

Economic Boycott Threatens Mexico With General Ruin

Mexico City, Nov. 19.—Mexico's economic situation, plunged to a dangerously low level by the economic boycott to force religious liberty, is becoming more and more critical. Numerous signs attest it, and show further that business in all departments is in a complaining mood against the Government and in some cases hostile to its policies.

One of the most significant indications has been the closing down of twelve motion picture houses in Mexico City. The event called forth large front-page headlines in all papers. The owners of the houses, asserting that their business had fallen to such a low point that they must revise their employment staffs, were met by a demand by the CROM, radical labor group, that they continue all employees at the old scale. Thereupon, unable to carry the burden, the owners closed the houses.

Another unexpected tribulation has been the sudden crash of the silver market, with the prospect of shutting down many of Mexico's rich silver mines and adding thousands to the list of unemployed. Frantic emergency measures are being planned by the Government.

Decline of the peso continues, with the Bank of Mexico abandoning its policy of "pegging" it at 49, since which it has gone below 48. Bank deposits also continue to decline, and two banks in Tampico, the great oil center, have closed their doors.

Other indications of the critical economic situation are: Blows at business by new regulations of States trying to ward off bankruptcy, declining petroleum production, failures in the textile industry, agricultural difficulties and uneasiness over the projected labor laws.

In this situation, many elements in the country protested vigorously at the new regulations which, they said, would end the profitable American tourist visits to Mexico, and their predictions have now come true. Direct Pullman service between Texas points and Mexico City has been suspended, and passenger service on the Mexican National Railways has dropped 80 per cent since the law went into effect. One estimate is that the loss in tourist trade is running above \$100,000 a month. The cause for this condition is the regulation making entry of tourists into Mexico a real trial, and particularly embarrassing women, of whom many unusual questions are asked. Proof of all kinds is now required of the visitor, including a statement of his purposes. Six-month passports have been voided and new passports must be obtained at consular offices.

"Exceller" and "Universal", the two powerful Mexico City papers, have unsparingly criticized the Government for these regulations. At the same time, orders have been issued to Mexican consuls in the United States that hereafter they are not to help Mexican laborers north of the Rio Grande who have become stranded and want to go home. Heretofore, this aid was given. The Government now says that these Mexicans will have to get along as best they can.

One of the latest immigration laws bars all negroes from the country. Fear of negro competition with Indian labor is given as the reason. Negroes are in Mexico at present only along the Gulf Coast and are said to total no more than 50,000. In the interior they are seldom seen.

Formal Marriages May Be Abolished By Soviet Measure

Moscow, Nov. 15.—A bill providing that casual relations be placed on the same basis as registered marriages was submitted by Commissar of Justice Kursky to the Russian central executive committee today. It is predicted that the bill, which will probably become a law at this session, will speedily abolish formal marriage in the Soviet Union.

"We deal polygamy a blow with this law," said Commissar Kursky, "since no one can afford to divide his property between several women."

The law provides that an unmarried mother shall share the man's property.

Methodists Claim 672,436 Members In Foreign Lands

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 17.—Rev. Dr. John R. Edwards, corresponding secretary of the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, reported to the board today that there are 672,436 members of the church in foreign mission lands. More than 16,000 were added the last year, according to his report. Dr. Edwards said the board had 1,125 missionaries working in 24 countries. They are pastors, evangelists, teachers, doctors, dentists, nurses, agricultural specialists, college professors, etc. There are 10,000 Sunday schools enrolling 496,750 pupils, he reported. China with 332 has the greatest number of Methodist missionaries. During the last year Methodist churches contributed \$2,284,149 for the support of their mis-

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New Czechoslovak Vatican Concordat Considered Likely

By V. Myslivec, Jr., (Prague Correspondent, N. C. W. C. News Service).

Prague, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 19.—Czechoslovakia's winning of a non-Socialist Government for the first time in the history of the republic has led to a strong hope on the part of Catholics that regular diplomatic relations with the Vatican may now be renewed.

So confident are the Catholic leaders that three Catholic Ministers already have prepared a draft of a concordat with the Holy See. It provides for a definite settlement of the questions of church property and the nomination and recognition of bishops in Slovakia. This instrument will be submitted to the Foreign Minister shortly, it is understood.

Confidence that a resumption of Vatican relations is in the offing is strengthened by the understanding that the powerful Slovak Popular party, headed by Monsignor Hlinka, consented to join the coalition which formed the Cabinet only after it had been given definite promises that the new Government would seek to heal the diplomatic rupture now existing between the republic and the Vatican. Adherents of Hlinka, it is said, declared that they could not sit in a government if the state did not have friendly relations with the Holy See.

Three Catholic parties compose the majority of the Government. Besides the Slovak Popular, they are the Czech Popular and the German Christian Social parties. The other Government parties are the Czech and German Agrarians and National Democrats, all of whom have always been reliable allies of the Catholics.

All former governments have evaded the task of solving the problems involved in the rupture with the Holy See, with the result that there has been much uneasiness among Catholics in the eastern part of the country. Should the present Government remain in power, prospects seem particularly bright for a solution at last.

Francis Hackett, 57, Westminster Sacristan, Dead

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) London, Nov. 15.—An accident, the result of a fall whilst patrolling Westminster Cathedral during the night hours in search of burglars, resulted this week in the death of Francis Hackett, sacristan to the cathedral since its opening 25 years ago.

Mr. Hackett, a well-known figure in Catholic activity here and familiar to the countless priests from abroad who have said Mass at the Cathedral, occupied a bachelor flat over the sacristy. A couple of weeks ago he was notified of an attempted burglary and he decided to spend the night in the cathedral. With his favorite dog he stayed on watch and whilst moving about he slipped and grazed a leg. Blood poisoning developed and he was taken to the hospital of St. John and St. Eliza, both where he died, after a week's suffering, having spent his 57th birthday on his death-bed.

Knights of St. Columba received his body and acted as pall-bearers at the solemn Requiem Mass sung by Mgr. Canon Moyr before the high altar of the cathedral which he had tended for a quarter of a century. Mr. Hackett was a charter member of Westminster Council of the Knights.

Number Of Catholic Papers In Germany

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Cologne, Nov. 6.—There are 395 Catholic newspapers in Germany according to statistics just made public. This shows that the Catholic press has nearly maintained its level of pre-war times.

Of the total number of Catholic papers Bavaria supports 102, Baden 35, Wuertemberg 31, Rhineprovinz 96; Westphalia 61, Silesia 25, Hanover 13 and Hessen 7. The others are printed in other states. At present the Catholic press constitutes about 12 per cent of the total German press.

Missioners Depart From Maryknoll

New York, November 18.—Rev. Charles C. Eckstein, A. F. M., and Brother William Neary, A. F. M., have left Maryknoll for their respective mission fields. The ceremony of departure took place in the Chapel of the Seminary and was private.

Two Maryknoll Sisters will take their departure from their convent on Saturday, November 27. They also will go to Korea.

Rev. Bernard F. Meyer, A. F. M., who left America with the first group of Maryknoll missionaries in 1917 and who has been in this country for a year seeking help for his new mission of Wuchow, will return to China with the group of Maryknollers—priest, Brother, and Sisters,—when they leave Vancouver, B. C., on December 4.

EASTMAN THEATRE.

With John Gilbert, who personifies romance in the hearts of practically all of feminine flandom, in the title role, "Bardleys the Magnificent" a picture version of Rafael Sabatini's famous romance of the same name, will come to the Eastman for the entire week of November 28th. Sabatini's ability as a creator of colorful and dramatic stories has been useful to the screen before and this picture is said to have all the glamorous, picturesque appeal of his former ventures on the screen.

A brilliant supporting cast includes many well known players, some of them being stars in their own right. These include Eleanor Boardman, as the captivating Roxalane, Roy d'Arcy, George K. Arthur, Karl Dane, Lionel Belmore and others.

Richard Wagner's overture to "Rienzi" will be the overture by the Eastman Orchestra for the week. Victor Wagner and Guy Fraser Harrison conducting. "The Greek Frieze," a dance number beginning on Monday, arranged by Ronny Johansson and danced by Thelma Birchacre, Marion Teft and Phylla Resseger, will be another stage feature. On Sunday only the dancing feature will be replaced by a tenor solo, "Cielo e Mar," from the opera "La Gioconda" by Ponchielli, sung by Albert Newcomb. The supplementary program will include Eastman Current Events and other short novelties.

Cardinal Bonzano Honorary Member Of Catholic Club

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) New York, Nov. 17.—His Eminence John Cardinal Bonzano, Papal Legate at the Twenty-eighth International Eucharistic Congress and former Apostolic Delegate at Washington, has acknowledged by a gracious letter his election to honorary membership in the Catholic Club of this city. Cardinal Bonzano is the eleventh Prince of the Church to be so honored by the Catholic Club, the others being Cardinals McCloskey, Satollil, Falconio, Farley, Logue, Mercier, Hayes, O'Connell, Dougherty and Mundelein.

Cardinal Bonzano's letter to John E. Donnelly, secretary of the club, is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Donnelly: I am indeed grateful to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of September 16, in which you informed me that your board of management has elected me to honorary membership in the Catholic Club of the City of New York.

"I appreciate this tribute of esteem from the leading citizens of the great Metropolis of America. Furthermore, I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to express to the officers and members of your club my sincere thanks for the enthusiastic reception and the many courtesies extended to me as the official representative of His Holiness Pius XI. to the Eucharistic Congress at Chicago, and to the members of my suite during our visit to your city on our way to the Congress.

"Wishing you continued success in your noble work and asking God to bless you all, I remain, sincerely yours in Christ.

"John Cardinal Bonzano." In addition to the foregoing Cardinals, the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Apostolic Delegate, the Right Rev. John J. Dunn, V. G., and Bishop Schrembs of Cleveland are honorary members of the Club.

Two Dioceses Give Help In Gathering Catholic War Data

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Washington, Nov. 20.—Assurances from Catholic lay organizations in two or more dioceses that they will take up as a special work the gathering of statistics on the service of Catholics of their areas in the World War, have been received by the N. C. W. C. Bureau of Historical Records, it was announced this week by D. J. Ryan, director of the Bureau.

In the Diocese of Rochester the Fourth Degree Assembly, Knights of Columbus, already has appointed committees to take up the work of gathering the war records in all parishes. In the Diocese of Newark the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women has actively assumed the task of obtaining lists from all parishes and conducting the necessary follow-up work.

Cardinal O'Donnell Speaks For Gaelic Language Revival

Dublin, Nov. 13.—Cardinal O'Donnell at a meeting in Armagh, for the purpose of appointing an Executive Council or Coiste Gnotha, to protect the interests of the Irish language in the North of Ireland, said "there was much enthusiasm some years ago for the study of Irish, and I trust the enthusiasm will revive, for its revival will be good, not only for the Irish language but for the private and public life of our young people."

Father L. O'Murray of Dundalk explained that the new organization would be modeled closely on the Gaelic League, with a Council for each County, Mr. Cathal O'Toole of Dublin, promised the assistance and encouragement of the Gaelic League to the new organization.

Deaths

HERMAN J. SCHREINER FUNERAL CONDUCTED

Funeral services for Herman J. Schreiner took place Monday morning at 9 o'clock at the home, No. 64 Mount Vernon avenue, and at 9:30 o'clock at St. Boniface Church. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. John F. Boppel. The children's choir sang during mass under the direction of Professor Philip Kreckel. Members of St. Herman's Society of St. Boniface Church attended as honorary bearers. They were Daniel Fitzsimmons, George Garney, Arthur Beldenbach, Henry Beldenbach, Pohn Gallagher and John Smith. The active bearers, members of Knights of St. John Commandery, were William Farrell, J. William Vogt, Andrew Bieber, Jacob Rehhardt, John Dick, Jacob Hall and William Milbredt. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan.

THEODORE HESS.

Funeral services for Theodore Hess took place Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home, No. 255 Flower City park, and at 9 o'clock at the Church of the Sacred Heart. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. George V. Burns. The bearer were George Schuler, Charles Claus, Matthew Jacobs, Matthew Fischer, Frank Helfer, and John Schrop. Interment was made in the family lot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. John Hogan.

RAYMOND A. KORTS.

Funeral services for Raymond A. Korts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Korts, who died Sunday as a result of an automobile accident, took place Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the home, No. 137 Oakdale terrace, Brighton, and at 9 o'clock at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Thomas F. Connors. In the sanctuary were Rev. Wm. Killacky and Rev. F. Arthur Florack. The bearers were Frank L. Herbst, John J. Vernon, Fred O'Brien, John Florack, John Reisenberger, and Edward L. Zimmer. Interment was made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery, where the final blessing was given by Rev. Thomas F. Connors, assisted by Rev. John Hogan.

Duffy—George Duffy died November 23, at his home, 354 Champlain street. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church, November 26.

Cassidy—Harry B. Cassidy died November 22, aged 35 years. Funeral November 26 from No. 660 Thurston road, and from St. Monica's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Began—Cornelius Regan, died November 23, aged 76 years. Funeral November 26 from No. 386 Clinton Avenue south, and from St. Paul's Church, Honeoye Falls. Interment at Honeoye Falls.

Clarey—Betty Lucille Clarey, died November 25 at St. Mary's Hospital. Funeral November 26 from No. 131 Allen street. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Blackmore—Mrs. Margaret Shaughnessy Blackmore, died November 26. Funeral November 27 from St. Ann's Home. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Carriere—Mrs. Louis Carriere, died at the home of her daughter. Funeral November 27 from No. 683 Main street east, and from Our Lady of Victory Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Hamon—Herman Frederick Hamon, died November 26 at No. 331 Genesee street. Funeral November 29 from St. Monica's Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Knapp—Phillip A. Knapp, died November 25, at No. 50 Shepard street, aged 71 years. Funeral November 27 from Blessed Sacrament Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Routier—Charles N. Routier, died November 24 at No. 221 Frost avenue, aged 82 years. Funeral November 27 from Immaculate Conception Church.

Aldridge—Robert F. Aldridge, died November 18, at No. 111 River street. Funeral November 22 from Holy Cross Church. Interment at Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Kelly—John H. Kelly, died November 18, aged 49 years. Funeral November 22 from St. Boniface Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Roesser—Mrs. Apollonia Roesser, died November 19 at No. 159 Aldphone street, aged 79 years and 9 months. Funeral November 22 from Holy Redeemer Church. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.



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DEATHS OF THE WEEK

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

Lintz—Henry F. Lintz died Nov. 20th, in Chicago, aged 56 years. Funeral from Holy Family Church, November 24.

Carter—Joseph Carter, aged 49 years, died November 19, at St. Mary's Hospital, November 19. Funeral from St. Patrick's Cathedral, November 22.

Collins—John Emmett Collins, aged 10 years, died at the late residence, No. 39 Strohm street, Charlotte, November 22. Funeral from Holy Cross Church, November 24.

Colucci—Nicholas Colucci, aged 79 years, died November 22, at St. Mary's Hospital, aged 79 years. Funeral from St. Bridget's Church, November 24.

Rausch—John Rausch, Jr., son of John H. and Loretta B. Rausch died at the family home, No. 201 West avenue, November 20. Funeral from SS. Peter and Paul's Church, November 23.

Spitz—Mrs. Mary Danzer Spitz died at the family home, No. 91 Centennial street, November 21. Funeral from Holy Family Church, November 24.

Vanderlin—John Vanderlin, aged 63 years, of No. 20 Kelly street, died November 21. Funeral from St. Bridget's Church, November 24.

Korts—Raymond A. Korts, son of Andrew W. and Otello M. Korts, of No. 137 Oakdale drive, Brighton, N. Y., aged 17 years, died suddenly November 21. Funeral from Blessed Sacrament Church, November 24.

Brenna—Vito Brenna died at his home, No. 204 Saratoga avenue, November 20. Funeral from St. Anthony of Padua Church, November 23d.

Cesarone—Miss Carolyn Frances Cesarone, of No. 41 1-2 Oakman street, died November 20. Funeral from St. Bridget's Church, November 23d.