

Papal Relief Plan Soon To Be Announced

Washington, May 3.—The Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, S. J., of Georgetown University, Director of the Papal Relief Expedition to Russia, who has just returned to this city after visiting the Vatican and studying conditions in certain sections of Europe, Asia and Africa, disclosed that the first efforts toward the world-wide organization of "Papal Relief" will be made in the United States and within the very near future.

It was for the purpose of conferring with His Holiness on the general proposition of Papal Relief that Father Walsh was summoned to Rome several months ago. His journeys into the various countries were in furtherance of this work and in the interests of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service of which he was the first regent. He did not visit Russia, Father Walsh said.

The Holy Father continues to hold the United States in very high esteem and took occasion during one of his last conferences to speak of this country and its institutions in flattering terms, Father Walsh told the representative of the N.C.W.C. News Service.

Father Duffy Chief Speaker At Memorial Tablet Unveiling

Washington, May 7.—The Rev. Francis P. Duffy, New York's famous soldier-priest, was the principal speaker at the unveiling Wednesday afternoon in Arlington National Cemetery of a memorial tablet of the Army chaplains who gave their lives in the World War. The ceremony was a part of the three-day pan-denominational conference of chaplains called by the Secretary of War.

A large crowd, including representatives of the families, denominations and organizations of the hero chaplains, attended the ceremony. The tablet, of bronze, is mounted on a pedestal of simple beauty. About the base numerous wreaths were placed.

Father Duffy spoke of the chaplain's place in the Army telling how he must go into battle unarmed and fellow his men. He must, he said, tend the wounded, help carry them from the field, comfort the dying, bury the dead and write solacing letters to their relatives and friends.

Although the chaplain's duty is to preach peace, when war is declared in the interest of justice and against iniquity he must don his uniform and go off to war, he said. To the chaplain creed, color and race must make no difference; all men of his command are his charges, he declared.

Nun Who Renounced English Title Dies

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) London, May 1.—Lady Etheldreda Howard who renounced her title to become a nun, died this week at the age of 77, having been a Sister of Charity for over fifty years.

Spanish Village Pastor Invents New Keyboard for Musical Instruments

By Rev. Manuel Grana (Madrid Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service) Madrid, May 1.—Don Saturnino Tofe, Pastor of Gimileo, a village in the diocese of Calahorra, Province of Logrono, has invented a new keyboard for musical instruments. The invention, it is believed, will cause a veritable revolution in church music for it solves one of the most difficult problems of small parishes.

Musicians who can play the organ and execute satisfactorily not merely the liturgical music but all the compositions usually demanded in the parishes services are a rarity in small villages and isolated communities. And yet good music adds much to the splendor of Catholic worship and is an aid to devotion.

Invention Forced by Necessity When he arrived in the Gimileo parish, Father Tofe found an old organ which no one of his parishioners was able to play. Although devoted to music and anxious to have good music in the House of God, he was unable to hire an organist. He therefore set out to discover some other solution and for two years he worked on the problem without ceasing.

At last, on a special feast day the old organ recovered its voice in the most unexpected manner. Using the new keyboard which the pastor invented, one of the villagers, a man with no musical training whatsoever, was able to execute the desired music. Father Tofe celebrated the Divine Sacrifice that day with a soul stirred by the deepest emotion. He realized that not only had he brought the "liturgical voice" so insistently recommended by Pius X. back to his church, but that the result of his labor would benefit all country priests who find themselves in the same situation.

The use of this keyboard requires no musical knowledge whatsoever. Children can use it and play the accompaniment for plain chant and other musical compositions. The trials made have given complete satisfaction. Boys eleven years of age, sons of working men, after one month and a half of practice have been able to accompany the "Mass of the Angels" with desirable perfection. In the Seminary of Calahorra some seminarians who know nothing of music have learned in a short time to play not merely the music for the Mass but compositions of great difficulty. From now on there is no parish, however small, remote or isolated which cannot have music for all its church functions. Parishes which have organs but no organist can also profit by the invention, for the new keyboard can be attached to organs as well as to harmoniums, and any parishioner, man or woman, adult or child, can be the organist.

Description of New Keyboard The simplicity of the keyboard is marvelous. It consists of two small keyboards of four rows of keys, similar to those of a typewriter. Each one has 24 keys, that is to say it supplies two octaves for each hand. The keys are numbered and each number corresponds to a certain finger of the hand. When one has learned to operate one row of keys, one has mastered the whole, for the operation of all rows is the same, and the board is so arranged that the same fingers of each hand are used to play the same notes. A person who does not know the scale has merely to learn the meaning of the numbers and does not have to bother with tones, keys, sharps or flats. All he has to know is figures. Transpositions from one key to another are most simple, for it is sufficient to play on one row of keys or another to raise or lower the key of the piece which is being played. For a person who already has some knowledge of music it is mere child's play.

As the main object of Father Tofe's invention is to equip poor parishes with a musical instrument he has devoted himself especially to the construction of harmoniums of various classes at low prices. But he also makes separate keyboards which can be fitted to the keyboards of harmoniums already in use, permitting the old instrument to be played by the new method without necessitating any change whatsoever beyond the learning of numbers by the organist.

Special Railroad Rates For Editors Detroit To Chicago

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Detroit, May 7.—Editors and publishers who will attend both the Catholic Press Association convention to be held here and the Twenty-eighth Eucharistic Congress to be held in Chicago, are urged to make early railroad and Pullman reservations between the two cities. The Press convention will be held here June 17, 18 and 19 and the Congress in Chicago June 20 to 24.

The Wide Horizon.

(From the National Offices of the Propagation of the Faith, New York City.)

Has everybody in England struck who wishes? Offhand it looks to us as if these radio pictures from London were taken in a fog.

Getting even with people is alright if it pertains to creditors.

The Kansas athlete who robbed a New York store probably couldn't buck the bread line.

The 1926 graduate will soon find out he's only a Freshman in the school of Hard Knocks.

One actress objects to her name on a cigar thinking, perhaps, it wouldn't draw well.

Last week we wrote of the great American hen and this week we must put in a word on the great American cow to prevent her from feeling that she has been discriminated against. The cow contributes so much to our nation that she deserves more than hay, grass, cottonseed meal and the stigma of watered milk. A kind, domesticated cow without horns will do more for a family of ten than a dozen hens that hide their product in the field while a cow comes home to give up her milk willingly. Of course, the hen sings and the cow doesn't except in a low sort of foghorn note that becomes music only at a distance. The scriptural patriarchs were great hands for bovines though not much for hens. The old painters managed to work a cow into the background of many pictures while the modern artists would rather paint chickens. Neither does the Bible exalt poultry but scores of passages hint at or come out directly with eulogies of the bovine.

One of the nicest things about a cow is her satisfaction with creature comfort. Give her a handful of hay to eat, a forkful of straw to lie on, a cool stream in summer and a shady tree to ruminate under and she forgets statistics and what they do to her milk in cities but becomes as placid as a Louisiana lake under a tropical moon. Under such benign conditions she will never bellow. She may moo but there is as much difference between a moo and a bellow as there is between a jazz song and a cradle melody. The cow makes it possible to have milk for the baby's bottle, cream for the dinner coffee, cheese for supper and a nice milk shake just before going to bed.

Henry Ford tried to make a synthetic cow but it gave up the ghost and the skeleton is now rattling in the Ford factory. Funny, how Ford goes in for rattles.

Another way to avoid growing old is to start jaywalking when young. Long, serious articles have been written to prove the folly of attempting to establish lines or sharp distinctions between capital and labor in this country but really such grave dissertations are unnecessary. The observant eye sees proof of this folly every day on the public street.

A case in point: Three men were taking a piano up the steps of a house. The man at the front end was well-dressed, spectacled, over-coated. The two at the other end of the box were dirty, overalled, rough-handed. Just as it came to the final tug one of the overalled pair exclaimed: "Get straight around in front of her George and pull." And George did.

Now George is a member of the firm that sold the piano. A few years ago he was one of the teamsters who delivered pianos. Being short of help in the store he lends a hand himself when the need arises and his men call him by his first name.

This country is swarming with such cases. They are the finest argument for free America that we have. They offer the greatest incentive to ambition that any country can offer. So long as this country remains one in which the men call the boss by the first name and when the need arises the boss gets around in front and pulls with the men, all the agitators in the world can't do any lasting harm. England's strike will never be a forerunner of a general one here. America has the most fortunate sons of labor of all the countries of the world.

Statisticians will figure the corn crop this year in gallons instead of bushels.

Card. Dubois Makes Sacrifice to Attend Chicago Congress

Paris, May 3.—In order to be free to go to the Eucharistic Congress of Chicago, Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, has decided to select a date one month in advance for the solemn celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration as bishop. His Eminence was consecrated Bishop of Verdun in 1901 and was later Archbishop of Bourges and of Rouen before being called to archiepiscopal office of Paris.

The auxiliary bishops of Paris had informed the cardinal of the desire of the members of his diocese to celebrate his jubilee and to make an offering on this occasion. His Eminence expressed the desire that the offerings be used for the construction of a Little Seminary. Since the Law of Separation deprived the diocese of the two seminaries, the Little Seminary has been housed in rented buildings.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, May 16.—St. John Nepomucen was born at Nepomuc, Bohemia, in 1330. He was consecrated to God and a holy life. He became chaplain to Emperor Wenceslas, who was intensely jealous of his wife. The Emperor sought through torture to extort the Empress' confessions from the Saint and finally martyred him in the effort. When the Saint's shrine was opened 330 years after his death, all the flesh had disappeared, but the tongue remained intact.

Monday, May 17.—St. Paschal Baylon as a mere boy instructed the herdsmen in the hills of Aragon. At the age of 24 he entered the Franciscan Order. He was devout in prayer and took to himself the most servile tasks. God withheld the crown of martyrdom from him, although he was in great danger from the Huguenots on a journey through France. One day as he attended sheep on a mountainside while the villagers were going to Mass in the valley below, an angel bearing the Sacred Host appeared to him as he fell on his knees at the sound of the consecration bell. He died 1592.

Tuesday, May 18.—St. Venantius, Martyr, born in Camerino, Italy, was miraculously saved from torture for being a Christian. The Saint's zeal in the trials and a hovering angel brought about the conversion of the Judge's secretary. He was beheaded with many of his converts in 250.

Wednesday, May 19.—St. Peter Celestine as a child had vision of the Blessed Virgin, the angels and saints. After surviving three years' temptation in the mountains, he founded the Celestine order. He was elected Pope and built himself a boarded cell in his palace to continue his hermit's life.

Thursday, May 20.—St. Bernardine of Siena. In 1408 St. Vincent Ferrer once suddenly interrupted his sermon to declare that among his auditors was a young Franciscan who one day would be a greater preacher than himself. It was Bernardine, of noble birth. His eloquence brought many miraculous conversions and reformed the greater part of Italy. He was called a heretic but lived to see himself and his teachings justified. He died on Ascension Eve, 1444.

Friday, May 21.—St. Hospitius, recluse, shut himself up in the ruins of an old tower near Villafraanca and girded himself with heavy iron chains and lived on bread and dates. Heaven honored him with gifts of prophecy and miracles. He died May 21, 681.

Saturday, May 22.—St. Yvo, confessor, descended from a noble and virtuous family, was born in 1253. He took a private vow of perpetual chastity and devoted himself to the care of the sick and poor. He entered the religious life and wished to remain in the lesser orders but was compelled by his bishop to be ordained. He died 1303.

Catechists Making Many Converts Among Japanese In Hawaii

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Honolulu, March 31.—Graduates of St. Louis College and members of the Holy Name Society here have established an organization to give religious instruction to old and young, but particularly to the children in the dens and hovels of the slums of this seaport.

The organization bore its first fruits in the baptism of a group of 20 Japanese by the Rt. Rev. Stephen P. Alencastre, Coadjutor of this territory. The next group numbered 50 converts, the bulk of whom were Japanese but among whom were four Koreans and two Chinese.

The catechists are as yet few in number and confronted by many handicaps and many needs. All but one are volunteers.

DEATHS

Walker—Edward L. Walker died at his home, No. 906 Portland avenue, May 8. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church, May 11.

C. A. Schied Funeral To Be Held Friday

Charles A. Schied, one of the oldest members of St. Peter and Paul's Church and the Rochester Liederkranz, died Tuesday, May 12th, at his home, 230 York street, aged 82 years. He is survived by four sons, Charles, Roman, John and Frank Schied two daughters, Mrs. William Nolan and Mrs. David Wilson three brothers, Richard, Joseph and Michael Schied a sister, Mrs. Joseph Fisher, and nine grandchildren.

Born in Germany, Mr. Schied came to the United States at an early age. On September 30, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Schied celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married in St. Peter and Paul's Church. Mrs. Schied died in 1924.

Mr. Schied was also a member of St. Francis Xavier Society and the Working Men's Benevolent Society. His son, Charles, is a member of the police department, and another son, Richard, is in the postoffice.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home and at 9 o'clock at St. Peter and Paul's Church. Burial in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

MRS. ELIZABETH BLOCK Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Ritz Block, widow of Joseph Block, took place Wednesday morning at 8:45 o'clock at the home, No. 32 Frances street, and at 9 o'clock at St. Francis Xavier Church. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Francis X. Kunz, assisted by Rev. George Kalb as deacon, and Rev. George Weinman as subdeacon.

Delegations from the L. C. B. A. of the Holy Family and Sacred Heart societies attended the services. The bearers were Christian Lohfink, L. Herbst, J. Weidenborner, A. Reab, George Kircher and A. Hill. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. George Kalb, assisted by Rev. George Weinman.

CHARLES H. BLACKWOOD Charles H. Blackwood, inspector for the Eastman Kodak Company and brother of Commissioner of Parks William E. Blackwood, died Wednesday afternoon at his home, No. 197 Fulton avenue. Funeral services will take place Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home and at 9 o'clock at Lady Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral. Burial will be made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mr. Blackwood leaves his wife, Magdalen Blackwood; a daughter, Marie Blackwood; a son, Jack M. Blackwood; his mother, Mrs. Henry D. Blackwood, and his brother.

CATHERINE A. RIGNEY Funeral services for Catherine A. Rigney, daughter of the late Patrick Rigney, took place Wednesday morning at 9:15 o'clock at the home in the Latta road, Greece, and at 9:30 o'clock at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Mount Read. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. J. P. Quinn, assisted by Rev. J. F. Goggin as deacon, and Rev. A. J. McCabe as subdeacon. The bearers were James, Ray and Matt Rigney, Joseph P. Fleming, William H. Craig and John McShea. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. J. P. Quinn.

DEATHS OF THE WEEK

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

Rigney—Catherine A., daughter of the late Patrick Rigney of Greece, died at the family home, Mt. Read, Greece, May 9. Funeral from Our Mother of Sorrows Church, May 12.

Leary—Alice Pierce Leary, wife of Harry E. Leary, died May 10, at her home, 333 South Goodman street, aged 45 years. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, May 12.

Pavelsky—Augusta Pavelsky died at the late residence, 397 Chitt avenue, May 10. Funeral from St. Augustine's Church, May 12.

Colens—Desire Colens died at the home, 40 Birch crescent, May 10. Funeral from Our Lady of Victory Church, May 12.

Quinby—Mrs. Alice Quinby, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. I. Burke, of Buffalo, N. Y., May 9. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, May 14. Interment at Ontario, N. Y.

Hall—Mrs. Kunigunda Hall, widow of Lawrence Hall, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herman J. Somers, at Norwich, N. Y., May 8. Funeral from St. Andrew's Church, May 11.

McCumber—Mrs. Mary McCumber of 60 Barnum street, died at the Highland Hospital, May 9, aged 69 years. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, May 12.

Krebs—Myrtle Krebs, beloved daughter of Lillian Wiesner Krebs and Lewis Krebs, died at the family residence, 100 Colvin street, aged 21 years. Funeral from Holy Family Church, May 12.

Block—Elizabeth Ritz Block, wife of the late Joseph Block, died at the residence, No. 32 Frances street, May 9, aged 79 years and 6 months. Funeral from St. Francis Xavier Church, May 12.

DeMarse—Hubert William DeMarse of No. 73 Miller street, died May 8. Funeral from Holy Cross Church, May 11.

McPherson—Charles Duncan McPherson died at his residence, No. 60 Martin street, May 8, aged 62 years. Funeral from St. Bridget's Church, May 12.

Schmalholz—Isaac Schmalholz died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Peter Krembel, 3 Borchard street, May 11, aged 75 years. Funeral from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, May 14.

Ritzenthaler—Mrs. Rose Ritzenthaler, widow of Joseph Ritzenthaler died May 8, at her home, No. 291 Ames street. Funeral from Holy Family Church, May 11.

Powers—Robert M. Powers died May 9, in this city. Funeral from St. Mary's Church, May 11.

Connolly—Mrs. Annie Connolly died at St. Mary's Hospital, May 9. The funeral and interment took place in the Calvary cemetery, New York city.

Quinby—Mrs. Alice Quinby died at the home of her daughter, in Buffalo, N. Y., May 9. Funeral from Corpus Christi Church, May 14.

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