

Cardinal Tells Of Eucharistic Congress Story

His Eminence Of Paris Says It Was Lesson of Faith

Paris, August.—Cardinal Dubois in a letter addressed to the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Paris, has made known the deep impression made on him by the Chicago Congress. The text of his letter is in part, as follows:

"First of all, it was a lesson of faith, in the real presence of Our Lord and in His universal Kingship. What would be the significance of the Communion, more than a million in number, which marked the opening of the Congress the splendor of the ceremonies which followed; the gathering of innumerable crowds; the singing by choirs of from 50,000 to 60,000 persons, the sumptuous decorations, if, in order to achieve these marvels, there were no sincere or active belief in the hearts of the people? Incomparable triumph of the Blessed Eucharist in this immense, densely populated, busy city where all races meet, all nationalities rub elbows and all civilizations and religions mingle! It seemed as though the little Host which shone from the top of the altar, lifted up like a royal throne in the vast stadium in the midst of a whole people at prayer, rose like an appeal to universal fraternity and to unity of faith. . . . The Tantum Ergo sung in the evening by 200,000 men's voices—what a solemn act of faith! . . . The final procession was a striking religious manifestation, despite or even because of the storm which, for a moment, interrupted its order. But the 'men's night', perhaps, gave greater relief to the sincerity and depth of the Eucharistic faith of the multitudes assembled in Chicago.

"During these daily ceremonies some one compared the celebration of the holy mysteries in the depths of the Catacombs with the truly royal solemnity of these Masses in the open air. A striking contrast, it is true, well calculated to strengthen our faith, in the thought that the city witnessing these spectacles, hitherto unheard of in the history of the Church, was born in the shadow of a cross planted there only two and a half centuries ago by a French priest! The humble cross of Father Marquette! We made a pilgrimage to see it, deeply moved by the memory of the intrepid religious who, for the first time, celebrated Mass in 1673 in these savage wilds which today have been honored by such a Eucharistic celebration.

After describing the impression of the unity and catholicity of the Church conveyed by the Congress, an impression which was felt by the disidents and even by those who profess no religion whatsoever, the letter says:

Civil Authorities Praised.

"All this could not have been, except for the liberty given to the organizers of the Congress. What an example we found there of a truly liberal spirit, favorable to all happy initiatives provided they be for the good of the country! The civil authorities collaborated in perfect understanding with the religious authorities in order to prepare the Congress and insure its complete success. No dissensions, no obstacles. On the contrary, the official neutrality never ceased to be benevolent. The President of the Republic sent a message to the Congress. The municipal governments of New York and Chicago received the Papal Legate and the other cardinals in the public halls of their respective cities. The streets of Chicago were decorated, the American flag mingling with the papal colors. The police assured the free passage of the procession and waited over the order of the ceremony's. Everywhere were marks of consideration, foresight, politeness and effective sympathy. And this was a Catholic celebration, in a country and a city where the Catholics are far from the majority. When will we in France enjoy the spectacle and advantages of such liberty, for the good name of our country?"

"We have wished merely to submit these few reflections to you. They have no other object than to excite in your souls an ever increasing faith in the Divine Eucharist, an ever greater attachment to the Holy Church, an ever greater desire to see the kingdom of Our Lord extended.

"May this kingdom be extended above all to our beloved France which has such need of deserving, by faithfulness to its ancient traditions, the protection of Christ King of the nations!"

Catholics Elected To Parliamentary Meet In Australia

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

Dublin, Aug. 19.—Of the four Irish Free State delegates to the Imperial Parliamentary Association Conference to be held in Australia the latter part of September, two are well-known Catholics. They are Senator M. E. O'Hanlon, and Mr. Omond G. Omond T. D. Senator O'Hanlon is organizer of the Irish Farmers' Union, a body which is responsible for the greater part of the strength of the Irish Farmers' Parliamentary Party. He is probably the youngest Senator in the Irish Dáil, being only about thirty.

Remains Of Early Christians Found Along River Rhine

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service)

Cologne, Aug. 19.—Proofs of the early existence of the Christian religion in the Rhineland have been unearthed through excavations made in connection with the extension of the Cologne Stadium, near the village of Junkersdorf.

The work was begun in March and when, at a half-meter's depth, large stone walls were revealed, it was decided to continue the excavations throughout the entire area. Soon it was possible to announce that ages ago there had been a Celtic settlement, upon the ruins of which the Romans had settled.

As the work continued the walls of large farms and villas were revealed, and later was found a cemetery of some 50 tombs. Its disclosures were taken as proof that bodies were burned. Nearby was found another cemetery with large sandstone sepulchres of the Third Century. (Tensils and instruments in and near these repositories showed that it was a burial ground of the first Christian era. One large silver spoon bore the inscription "Deo Gratia"), while later a great number of such spoons, carrying Christian inscriptions, were unearthed.

What is considered of great importance, too, was the unearthing of glassware which is taken to prove that glass work was developed in the Rhineland even in the early centuries.

Religious Training Of Youth Is Topic Of Charities Body

Buffalo, N. Y., August 27.—The Rev. C. Hubert LeBlond, Diocesan Director of Charities for the Diocese of Cleveland, and Judge Henry S. Hulbert, of Detroit will be speakers at the meetings of the Committee on Children which are to be a part of the National Conference of Catholic Charities to be held here the last week of September. Father LeBlond will speak to the first special meeting on "Responsibility for the Religious Training of Neglected Children", and Judge Hulbert will explain how the Juvenile Court and children's organizations become effective in preventing juvenile delinquency. He will speak to the second general meeting.

James Fitzgerald of Detroit, chairman of the National Committee on Children, has arranged the program.

300 Coaches At Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind., Aug. 27.—Nearly 300 coaches from all parts of the country attended the University of Notre Dame Summer school. Knute K. Roche, athletic director and head coach at Notre Dame, was in charge of football instruction, and Dr. Walter E. Maxwell, basketball coach at the University of Wisconsin, taught his specialty.

Picture Of Jesuit Missioner's Tomb In Rhenish Museum

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Cologne, August 19.—An excellent photograph of the tomb of Father Adam Schall, S. J., the famous Jesuit missionary, who was born in this city and who died in China, has been received by the Lord Mayor of Cologne and placed in the Rhenish Museum. Father Schall is buried in a cemetery outside the walls of Peking.

The famous Jesuit was born of a prominent Cologne family in 1591. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1611. He asked to be sent to China and after some waiting at the threshold of his labors penetrated into the interior in 1622. He took up the work of reforming the Chinese calendar and enjoyed great influence in China. But when the persecutions of Christians began in 1660 he suffered a great deal. He died at Peking August 15, 1666.

St. Xavier College Seismograph Will Help Observations

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 26.—The new seismograph station at St. Xavier College to be opened Oct. 1, as one of a chain of the Jesuit seismological association stations in America, will take part in a great international program of investigation and observation of earth disturbances, according to an announcement by Rev. H. F. Brockman, S. J., president of St. Xavier.

Seismologists of 30 foreign countries will cooperate in the work. The St. Xavier station will also be affiliated with seismograph stations belonging to the United States Government. Close connections with Harvard University, the University of Chicago, the University of California, and the Carnegie Institute stations on the Pacific coast will be maintained.

The services of Mr. Vincent V. Herr, S. J., have been obtained as director of the station. He has done graduate work at the St. Louis University station for more than a year. Regular reports will be issued to newspapers and press associations by the St. Xavier station.

Catholic Women's Councils Celebrate U. S. Independence

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Bishop of Harrisburg, attended the first day's exercises of a two-day celebration of the Independence of the United States conducted by the Harrisburg and Pittsburgh councils of the National Council of Catholic Women at the Sesqui-centennial Exposition here.

The persecution of Catholics in Mexico was the subject of an address by P. A. Kennedy of Harrisburg, who contrasted the rule of autocracy in Mexico with the religious and civil liberty enjoyed by the people of the United States.

"They permit neither liberty of dress nor liberty of speech," declared Mr. Kennedy speaking of the regulations which the Calles Government had sought to enforce against the hierarchy and clergy of Mexico. "They even question the right to hold property and are determined to prevent religious liberty."

Early Catholic missions in Pennsylvania and the growth of the Church in the Keystone State was the theme of an address delivered by Rev. Paul E. Campbell of Pittsburgh, on the first day of the celebration. On the second day Miss Elizabeth S. Kite of Washington had for her subject "The Contribution of Catholic France to American Independence" and Miss Anna Dill Gamble, secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women spoke on "The Continental Congress at York in 1777 and 1778."

The program attracted several thousand Catholics from Philadelphia and distant cities and towns of Pennsylvania.

Irish City Council Attacks Mexico's Charities

Dublin, Aug. 19.—At the instance of Alderman Corish T. D. Mayor of Wexford, a public protest against the Mexican terror was adopted by the Municipal Corporation and sent to every local body in Ireland.

"There are members of this Corporation," said Mayor Corish, "who belong to other denominations, and who are as strongly opposed to the Mexican persecution as are the Catholics themselves." He described the persecution as "barbarism."

Alderman P. Clancy, another member of the Corporation, said he was surprised that no great public protest against the persecution had been made in Ireland, where practically the whole population expressed in private their abhorrence of the conduct of the Mexican oligarchy. He proposed that in addition to the protest against the attempted suppression of the Church in Mexico, a message of sympathy should be sent to the persecuted clergy and nuns.

Other members of the Corporation declared that the silence of the public bodies in Ireland on the subject, might be interpreted as the expression of indifference on the matter; if other countries considered that their neighbors viewed religious persecution apathetically, it might break out nearer home, as had happened in France not long before the Great War.

Greek Schismatic Urges Church Use Western Calendar

Jerusalem, Aug. 13.—Meletios, the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in Egypt, plans to call a meeting of priests of the Orthodox faith to discuss the revision of the Orthodox calendar to conform to that used in Western Europe. The meeting will be held in Alexandria or Jerusalem and will bear the favor of the Palestine Government.

The Patriarchs of Antioch and Jerusalem will be asked to cooperate in the meeting as will be the Church of Cyprus and representatives of the Church of Greece and the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

Patriarch Meletios has been congratulated by the League of the Holy Pilgrimage of the Anglo-Catholic Congress upon his election. The letter sent by the league recalled the plan for the union of Churches which was given prominence when Meletios was Ecumenical Patriarch in Constantinople in 1922, and his recognition of Anglican orders. The letter announced that the members of the fourth Holy Pilgrimage will visit Alexandria next year on their way to the Holy Land.

Y. M. C. A. Official Debates At Moscow With Atheist Editor

Moscow, August 23.—The much talked of debate on the existence of God between Sherwood Eddy, lecturer for the Y. M. C. A., who is conducting a party of American tourists through Russia, and Michael Reissner, professor of law at Moscow University and editor of the Bolshevik anti-religious publication, "The Godless One", was held publicly yesterday. The preponderantly atheistic audience, expressed its decision by bestowing its most vigorous applause upon the arguments of Reissner.

Mr. Eddy's appearance marked the first time that any foreigner has been allowed to speak on such a topic in Soviet Russia. There was some surprise expressed at the fact that the debate took place. There were about 8,000 persons in attendance.

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Two Governments Donate To Dublin Catholic Library

Dublin, Aug. 19.—Through the efforts of Herr von Dehn, German Consul General in Dublin, the German Government has donated a set of books of fifty-nine volumes to the Central Catholic Library, Dublin. The donation includes seven volumes of Braungartner's "Weltliteratur", Frank's "Christian Art", and Braun's profusely illustrated "Christian Altar".

Monseigneur Blanche, the French Consul in Dublin, has also procured donations of about 200 volumes from the French Government for the library.

The library, which was founded by Father Stephen Browne S. J., three years ago, is situated in Hawkins street, in the most central position in the city, within two doors of the Theatre Royal. Though begun in a very small way, and at present occupying only two rooms, the library is admirably fulfilling its purpose and now contains about 9,000 works. About the hour when the average working man betakes himself to the public house to spend his leisure drinking beer, the seats in the Catholic library are filled, about seventy percent of the readers being workmen. There is also a good sprinkling of journalists, who, till the foundation of the library, had no access to expensive Catholic books of reference.

Fifty Dominicans In Annual Retreat


Washington, August 27.—Fifty missionary fathers of the Dominican Order began their annual 10-day retreat at the Dominican House of Studies here Wednesday evening. The Rev. M. J. Ripple, O. P., national director of the Holy Name Society, is directing the retreat.

The missionaries, who are from the Eastern, Southern and Western mission bands of the Order, are making their own retreat preparatory to their fall missionary activities throughout the country. A particularly heavy schedule for the bands has made it necessary that the retreat be held during August. Among the retreatants are the Rev. J. H. Healy, O. P., superior of the Eastern Band; the Rev. V. P. Burnell, superior of the Southern Band, and the Rev. William R. Lawler, O. P., superior of the Western Band.

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