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Socialist Insult Provokes Berlin Catholic Protest

Parliament Proposes Public Bath in Front Of Famous St. Michael's Church

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

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

Cologne, Nov. 20.—Five hundred thousand Catholics have joined in protest against the latest indignity heaped upon them by the Socialist-controlled parliament of Berlin and with the members of their Faith the country over will take their fight to the state legislature and the national assembly. Catholic papers of Berlin are taking a leading part in the fight.

The present situation arose with parliament's proposal to establish a family bath, an open one accommodating 4,000 persons, in front of the famous St. Michael Church, a magnificent edifice which Catholics in all parts of Germany helped build. The establishment of such a bath would mar the architectural importance of St. Michael's and materially cheapen the neighborhood in which it stands.

Representative Catholics immediately protested the proposal and deputies of the Center Party remonstrated. No other political party came to the assistance of the cause and the Catholics have met with no success. Their speakers, as a matter of fact, have been insulted in the most intolerable terms. The Socialist Lord Mayor is ignoring the collective protest of the 500,000 Catholics and is proceeding with the promoters whose head he is in the offensive work.

Catholics have suffered similar oppressions for some time now. Their charitable institutions have been experiencing more and more suppression, while the Catholic sensibilities have been offended. Recently the Opera was enlarged and improved in a manner which distinctly impaired the architectural value and important position enjoyed by the Basilica of St. Hedwig, the episcopal church.

Since it has been charged that Berlin is lacking in cultural development it should be expected that those places and buildings of historical interest and beauty would be preserved. St. Michael Church is a remarkable edifice, and a Westphalian nobleman, the Count of Galen, is its pastor. He uses all of his influence to give the church and the services a magnificence that will attract both the faithful and the indifferent.

Every Catholic in Berlin is behind the protest. The Catholics of the whole country regard the Berlin developments as a possible model for a new Kulturkampf.

Film Of Eucharistic Congress Is Shown To Chicago People

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Chicagoans are experiencing the same religious fervor now as when the eyes of Roman Catholics the world over were turned toward Chicago, through the witnessing of 8,000 feet of moving picture film portraying every event of the Eucharistic Congress held here last June. The first showing of the picture was given at the Illinois theatre last night. Cardinal Mundelein, under whose direction the film was produced, was in attendance.

Each of the city's 400 parishes was allotted a certain number of seats for the first night.

The picture begins with the landing of Cardinal Bonzano, Papal Legate, in America and runs along until the great Congress was over. "In this motion picture we hope to spread the lesson of the Eucharistic Congress and a good word about Chicago to every city and hamlet in the world," Cardinal Mundelein said. He wished it to be known that major credit for working up the film should go to Monsignor C. J. Quille of Chicago.

Bells Of Ancient California Mission Taken By Thieves

San Diego, Nov. 22.—Report has been made to Sheriff Byers of San Diego County of the theft of the famous Santa Ysabel Mission bells. The theft was reported by a band of Indians from the Santa Ysabel reservation. The bells were of gold alloy, have an unusually sweet tone, and are valued at \$29,000.

Maryknoll Sisters Robbed By Pirates

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, Nov. 25.—Seven Maryknoll Sisters and a Maryknoll priest have been held in captivity sixty hours and robbed of most of their possessions by South China sea pirates, a cablegram received here from Hongkong says. Their persons were not molested, however, and all are now safe, says the cablegram, which is dated November 24.

Father William Fletcher, A. F. M., was escorting the Sisters to their mission in Yungkong, from which they had been absent for some months because a strike had tied up boats running from Hongkong. In the South China Sea, which of late has been infested with pirates, three separate pirate bands seized their vessels and in turn robbed the religious. All their money and some of their personal belongings were taken.

It is believed that the Canton Government will take prompt steps to stop such practices, especially since several French vessels recently have been "pirated." The Cantonese have used a strong hand against banditry on the mainland. In the last few weeks they have executed no fewer than five hundred robbers who for a long time have been preying on Chinese returned from America.

Priest Veterans To Test France's Ban On Orders

Paris, Nov. 18.—The Union of Priest-Veterans of the Coutances Diocese, following a general assembly, has voted a resolution calling upon members of religious orders to resume their religious habits, to reorganize their orders, and return to their schools.

This manifestation aims to protest by act and not merely by words against the fact that the law of 1904, prohibiting religious orders from teaching, has not yet been rescinded. In reality there are many of the old educational establishments in France in which the personnel has scarcely changed. In some cases the nuns wear a sort of mantilla instead of the veil of their regular habit. In some cases the monks have become "secularized"; frequently they still wear the cassock even though they are supposed no longer to live in community.

For ten years the civil authorities have winked at this situation and have even closed their eyes entirely to the reopening of a few schools in which religious orders have returned with their habit and their rule.

But while the anti-religious laws of 1904 is not being applied, it nevertheless remains on the statute books. By inviting the monks and nuns openly to break this law, the Union of Priest-Veterans of the Diocese of Coutances wishes to bring the question before the court of public opinion. They have no doubt that public opinion will pronounce itself in favor of the abrogation of the laws restricting the freedom to teach.

Mt. Zion Monastery Made Abbey by Pope

By Dr. Alexander Mombelli

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

Jerusalem, Nov. 10.—The Holy Father has raised the monastery of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary on Mount Zion at Jerusalem to the dignity of an Abbey. The Rt. Rev. Father Raphael Molitor, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Joseph's Monastery in Westphalia and founder of the Dormition Convent in Jerusalem, has appointed the Rev. Father Maurus Kaufmann first Abbot of the new Abbey.

The benediction of the new Abbot in the church of the Dormition was an impressive ceremony attended by large numbers of the clergy and laity. Monsignor Barlassina, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, performed the religious function and the assistant prelates were the Rt. Rev. Abbot Molitor and the Rev. Monsignor Fellinger, director of the Austrian Hospice here.

Abbot Kaufmann was born in the Rheinland in 1871 and ordained in 1897. He was a member of the famous Abbey of Maria-Laach. He spent several years after his ordination in Rome as teacher in the St. Athanasius college before coming to the Holy Places.

Church Extension Society Received Million In Year

Collection and Manner of Distribution Reported at Annual Meeting in Chicago—Mexican Refugees Aided—New Burses Formed

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Collections of the Catholic Church Extension Society during the last fiscal year totaled \$1,066,912.59. It was reported at the twenty-first annual meeting of the Society held here today. His Eminence George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of Chicago and Chancellor of the Society, presided over the meeting which was attended by three archbishops, eleven bishops, a score of priests and a large representation of prominent laymen from every section of the country.

The total of collections was announced by the Rt. Rev. William D. O'Brien, president of the Society, who gave the report for the year which began October 1, 1923, and ended September 30, last. He announced that the donations of the Society were, in the large, as follows:

General Donations — \$121,784.73
Endowment Funds — 272,005.08
Annuities — 160,200.00
Designated Gifts — 160,000.00
Mass Intentions — 194,260.00
Missionary Dollar Club 40,000.00

Distribution of Funds
The Mass Intentions were distributed among the missionary bishops in the United States and its dependencies; the Endowment Funds were invested for the formation of burses, which will afterwards be used in memory of the donors; the Annuity Funds pay annual interest to the donors and do not become the property of the Society until the donors have passed away. The amount contributed for the General Fund of the Society is used annually for the building of mission chapels, supply them with mission altars, vestments, altar plate and other necessary church goods; subsidizing missionary bishops and poor priests; educating students for poor missions; relief of Mexican refugees; support of chapel car work and the various other minor activities of the Society.

Help to Mexican Refugees
During the course of the year His Eminence, Cardinal Mundelein, the Chancellor of the Society, directed that the Extension Society answer all appeals from the Mexican refugees.

Annulment Of Her Marriage Is Denied By Mrs. Vanderbilt

Paris, Nov. 23.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt 2nd denied tonight a report from Rome, via New York, that her marriage had been annulled by the Catholic Church. She is at the Hotel Crillon here and when approached on the subject, said: "The report is perfectly absurd. I absolutely deny it. Whoever is spreading the report must know more about my personal affairs than I do myself."

Mrs. Vanderbilt, a sister-in-law of the former Consuelo Vanderbilt, whose marriage to the Duke of Marlborough was recently annulled by an ecclesiastical court, is a Catholic and a daughter of the late United States Senator James G. Fair of California, who came to this country from Ireland when a boy and made an enormous fortune in mining.

Priest To Discuss League Of Nations

Paris, Nov. 18.—The School of Social Science opening in connection with the University of Paris, has invited Mgr. Beaupin, secretary of the Catholic Union for International Studies, to give a course this year on "Catholics and the League of Nations."

The first course of the series was devoted to "The Pact of the League of Nations and Christian Principles."

FR. JAMES F. FAGAN
WILL ADMINISTER
SCRANTON DIOCESE

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 20.—The Rev. James F. Fagan, V. F. rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Hazleton, Pa., has been named by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty administrator of the Scranton diocese, and he will assume all duties of a bishop until such time as a successor to the late Rt. Rev. Michael J. Hoban, Bishop of Scranton, has been named by the Pope.

Father Fagan will take up a temporary residence here at once.

Notre Dame School Building Dedicated By Card. Dougherty

Philadelphia, Nov. 21.—The new academy building of the Sisters of Notre Dame, on the convent grounds at Rose Valley, Moylan, Delaware county, was formally dedicated and the cornerstone laid by His Eminence Dennis Cardinal Dougherty yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by several hundred members of religious orders. Fourth Degree members of the Knights of Columbus, and members of city and suburban parishes. Included in the throng which heard the address of the Cardinal was Ethel Barrymore, the actress, former student at the Academy, and her daughter, Ethel Barrymore Colt.

The new building stands nearly 100 feet south of the older building with which it is connected by an arcade. It is of collegiate Gothic architecture, reminiscent in style of the architecture of Oxford and Cambridge in England. On the ground floor are a gymnasium, recreation rooms, drawing rooms and a chemical laboratory.

The auditorium, which will accommodate 500 persons, is on the sixth floor. It is entered through a lobby of marble stairs. To the rear of the auditorium are twenty-six music practice rooms, constructed as to be sound proof. Recitation rooms, study hall and art studio are on the second floor, and the upper floor contains private bedrooms and dormitories.

German Catholics Oppose Changing Weimar Charter

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

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

Cologne, Nov. 15.—In answer to recurrent proposals to abandon some points of the Weimar Constitution in favor of changes of former times, Catholics of the outlying sections have made it known that they have no longing for the return of imperial times and that they are resolved to defend the Weimar Constitution in all its principal points.

The Weimar Constitution abolished titles and orders and prohibited Germans from receiving such honors from foreign nations. It has been said that the Government is finding it embarrassing to reward meritorious service in foreign and home affairs and this may lead to the return of titles and orders. National speakers and papers declare that the way to the liberty of Germany cannot be found except over the "dead body" of the Weimar Constitution.

Catholics living away from the centers point out that while it may be charged that the Constitution does not employ the name of God and proclaims that authority proceeds from the people, it also insures the free confession of one's religion in a manner never possible during imperial times. These arguments have been brought forth at virtually all the meetings and conferences recently held.

Catholics in the great centers join with their co-religionists in acknowledging the German Republic, the new state, as trying to be tolerant. They point to the fact that bishops, priests, orders and congregations are not interfered with and that while the Constitution is not without its faults it is the basis for better times to come for Church and State.

While a Catholic procession could not have been held before, there were 26 of these in 1913.

Unknown French Priest's Money Gifts To Chinese Bishops

Rome, Nov. 17.—At the end of the audience granted by His Holiness to the six Chinese bishops, he handed to each one of them an envelope containing a thousand franc note. The Holy Father explained that he had received the six thousand francs a few days before from a modest French priest who had begged him to give it to the new bishops, but who desired to remain unknown.

The six thousand francs was sent to the Pope in an envelope which His Holiness later gave to Bishop Tchang. It bore the following touching inscription: "A little priest of France humbly begs His Holiness Pope Pius XI, Vicar of Christ-King and Pope of the Missions, to kindly give the enclosed notes to the bishops who will be consecrated by His Holiness on October 28, as testimony of the fraternal charity which tenderly unites all the priests in the world to Jesus our Beloved King and to the Roman Catholic Church, our Venerable Mother."

Priest Discovers Silver Vein With His Divining Rod

Abbe Bouly, Pastor of Hardolot, Astoules Group of Capitalists—Says His Invention Can Be Used To Diagnose Accurately Infectious Diseases

By M. H. H. H.

Paris, Nov. 18.—A modest clergyman has acquired fame overnight by a remarkable discovery which has enabled him to reveal the presence of veins of silver in an abandoned mine. While walking over the ground, with a simple apparatus which he had invented himself, he was able to reveal without difficulty the presence of veins of silver in the ground, which was not supposed to be rich. The group of agents who followed him, however, lost track of him.

But the priest declares that his method will enable him to make other sensational discoveries and that, properly adapted, it will even make possible the correct diagnosis of certain infectious diseases.

Abbe Bouly, pastor of Hardolot, a small village about 100 miles from Paris, was very busy in that district as a "diviner" and is to say, a leader of a group of people who have been found over the ground and paid for the distance beneath the surface. The rod trembles in a characteristic manner when it passes over a vein of silver.

On several occasions he has appeared in the press of the Parisian newspapers. He has been described as a "diviner" and is to say, a leader of a group of people who have been found over the ground and paid for the distance beneath the surface. The rod trembles in a characteristic manner when it passes over a vein of silver.

The discovery of the silver vein has been described as a "miraculous" discovery. The priest has been described as a "diviner" and is to say, a leader of a group of people who have been found over the ground and paid for the distance beneath the surface. The rod trembles in a characteristic manner when it passes over a vein of silver.

After he had left France, he was at every place that he visited. The rod trembles in a characteristic manner when it passes over a vein of silver.

French Social Week Subject "Woman In Modern Society"

Paris, Nov. 21.—The subject of the "Social Week" of 1924, which will meet in Paris, is "Woman In Modern Society."

A questionnaire is to be sent to all the French Catholics of the Catholic Social Union in order to gather the data necessary for the study of the subject. All efforts of human thought tending to provide a solution for the problems involved in the condition of woman are to be touched upon. The Catholics of all countries are invited to contribute to the study of the condition of woman in modern society. The study of the condition of woman in modern society is to be the subject of the Social Week.

Austrian Socialists Formulate Birth Control Program

By Dr. H. H. H.

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

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