boniface's church with Father Seeholzer as pastor. The body was taken to Kelley's Island for burial.

Thousands Ascend Steps Of Mt. Adams Church, Good Friday

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

Cincinnati, April 3.—Thousands of men, women and children made the annual pilgrimage up the long stairway leading to the Church of the Holy Cross, Mt. Adams, in observance of Good Friday. Many began the ascent at midnight. Thursday pilgrims, in some instances, made long journeys to be here for the occasion.

In former years, before the custom had reached its present proportions, pilgrims were able to kneel on each step during the long ascent and recite the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary. Nowadays because of the larger attendance they are compelled to stand on each step as they pray because there is no kneeling place.

All conditions of life were represented in the large assembly today. At the head of the stairway is a crucifix, but the pilgrimage does not end there. The participants proceed into Holy Cross church where they complete the pilgrimage by making the stations of the cross. Then they go from shrine to shrine in the church. Holy Cross parish is in charge of the Passionists.

Oldest Priest Ends Service As Active Pastor At Waukegan

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

Chicago, April 8.—The Rev. E. W. Gavin, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church at Waukegan, north of here, for 55 years, and the oldest priest in the Chicago archdiocese, both in age and service, retired Easter Sunday. Father Gavin was 84 years old March 12 last. On account of his long years of service Cardinal Mundelein has paid him a signal honor by making him pastor emeritus. Father Gavin is the last of the priests who made their studies at old St. Mary's of the Lake Seminary, Chicago.

Revival Of Irish Dancing In Schools Advocated In Dublin

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

Dublin, April 2.—Supported by the Rev. James Flynn, S.J., who presided, Mr. J. M. Long, an eminent authority on Irish dancing, appealed for more teaching of Irish dancing in the schools and colleges at a meeting held in the hall attached to the Jesuit Church in Gardiner Street.

The pronouncement is apropos of a great many aspects of present-day dancing in Ireland. Not a week passes without the papers containing strong denunciations by the most prominent Catholic clergy all over the country of the habit of holding dances that last all night, and at which the latest Continental importations are danced by the assistants. These denunciations have become so persistent that Circuit Judge Roche referred to them and approved of them, in a case before him in Longford during the week.

While the clergy are loud in their denunciations of Continental dances, especially when danced all night, they are unanimous in excluding the traditional Irish dances from censure. Many of the clergy have even appealed to the people to dance as much Irish dances as they like. They are most athletic, and no suggestion of immoral tendency has ever been made against them.

On the ground of nationality alone, many attempts have been made to introduce the Irish traditional dances to the fashionable ballroom. At some of the smartest dances in the best restaurants in Dublin, a couple of Irish dances often figure on the present-day program, and are danced by the elite of Dublin society, including judges and ministers of State.

Spanish Government Votes Money To Save Cathedral Of Burgos

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

Madrid, April 3.—The Spanish Government at a cabinet meeting last night voted an appropriation to save Burgos Cathedral, Spain's most beautiful church, which will fall to pieces unless immediate repairs are made. The church was begun in 1221 by Bishop Maurice, an Englishman, and King Ferdinand the Saint, and completed in 1567.

Governmental action followed requests by the press of the country that some steps be taken to save the historic edifice. Weather and time have taken their toll of the towers and already ground work has been laid for the repair on one spire.

The church's towers, built by Meister Hans of Cologne, the most picturesque feature of the cathedral, are in particular need of repair. The transept is almost in ruin.

Crypt Of National Shrine Is Formally Opened By Easter Mass

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

Washington, April 5.—Laymen were able to appreciate the beauty of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception being erected on the Catholic University campus here for the first time yesterday morning when the crypt of the edifice was formally opened with a Solemn Pontifical Mass of which the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, was celebrant.

The laity gathered at the Shrine shortly after 9 o'clock and hundreds received Holy Communion prior to the Mass, which began at 10. The crypt was filled during the Mass, which was celebrated on the altar of the Stations of the Cross, in his mother's house during the days of religious intolerance in the environs of the Capital. Finishing touches were applied to the crypt only a few days ago. It is now completed except for the installation of the Stations of the Cross, a large pipe organ and the permanent high altar.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Shahan, Rector of the Catholic University, attended the Mass and thanked the Apostolic Delegate for his assistance in the ceremonies. He called attention to the fact that Cardinal Biondi's predecessor as delegate here, celebrated Mass on the site of the Shrine when the work was undertaken six years ago. The Holy See has manifested a great interest in the work since its inception, he said. Archbishop Fumasoni-Biondi was assisted at Mass by the Very Rev. Msgr. George Leech of the Apostolic Legation. A choir of 100 voices from the Sulpician Seminary furnished the music.

Religious Bequest Ruling Of French Council Of State

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

Paris, April 5.—A decision of the Council of State has settled a very delicate question which has caused some controversy since the Separation of Church and State. Can departments, municipalities and public institutions accept bequests to which the testators have attached conditions connected with religious services? In so doing would they not infringe upon the article of the Law of Separation which forbids them from assuming direct charge of religious services?

A test case recently has been submitted to the Council of State which has settled the problem by a very liberal interpretation of the law. In this case a municipality has been authorized to receive such bequests and to execute the conditions of a religious character.

The case was as follows: An inhabitant of the municipality of Arou-sur-Gironde had left to his native city a bequest the income from which was to be divided into two parts, one half to be used to distribute bread to the poor and the other half to be used for the celebration of Masses and the upkeep of the Church.

The prefect of the department, adopting a very narrow interpretation of the law, asked the Municipal Council to reject the bequest entirely because of the religious conditions attached to it, conditions which, he claimed, are incompatible with the spirit of the Law of Separation. The Municipal Council did not share this opinion. The prefect therefore annulled the Council's decision.

The Municipal Council then appealed the matter to the Council of State. Then, taking advantage of the recognition by the Holy Father as well as by the French Government of the Diocesan Associations which are legally authorized to accept bequests and own property, one half of the bequest was entrusted to one of these associations, with the request that it be used for the maintenance of the church and the celebration of Masses.

The Council of State handed down a decision approving the course of the Municipality, declaring that the procedure followed was absolutely regular. The decision of the Council of State thus obviates all possibility of legal suits. It safeguards the interests of the poor and assures respect for the will and wishes of testators.

Priest Has Narrow Escape When Train Hits His Automobile

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

St. Louis, April 7.—Father Dennis J. Ryan, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Granite City, Ill., a few miles east of St. Louis, had a narrow escape from death on Sunday afternoon, when an automobile in which he was driving to the station to meet a party of Sisters who were to serve at Elizabeth's Hospital was struck by a Wabash passenger train at Twentieth Street, Granite City. Father Ryan was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he was treated for scalp wounds and bruises and was soon able to return to his home.

Catholic College Week To Be Held May 16 to May 22

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

Washington, April 9.—Catholic College Week will be observed throughout the United States from May 16 to 22 this year. It was announced today by the N. C. W. C. Department of Education. The purpose of the week is to call attention to the value of a college education particularly of such an education received in a Catholic college.

In observance of the occasion, all Catholic high schools, academies, colleges and universities will be called upon to assist as will the Catholic press. The Department of Education will itself prepare a special publication entitled "The Catholic College," which will be similar to "The Catholic High School," the publication circulated so successfully two years ago during the observance of Catholic High School Week.

Catholic College Week was observed for the first time four years ago when the attendant success encouraged N. C. W. C. officials to make it a permanent institution.

\$8,000 Reliquary For St. Louis Relic Of St. Francis Xavier

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

St. Louis, April 9.—A new \$8,000 reliquary set with 125 diamonds has just been completed for St. Francis Xavier's College Church. In it will repose a relic of St. Francis Xavier, Saint of the Jesuit order and Patron of the St. Francis Xavier Church.

Two years ago during the Novena in honor of St. Francis Xavier, attention was called to the fact that there was no suitable container for the precious relic. The parishioners and recipients of favors through St. Francis Xavier donated their jewelry and valuables from which the reliquary was made. Protruding from a heavy silver base is a sleeve of ebony which stretches a silver hand holding aloft the cross. The cross is of smooth gold about two feet in height. At the intersection of the cross bar is inlaid a rim of platinum set with diamonds. Within this circle of gems reposes a small fragment of the right arm of St. Francis Xavier.

Polar Fliers Given Blessing Of Pope

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

Rome, April 5.—Pope Pius XI yesterday received the members of the Amundsen-Ellsworth-Nobile polar expedition in a private audience. The explorers were presented by the Norwegian representative at the Vatican.

His Holiness evidenced great interest in the project and told the members of the party that he is watching developments and hopes to hear of their success. He has been taught by his personal experience as a mountaineer to appreciate the difficulties of their undertaking, he said. The Pontiff blessed the party as it was taking leave.

Leeds Names Jesuit To Depict Catholic History In Pageant

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

London, April 4.—When Leeds celebrates its tercentenary next July composed of members of the city with an historical pageant, the story of the city's religious life will be told in one of sixteen episodes. A Jesuit priest, Father W. Davis, has been appointed director of the pageant. He will represent this interesting Catholic incident in the city's history.

Father Davis has already written the prototype, which he entitled "The Coming of the Claretians" and is now busily engaged upon the scenario. The first scene deals with the visit of Alexander, Prior of Barnardswick, to Kirkstall in 1153, and his decision to build there the new famous Abbey. The second scene depicts the installation of William of Leeds as Abbot in 1275. And, in this, the original ceremony will be followed as closely as possible.

Boys from the College and the Sacred Heart School will take part in the episode, and Father Davis will also have the assistance of students from the Central School of Commerce and seven elementary schools.

Hungarians To Offer Million Communion For Chicago Congress

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

Bridgeport, Conn., April 10.—Cardinal Mundelein's touching plan of a million Communion on the first day of the Eucharistic Congress at Chicago in June has elicited a magnificent echo in far-off Hungary. According to word received here by Father Stephen F. Chermak, pastor of St. Stephen's Hungarian Church, Catholics of Hungary, according to this information, have decided upon no less a feat than the offering of another million Communion in their country for the success of the Congress at Chicago.

This action of an ancient Catholic country is particularly touching as an effort to participate in the Congress though few from Hungary actually attend. Only five members of the Hungarian hierarchy, headed by Cardinal Primate Csernoch, will come in company with a small group of clergy and laymen.

A Children of Mary magazine is directing the effort through the Children of Mary Society, which in Hungary is not confined to girls but is made up chiefly of men, many of them from the higher and middle classes. A million pledges of Communion are being collected. These will be bound in an artistic volume and presented to Cardinal Mundelein by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Ignatius Hunak, Bishop of Veszprem, on the opening day of the Congress.

Bulgarian Bishop's Interesting Move To Aid Church Unity

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

Sofia, April 1.—The Eastern church unity has received a new impulse in Bulgaria through the action of Msgr. Peter, Bishop of Sofia-Philippopolis, in appointing certain churches of the Slav rite to be visited by the titular who deals to rein the activities of the Jubilee. In some of these churches of the Eastern Slav rite stand almost identical icons. There is, however, among some Catholics of the Slav rite a tendency to believe that the Slav churches are not really Catholic, while the Greek Catholics are really with Rome.

Msgr. Peter's intention is to show the Slav churches that they are really Catholic and to bring about a closer union with Rome. He has appointed the titular to visit the churches of the Slav rite in the Bulgarian provinces of Sofia, Plovdiv, and Varna. He has also appointed the titular to visit the churches of the Slav rite in the Bulgarian provinces of Sofia, Plovdiv, and Varna.

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Catholic Names Education In Dutch

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

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