

Mercier's Successor Acclaimed In See City By Great Of Belgium

By Rev. J. Van der Heyden,
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Louvain, May 10.—The welcoming of Monsignor Von Roey, Cardinal Mercier's successor, to the episcopal city of Mechlin was the occasion for a grand banquet at which the Prime Minister, P. Pouillet, and several members of the Cabinet, among them the Socialist Ministers Huysmans and Laboulle, assisted. In addition, representative men from the clergy, the army, the magistracy, the Chambers and the Senate four hundred in all—attended.

Replying to the toast of Bishop Heyden, who is head of the International Eucharistic Congresses, the new archbishop recalled the oncoming Congress at Chicago. He said: "It is a signal honor and a real pleasure for me to acknowledge at this moment my respect and my admiration for the great bishop who makes illustrious the See of St. Alban. Through your eminent qualities, your indefatigable apostolic activities, your holiness of life, you have given to a peerless eminence, not only in the diocese of Namur and in Belgium, but throughout the Catholic Church.

"Soon you will bear, with the prestige of your person, the glorious Belgian name to the cardinals, the bishops and the faithful of America and of the universe. May your incomparable ministry in honor of the Blessed Sacrament restore around the Eucharistic Jesus the universal union of souls and the concord of nations! May you, ever young and valiant, for years to come spend your talents and your strength in the service of all the good causes on which depend both the country's and the Church's future!"

Bishop Heyden celebrates this year the twenty-fifth anniversary of his residency of the International Catholic Congresses.

Archbishop Van Roey is winning universal sympathy in the task he faces of administering the See made world-renowned by Cardinal Mercier. The answers to the numerous addresses and toasts, both on the day of his episcopal consecration and on that of his official entry into the city of Mechlin, left a deep impression. He spoke with equal fluency and eloquence in French, Flemish and Latin, according as he was addressed in one or another of these tongues.

\$1,000,000 Central High School, Goal Of Toledo Diocese

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

Toledo, May 21.—The Rt. Rev. Samuel A. Stritch, Bishop of Toledo, is chairman of the executive committee which is directing the campaign being launched here for a fund sufficient to buy property and erect a new Toledo Central Catholic High School. Although a definite goal has not been fixed, it is estimated that \$1,000,000 will be needed to carry out the project. The campaign will be conducted the week beginning Sunday, June 6.

The effort was initiated April 24, when Bishop Stritch called a meeting of all the Catholic pastors of the city. Two years ago a campaign committee was appointed to study drives conducted in other cities, and as a result of their reports to meetings held April 16 and 22, it was determined to start the drive in earnest.

Since the Central high school was started, efforts have been made to relieve congestion and to provide adequate accommodations for all students. Repeated attempts to obtain a site where fruitless until now, when Bishop Stritch has obtained the Curtis estate for the purpose. The money from the drive will pay for this site and defray the cost of a modern and adequate building.

Communists Favored, Catholics Slighted, Says French General

Paris, May 10.—A protest against inequality of treatment accorded Catholics as against Communists has been forwarded to the Prefect of Seine-et-Oise by General Lebrun, president of the Diocesan Union of Versailles.

Recently on the day before a general assembly of the Catholics of the Versailles diocese, the Prefect signed an order forbidding all processions in the public thoroughfares. Assuming that this measure applied to all citizens alike, General Lebrun canceled plans for the procession which had been arranged as part of the meeting.

But on May 1, the communist groups marched through the streets with their red flags, and the police did not interrupt the procession.

General Lebrun, in his protest, says: "The Catholics have been the object of a discriminatory measure. Each difference in treatment, within the space of a few days, is an act of defiance. They pledge themselves, therefore, to take the liberties which have been refused them but which others have obtained."

Catholic College Week Supported By Alumni Body

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

Washington, May 21.—In furtherance of Catholic College Week, which has been observed this week throughout the country, the National Catholic Alumni Federation arranged mass meetings under its auspices in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, and Brooklyn. Edward S. Dore, president of the Federation, placed the facilities of his organization at the disposal of the Bureau of Education, N. C. W. C., for the promotion of the week.

The meetings are being held in prominent auditoriums and are open to the junior and senior pupils of the high schools of each city. Prominent Catholic lay speakers set forth the advantages of a college education, particularly a Catholic college education. Meetings are being held on the same evening to which the parents of the pupils are invited.

Mr. Dore entrusted arrangements for the meetings to members of the Federation as follows: Richard S. Keeling, Boston; H. Eugene Heine, Philadelphia; James E. Sanford, Chicago; John C. Tobin, St. Louis; and William E. Grimes, Brooklyn. Mr. Dore himself called the meetings to be held in New York.

In arranging for these demonstrations the Federation pointed to two of its aims and purposes which are: "To hold receptions at such centers to which the Catholic graduates of high schools and preparator schools in the vicinity would be invited to meet representatives of the alumni of our colleges and hear appeals for higher education.

"To hold similar informal receptions at such centers to which the best students of the graduates' classes of such high schools and preparatory schools would be invited to meet lay members of our alumni associations and receive from them a direct appeal for high Catholic education."

French Abbe Would Teach, Study In U. S., Then Found School

Washington, May 21.—One of the most unusual applications for a teaching position ever received by Bureau of Education, N. C. W. C., has come from Abbe Rebeyron, a Catholic priest of Calvados, France, who would defray the expenses of a personal study tour in this country by teaching in secondary schools or colleges or by tutoring in a private family.

Abbe Rebeyron has told the Bureau that he contemplates founding a school at Strasbourg, but first would like to spend several years in this country as he has in Germany. In this connection he reveals that he is preparing a thesis entitled "Catholic Education in America." He is at present tutoring in a private family at Chateau de Lessard-le-Chene, St. Julien-le-Pancon. He has ecclesiastical permission to undertake his American project and is prepared to come to this country in September.

The priest, who is 54 years old, explains that he proposes to teach in this country because he is to make the visit here on his own initiative and must therefore defray his own expenses. He is qualified to teach Arithmetic, Algebra, Plane Geometry, Solid Geometry, Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Medieval History, Philosophy, Harmony, the piano and the theory of music. He prefers, however, to teach Latin, Greek, French, German, Rhetoric, English Composition and Pedagogy, in which he also is competent.

Abbe Rebeyron is highly recommended by his present and former employers.

Catholic Hospitals' President Eulogized By Head Of Surgeons

Milwaukee, May 21.—Dr. Franklin Martin, director general of the American College of Surgeons, paid a glowing tribute to the Rev. C. B. Mouligner, S. J., of Marquette University, president of the Catholic Hospital Association of the United States and Canada, while he was in Milwaukee last Friday.

"The American College of Surgeons", Dr. Martin said, "is under great obligation to Marquette University because Marquette is Father Mouligner's headquarters. Sixty-two per cent of all hospital beds in the country are in Catholic hospitals, under the direction of Father Mouligner, and it is through his untiring efforts and vision that so much progress has been made in hospital standardization in the last seven or eight years."

No meeting of the College of Surgeons is considered complete without the presence of Father Mouligner to inspire the audience with his eloquence and vision for better hospitals, Dr. Martin said.

Mission Crusade's Protector Cincinnati, May 18.—The appointment of Cardinal Van Rossum, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, as Cardinal Protector of the Catholic Students' Mission Crusade has been confirmed by a wireless dispatch from Rome received at Crusade Castle, national headquarters of the organization here.

Ulster Inclusion In Disability Act Is Now Expected

Belfast Government Denies It Asked
To Be Excluded From English Bill
Removing Legal Restrictions
From Catholics

By Joseph J. Mooney,
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News Service)

Dublin, May 10.—Mr. Devlin, Nationalist M. P. for Belfast, asked the Prime Minister, Sir James Craig, in the Northern Parliament, on whose authority Mr. Herbert recently stated in the English Parliament that it was the wish of the Six-County Government that Northern Ireland should be excluded from the provisions of the bill to remove Catholic disabilities now passing through the British Parliament.

The speaker of the House said that he did not think it was within the province of the Government of Northern Ireland to ask private members of the Imperial Parliament their reasons for any statements they might make. Mr. Devlin pointed out that the Government of Northern Ireland was allowing a Member of the Imperial Parliament to attribute to a course of policy with reference to Catholic disabilities of which it denied all knowledge.

Sir James Craig informed Mr. Devlin that the bill had not been the subject of negotiations between the governments of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and also that no representations had been invited by or tendered to the promoters of the bill on behalf of the Northern Government.

Mr. Devlin said that he understood that the Government of Ireland Act of 1920 contained the following provision dealing with the Six-County Parliament:

"Any existing enactments by which any penalty, disadvantage, or disability is imposed on any religion or member of any religious order as such, shall, as from the appointed day, cease to have effect in Ireland."

The "appointed day" was the day on which the separate Parliament of the Six Counties was set up under that act. Sir James Craig replied that in his opinion the act quoted by Mr. Devlin repealed all disabilities.

"I am not aware", said Sir James, "that any disabilities whatever exist in Northern Ireland. If, when the new English Act is on the Statute Book, the Honorable Member (Mr. Devlin) has an opportunity of looking at it very carefully, and if he sees anything outstanding in regard to Catholic disabilities, although I know of none in our area, I will be very glad to consult with him as to what steps should be taken."

In view of this statement by Sir James Craig, it is to be presumed that there will be no objection to a proposal to include Northern Ireland in the English bill for the removal of Catholic disabilities. As already reported, the bill originally included Northern Ireland, but its promoter, Mr. Herbert, announced in the British House of Commons that he had accepted an amendment excluding Northern Ireland in deference to the express wishes of the Six-County Government. It is understood that an English Unionist Member of Parliament will move, on the report stage of the measure, that Northern Ireland be included in the bill in its final form.

Divine Word Society To Ordain 8; Mission Assignments Made

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

Chicago, May 21.—Eight seminarians of the Society of the Divine Word, three of whom already have received appointments to distant foreign mission fields, will be ordained by Cardinal Mundelein at Holy Name Cathedral here May 29. They will offer their first Masses simultaneously at eight altars in the beautiful Holy Ghost church of the Techny Community Trinity Sunday, May 30. Members of the class already assigned to foreign missionary work are the Rev. Richard Lyons, S. V. D., of Chicago, professor of English in the diocesan seminary of Vigan, Philippine Islands; and the Rev. Thomas Megan, S. V. D., of Eldora, Iowa, and the Rev. Peter Heiser, S. V. D., of Hague, North Dakota, missionaries to the Honan province of China, whither the Society of the Divine Word already has sent 12 priests.

The other seminarians to be ordained are: the Rev. Robert Stuckler, S. V. D., of Gilbertville, Iowa; the Rev. Dominic Witter, S. V. D., and the Rev. Joseph Kempinski, S. V. D., of Steyl, Holland; the Rev. Norbert Schuler, S. V. D., of Elizabeth, N. J., and the Rev. Lester Dooley, S. V. D., of Odell, Ill.

The Divine Word Fathers at Techny also have announced the assignment of the Rev. William Ross, S. V. D., editor of The Little Missionary, to missionary work in the island of New Guinea, and of the Rev. Brother Francis, S. V. D., to Shanghai, China. These missionaries will be sent from San Francisco in September, together with three Sisters, Servants of the Holy Ghost, from Techny, who will accompany Father Ross to the island of New Guinea and join the four other American Sisters in that distant mission field.

Tells Of Poland's Sad Final Tribute To Msgr. Cieplak

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

Cleveland, May 21.—Several thousand members of his congregation greeted the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Marlon J. Orzechowski, pastor of the parish of the Immaculate Heart of Mary upon his return here from Poland, where he went with the body of Archbishop John Felix Cieplak. Monsignor Orzechowski represented the Diocese of Cleveland at the funeral of the archbishop, who died in Passaic, N. J., while on a visit to the United States.

The journey of the body through the prelate's native land, Monsignor Orzechowski said, was a continuous demonstration of affectionate grief. It mattered not at what hour of the day or night the funeral train passed through cities and towns, many hundreds gathered to pay their silent tribute of love.

The body lay in state four days in Warsaw, after which it was transferred in a special train to Vilna, See city of the archdiocese to which the archbishop had been appointed just before his death. There it was placed in the crypt of the cathedral.

After the funeral rites, Monsignor Orzechowski went to Rome, where he had an audience with the Pope. In the course of the audience the Pope authorized him to bestow a special blessing upon Bishop Schrembs, the clergy, the Sisters and the laity of the Cleveland diocese.

New S. V. D. House Opened In Hungary; Mission Spirit High

Bridgeport, Conn., May 21.—

Circulars have been received by the Hungarian members of the American clergy telling of the establishment of a new seminary at Buda-Teteny, near Budapest. The students are to receive special instruction for missionary work in heathen lands. There is a handful of Jesuits of Hungarian birth in China and Japan, but this is the first time Hungary has made a special effort to train priests for foreign work.

The seminary houses 35 candidates so far. The house is called "Nazareth" and is under the control of the Society of the Divine Word, the American headquarters of which are at Techny, Ill.

It also has been announced that a new Sisterhood recently was organized in Kalocsa, Hungary, the members of which call themselves Chinese Missionary Scholastic Sisters. Bishop Lacroix, from China, has personally visited and urged them to depart for China without delay where a convent already has been assigned for their use. Ten of them are to leave Hungary August 13 for China.

Father Peter Wodarka will attend the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, representing the new branch of the Divine Word Society.

American Protestant Missionary's Tribute To Irish Hospitality

Dublin, May 10.—An English publishing firm has just produced a book called "The Bible in Ireland," by Mrs. Asenath Nicholson of New York. The writer, an American Protestant, details what she found during two prolonged walking tours in Ireland in the days of O'Connell and Father Matthew, and what she has to say is a monument to the hospitality of the poorest classes of Irish country people of that day.

Mrs. Nicholson's first tour was one of investigation simply, and her second was in her capacity as a Protestant Missionary to distribute the Bible. She went on foot. She slept in the cabins of the poor, where, in those days, the pigs were housed indoors. She also spent nights in cross-road public houses. She ate the ordinary food of the peasantry, which on many days was nothing but potatoes and salt. Though she explained to the peasants that she was a Protestant, they accepted her as one of themselves, considering her a sort of pilgrim tramping the country from religious motives.

Mrs. Nicholson emphasizes the fact that the Catholic priests were in more intimate touch with the people than were the ministers of her own church. She repeatedly received hospitality from the priests, and pays a generous tribute to their tolerance.

She made an especial study of the drink problem and of the means taken in Ireland to combat it. The most successful measures were those adopted by Father Matthew, of whom she says: "He has wiped more tears from the face of woman than any other being on the globe."

Irish Priest A Bishop At 35 In Australia

Dublin, May 6.—The Rt. Rev. Dr. J. F. Norton, newly consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of Bathurst, Australia, who is a native of Luccan, is in this country on a visit while en route to Australia. He is one of the youngest bishops in the world. He is only 35 years old.

Bishop Norton completed his early studies at All Hallows College, where he was ordained in 1915. Cardinal Van Rossum officiated at his recent consecration in Rome.

Two Irish Cities Act To Banish Indecent Publications' Sale

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

Dublin, May 10.—A public meeting in the town of Wexford has called on all newspapers in the town to sell no English Sunday papers and no magazines containing anything deleterious to faith or morals. The Rev. J. Sinnott, Administrator, presided. The meeting was organized and attended by the following organizations: The Municipal Corporation of Wexford, the Gaelic Athletic Association, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, the Saint Iribus Club, the Workmen's Club, the Pierce Ironworks, the Irish National Foresters, the Temperance Association, the Gaelic League, the Sinn Fein Club, the Third Order of Saint Francis, the Legion of British ex-Servicemen, the Hibernian Social Club and the Men's Confraternity.

The chairman said that the present increase of immoral publications was the outcome of the freedom of mind following on the Great War, and the wave of loose morals and divorce accompanying it in England and the Continental Countries. If the public of Wexford ceased buying the supplies of filthy English papers, he declared, the publishers would soon cease sending them, he declared.

All the parish branches of the Catholic Truth Society in Clonmel, Tipperary county, have united in publishing an appeal to the local newspaper agents to refrain from selling the class of paper to which Father Sinnott referred in Wexford. The Clonmel meeting decided to organize a large demonstration after the Wexford model to rally public opinion on the subject.

The question of indecent literature has become more than a merely local or religious question. A commission on indecent literature is now sitting in Dublin, and the British Parliament is dealing with the matter in a bill now passing through the House. Legislative action in the Free State is expected soon.

Pagan Wedding Rite Sponsored By Mexico Labor Organization

Mexico, City, May 21.—A wedding with religious forms barred, celebrated recently in the hall of the Institute of Social Sciences here and attended by members of many labor unions, and prominent leaders of the "Comrade" labor movement, has been held up as a model to be followed by other "comrades." It also was made the occasion for an attack on "anti-quoted beliefs."

The ceremony consisted in the reading of a document setting forth the intention of the two parties to the marriage contract. "Comrades" Nicolas Zavala and Maria de Jesus Munoz, to take each other as husband and wife, and outlining the mutual obligations which the labor movement considers they should assume. This marriage act was then signed by the newly-weds and by several other "Comrade" members who acted as witnesses.

When this had been done, "Comrade" Salvador Alvarez, representing the Central Committee of the Federation of Labor Unions of the Federal District, announced that "Comrade" Nicolas Zavala and Maria de Jesus Munoz of their own free will had been joined in wedlock before the representatives of the labor movement.

Various congratulatory speeches were then made, in which the example of the newly married couple was held up to be imitated by others.

Gifts Of \$1,000 Start Two Catholic Building Projects In Cincinnati

Cincinnati, May 21.—A check for \$1,000 was recently given to Archbishop John T. McNicholas by Elder Council, Knights of Columbus, as a nucleus of the million dollar fund the archbishop hopes to raise by voluntary contributions to build the new St. Gregory Preparatory Seminary. A collection has been ordered in all churches for the project on Pentecost Sunday. A class recently confirmed in a local church gave \$100 to the fund.

Another movement that Archbishop McNicholas has expressed a desire to undertake is the establishment of a home for retired priests of the archdiocese. A fund of \$250,000, with an endowment of \$100,000, would be required. An anonymous donor has given the archbishop \$1,000 for the project.

1,500 High School Teachers Attend New York Retreat

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
New York, May 20.—Catholic teachers of the high schools of New York and New Jersey attended a Communion breakfast Sunday morning at the Hotel Majestic.

The breakfast formally closed a three-day retreat given by the Rev. James M. Gillis, C.S.P., in St. Paul's Church. About 1,500 teachers of both high and elementary schools attended the retreat. Many non-Catholics were among them.

Cleveland Catholic Newspapers, Universe And Bulletin, Merged

Cleveland, May 21.—Announcement of the merger of the Catholic Universe and the Catholic Bulletin, effective May 28, was printed in both papers today.

The Universe, one of the oldest Catholic newspapers in the country, was established by the late Bishop Richard Gilmour 52 years ago, and the Bulletin was established as a weekly in October, 1917. Several years prior to that, it was printed as a bi-weekly.

For many years the Universe was the official publication of the Cleveland diocese. Besides the Catholic Bulletin of Cleveland, the management of that paper has also printed editions of the paper in Akron, Canton and Youngstown, O., and Erie, Pa. These publications will continue.

The business management and editorial staff of the combined paper will comprise the present staff of the Bulletin. These are Louis G. Wey, editor-in-chief; Cletus Koubek, and Peter Zimmerman, associate editors, and A. J. Wey, business manager. Bishop Joseph Schrembs will direct the policy of the paper.

The official statement relative to the merger, issued from the bishop's office yesterday, follows: "The Catholic Universe Bulletin is the result of a merger of two papers heretofore published in the diocese of Cleveland. This important step, it is hoped, will unify the Catholic appeal to the faithful of the diocese and will be a helpful factor in bringing the diocesan organ into every home of the great Diocese of Cleveland.

"One strong diocesan paper is clearly to be preferred to two weak organs dividing the diocese by their separate appeal.

"The management will ever be mindful of the best traditions of the old Universe, founded and maintained for so many years by the venerable Bishop Gilmour, and the more progressive and younger Bulletin, which has won for itself the support and respect of the community and in a comparatively few years has built up a splendid clientele. Its aim will be the highest standard of Catholic journalism. Its hope is, in time, to reach every Catholic home in order to create and foster a lively interest in Catholic affairs. A good Catholic paper is, of its very nature, a powerful aid for the maintenance and spread of the Catholic faith.

I take great pleasure in commending the Catholic Universe Bulletin to the clergy and faithful of the diocese, and I bespeak for it their most generous support."

Green Day Diocesan N. C. W. Planning Girls' Summer Camp

Green Bay, Wis., May 21.—Plans for the establishment at Shawano Lake of the first Catholic girls camp ever conducted in this diocese have just been completed by the Green Bay Diocesan Council, N. C. W. The camp will be open for six weeks beginning June 26.

This first camp will accommodate between 25 and 30 girls for whom there will be provided a house mother, a director of activities and a swimming teacher. Girls 14 years of age and older will be admitted as guests, and it is planned to offer all attractions at a cost of \$8 a week.

The Shawano Lake site is in the center of the diocese, 38 miles northwest of this city, and has a bathing beach which no equal in this section. It is a popular summer resort and is accessible by railroad and bus line.

Another work in the diocese is the organization of a girls' club in Kewanee deary by Mrs. Lymas Dockery. In addition, vacation schools which carry religious instruction to children of the rural districts, have been arranged for a Kewanee, Stevens Point, Waupaca, Manawa, Amherst, Crandon, Trach Mills, Lebanon, White Lake, Seymour, Waubesa, Lena, Casco and Roylton.

Columbia Squires, New K. of C. Junior Branch, Invest 64

Buffalo, May 15.—Sixty-four candidates for Circle No. 4, Columbia Squires, the new junior order of the Knights of Columbus, Sunday led a procession of 800 Knights of Columbus who received Communion in a body at the new Cathedral. In the afternoon the Squires were received at the Knights of Columbus club house and prepared for investiture. The day was brought to a close with a banquet at the Hotel Statler.

James A. Flaherty, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus; Daniel A. Tobin, State Deputy, and Brother Barnabas, F. S. C., Executive Secretary of the Boys' Life Bureau, and many visiting delegates from New York and Canada councils attended the exercises.

Brother Barnabas in his address outlined the need for a fourth agency to supplement the Church, home and school in caring for the needs of boys. State Deputy Tobin gave the program for the development of the Squires and said that while the organization was not founded for under-privileged boys, it would benefit them by the leadership it developed. Supreme Knight Flaherty and the seven officers of the newly invested circle also spoke.